

BLE Smoke and Fire Curtains Limited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 December 2020

Company Number 05298742



BLE Smoke and Fire Curtains Limited

**Report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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Directors

H P Trevor-Jones
G S Birt
P G Walker
N P Ward
R Mason

Secretary and registered office

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Company number

05298742

Auditors

BDO LLP, Two Snowhill, Birmingham, B4 6GA

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of the manufacture and sale of fire and smoke containment products.

Results and dividends

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £560,272 (2019 – profit of £411,082).

Dividends of £156,568 (2019 - £313,136) were paid in the year.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

H P Trevor-Jones
G S Birt
P G Walker
N P Ward
R Mason

Post balance sheet events

There have been no other significant events affecting the company since the year end.

Funding and going concern

Historically, the company has been funded by cash flows generated from trading and funding provided by its parent company. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lowe and Fletcher Limited. The directors have prepared a profit and loss and balance sheet forecast ("the company forecast") for the period to 31 August 2022 ("the forecast period") which shows the trading, financial position, cash at bank, bank loans, overdrafts and expected available bank facilities for the forecast period. The company forecast shows that the company needs funding support from the parent company to be able to operate and meets its external liabilities as they fall due for payment during the forecast period within its current and expected to be available bank facilities.

A similar forecast prepared by the wider Lowe and Fletcher group shows that the group should be able to operate and meets its external liabilities as they fall due for payment during the forecast period within its current and expected to be available bank facilities and therefore should be able to provide the required support to the company to operate and meet its liabilities for the forecast period. The group's bank loans are repayable over a period of time and the UK overdraft facilities are subject to renewal in April 2022. The directors are not aware of any reasons why the overdraft facilities would not be continued at the same level and terms at the renewal date but note that this has not been confirmed with the bank. The funding provided by the banks is secured on related assets and is subject to covenants. The directors do not anticipate breaching bank covenants in the forecast period. The covenants are based on a rolling 12 month basis.

Whilst the directors acknowledge that the risk and impact of COVID-19 on the company and wider group is difficult to assess, they also note that lock-downs have eased throughout the UK and most other key markets' supplied. The assessment is for a return to more normal trading and revenue generation and the risk of a return to full lock-down (nationally or regionally) that could further impact revenues has significantly diminished. Given the geographic coverage of the group, there has not been significant down-side implications resulting from the exit from the European Union.

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020

Funding and going concern (*continued*)

After careful consideration, it is the directors' view that the available bank loan and overdraft funding for the wider group will continue in place throughout the period and that the headroom of current and expected to be available bank facilities compared to cash at bank, bank loans and overdrafts should be sufficient to enable the group to operate and meet their liabilities as they fall due for payment throughout the forecast period and provide support to the company.

The directors note the possible impact of COVID-19 on future trading and funding requirements (through a reduction in sales and cash flows caused by reduced demand and / or impacts on manufacturing locations) and the possible need for additional funding (caused, for instance, by the non-renewal of facilities or failing to resolve future breaches in covenants with the bank) but do not consider these to be of sufficient significance to indicate that a material uncertainty exists which may cast significant doubt on the group's or company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The company has received a binding commitment from the ultimate parent entity, Lowe and Fletcher Limited that support will be provided for at least the period to 31 December 2022. As a result of this binding commitment the directors of the company are not aware of any factors which would cast significant doubt on future continuance of the company and its operations and therefore these financial statements have been presented on a going concern basis.

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The company has put in place qualifying third party indemnity provisions for all the directors of the company which was in force at the date of approval of this report.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, BDO LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the board on 28/09/2021 and signed on its behalf.



H P Trevor-Jones
Director

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Independent auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2020

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BLE SMOKE AND FIRE CURTAINS LIMITED

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of BLE Smoke and Fire Curtains Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Report and Financial Statements, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Independent auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (*continued*)

Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Independent auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Company and the industry in which it operates, and considered the risk of acts by the Company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. These included but were not limited to compliance with the Companies Act 2006, the principles of United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and tax legislation.

We designed audit procedures to respond to the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion.

We focused on laws and regulations that could give rise to a material misstatement in the Company financial statements. Our tests included, but were not limited to:

- agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiries of management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- review of minutes of Directors' board meetings throughout the year; and
- obtaining an understanding of the control environment in monitoring compliance with laws and regulations.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals, assessing and challenging the significant accounting estimates made and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the Directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

DocuSigned by:

 Stephen Hale

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Stephen Hale (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor
Birmingham, United Kingdom

Date: 28 September 2021

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

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Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2020

| | Note | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|------|------------------|------------------|
| Turnover | 3 | 4,989,536 | 6,686,530 |
| Cost of sales | | (3,319,328) | (3,807,550) |
| Gross profit | | 1,670,208 | 2,878,980 |
| Administrative expenses | | (2,448,171) | (2,556,260) |
| Other operating income | 4 | 126,367 | - |
| (Loss)/profit before taxation | 5 | (651,596) | 322,720 |
| Taxation on (loss)/profit | 7 | 91,324 | 88,362 |
| (Loss)/profit and total comprehensive income for the year | | (560,272) | 411,082 |

The notes on pages 10 to 23 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of financial position at 31 December 2020

| Company number 05298742 | Note | 2020 £ | 2020 £ | 2019 £ | 2019 £ |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 9 | | 151,314 | | 215,871 |
| Investments | 10 | | 24,000 | | 24,000 |
| | | | <u>175,314</u> | | <u>239,871</u> |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 11 | 496,932 | | 542,152 | |
| Debtors | 12 | 1,494,876 | | 1,381,381 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | - | | 487,120 | |
| | | <u>1,991,808</u> | | <u>2,410,653</u> | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | (2,336,236) | | (2,087,034) | |
| Net current assets | | | <u>(344,428)</u> | | <u>323,619</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>(169,114)</u> | | <u>563,490</u> |
| Provisions for liabilities | | | | | |
| Deferred tax | 14 | | - | | (15,764) |
| Net (liabilities)/assets | | | <u>(169,114)</u> | | <u>547,726</u> |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 15 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Profit and loss account | | | (169,115) | | 547,725 |
| Shareholders' (deficit)/funds | | | <u>(169,114)</u> | | <u>547,726</u> |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 28/09/2021


H P Trevor-Jones
Director

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Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2020

| | Share capital £ | Profit and loss account £ | Total equity £ |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 January 2020 | 1 | 547,725 | 547,726 |
| Comprehensive income for the year | | | |
| Loss for the year | - | (560,272) | (560,272) |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | (560,272) | (560,272) |
| Contributions by and distributions to owners | | | |
| Dividends: Equity capital | - | (156,568) | (156,568) |
| Total transactions with owners | - | (156,568) | (156,568) |
| 31 December 2020 | 1 | (169,115) | (169,114) |

| | Share capital £ | Profit and loss account £ | Total equity £ |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 January 2019 | 1 | 449,779 | 449,780 |
| Comprehensive income for the year | | | |
| Profit for the year | - | 411,082 | 411,082 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 411,082 | 411,082 |
| Contributions by and distributions to owners | | | |
| Dividends: Equity capital | - | (313,136) | (313,136) |
| Total transactions with owners | - | (313,136) | (313,136) |
| 31 December 2019 | 1 | 547,725 | 547,726 |

Reserves:

Called up share capital represents the nominal value of the shares issued.

The profit and loss account represents cumulative profits or losses, net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

BLE Smoke and Fire Curtains Limited is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on the contents page.

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 2).

The following principal accounting policies have been consistently applied:

Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 4 Statement of Financial Position paragraph 4.12(a)(iv);
- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A;
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.29; and
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Lowe and Fletcher Limited as at 31 December 2020 and a copy of these financial statements may be obtained from Companies House.

Consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about BLE Smoke and Fire Curtains Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to produce consolidated financial statements as it is included in the consolidated financial statements of its parent Lowe and Fletcher Limited.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (*continued*)

1 Accounting policies (*continued*)

Funding and going concern

Historically, the company has been funded by cash flows generated from trading and funding provided by its parent company. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lowe and Fletcher Limited. The directors have prepared a profit and loss and balance sheet forecast ("the company forecast") for the period to 31 August 2022 ("the forecast period") which shows the trading, financial position, cash at bank, bank loans, overdrafts and expected available bank facilities for the forecast period. The company forecast shows that the company needs funding support from the parent company to be able to operate and meets its external liabilities as they fall due for payment during the forecast period within its current and expected to be available bank facilities.

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After careful consideration, it is the directors' view that the available bank loan and overdraft funding for the wider group will continue in place throughout the period and that the headroom of current and expected to be available bank facilities compared to cash at bank, bank loans and overdrafts should be sufficient to enable the group to operate and meet their liabilities as they fall due for payment throughout the forecast period and provide support to the company.

The directors note the possible impact of COVID-19 on future trading and funding requirements (through a reduction in sales and cash flows caused by reduced demand and / or impacts on manufacturing locations) and the possible need for additional funding (caused, for instance, by the non-renewal of facilities or failing to resolve future breaches in covenants with the bank) but do not consider these to be of sufficient significance to indicate that a material uncertainty exists which may cast significant doubt on the group's or company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The company has received a binding commitment from the ultimate parent entity, Lowe and Fletcher Limited that support will be provided for at least the period to 31 December 2022. As a result of this binding commitment the directors of the company are not aware of any factors which would cast significant doubt on future continuance of the company and its operations and therefore these financial statements have been presented on a going concern basis.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements
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1 Accounting policies (*continued*)

Revenue

Revenue from the sales of goods is recognised when the company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer and it is probable that the company will receive the previously agreed upon payment. These criteria are considered to be met when the goods are delivered to the buyer.

Revenues and profits on long-term contracts are computed on the percentage of completion method. Profits are determined once the outcome of the contract can be assessed with reasonable certainty, after making reserves against all anticipated costs. Where contracts allow for milestone claims, revenue is recognised upon completions of works provided in accordance with the contract.

Revenue represents sales to external customers at invoiced amounts less value added tax or local taxes on sales.

Government grants

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the same period as the related expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The company adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred, if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the company. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

| | | |
|------------------------|---|-------------------|
| Leasehold improvements | - | 25% per annum |
| Plant and machinery | - | 10%-33% per annum |
| Motor vehicles | - | 25% per annum |
| Fixtures and fittings | - | 10%-33% per annum |

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within the statement of comprehensive income.

Impairment of fixed assets

Assets that are subject to depreciation are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication that the assets are impaired. Where there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the carrying value of the asset (or cash-generating unit to which the asset has been allocated) is tested for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's (or CGU's) fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (CGUs). Non-financial assets that have been previously impaired are reviewed at each reporting date to assess whether there is any indication that the impairment losses recognised in prior periods may no longer exist or may have decreased.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 (*continued*)

1 Accounting policies (*continued*)

Valuation of investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less any provision for impairment.

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less additional costs to completion and disposal. Cost is defined as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Raw materials and bought out parts; | Invoice cost |
| Work in progress and finished goods; | Cost of materials and direct labour plus an attributable proportion of direct overheads |

At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

Financial instruments

Basic financial instruments

Financial assets

Financial assets comprise cash at bank and in hand, trade debtors, other debtors and amounts owed to group undertakings. These are initially recorded at cost on the date they originate and are subsequently recorded at amortised cost. The company considers evidence of impairment of all trade and other debtors and amounts owed by group undertakings, and any subsequent impairment is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Impairment of financial assets at amortised cost

Impairment provisions are recognised where there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Objective evidence includes significant financial difficulties of the counterparty, default or significant delays in payment.

Impairment provisions represent the difference between the net carrying amount of a financial asset and the present value of the expected future cash receipts from that asset.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities comprise trade creditors, accruals and amounts owed to group undertakings. These are initially recorded at cost on the date they originate, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost.

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**Notes forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2020 (continued)**

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

Foreign currency translation

The company's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the company's functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the transactions at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss.

All foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in profit or loss.

Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

Leased assets

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership (finance leases), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable over the term of the lease. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as amounts payable to the lessor. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged to the profit and loss account over the shorter of the estimated useful economic life and the period of the lease.

Lease payments are analysed between capital and interest components so that the interest element of the payment is credited to profit or loss over the term of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding. The capital part reduces that amounts payable to the lessor.

All other leases are treated as operating leases. Their annual rentals are charged to the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Pensions

The company's employees contribute to the Lowe and Fletcher Senior Executive Retirement Benefits Scheme (the "Group Scheme") together with the employees of other group companies. The Group Scheme is a defined benefit scheme. Although the company may be required to make contributions set at a level to make good any deficit, because the company's share of the net assets and liabilities of the Group Scheme cannot be separately identified, the company accounts for its pension contributions to the Group Scheme on a defined contribution basis.

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs and other post-retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the statement of financial position.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 *(continued)*

1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the statement of financial position date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date.

2 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have had to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historic experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The judgements, estimates and assumptions are:

Tangible assets impairment (Note 9)

Tangible assets are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication that the assets are impaired. Where there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the carrying value of the asset (or cash-generating unit to which the asset has been allocated) is tested for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's (or CGU's) fair value less costs to sell and value in use.

Tangible assets depreciation (Note 9)

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful economic lives taking into account residual values where appropriate. The actual lives of these assets are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In assessing asset lives, factors such as life cycles and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

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2 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty (*continued*)

Stock (Note 11)

At each reporting date, inventories are assessed for impairment. If inventory is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Trade debtors (Note 12)

At each reporting date, trade debtors are assessed for recoverability. If there is any evidence of impairment, the carrying amount is reduced to its recoverable amount. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

3 Turnover

The proportion of turnover that is attributable to markets outside the United Kingdom is 67% (2019 - 80%).

4 Other operating income

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Furlough income receivable | 126,367 | - |

Furlough income relates to credits received under the UK Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

5 Operating (loss)/profit

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| This has been arrived at after charging: | | |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 123,418 | 106,809 |
| Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the company's annual accounts | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Exchange differences | 34,636 | 55,895 |

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6 Employees

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Staff costs consist of: | | |
| Wages and salaries | 1,441,714 | 1,400,675 |
| Social security costs | 99,808 | 108,741 |
| Other pension costs | 59,265 | 54,908 |
| | <u>1,600,787</u> | <u>1,564,324</u> |

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

| | Number | Number |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Production | 24 | 29 |
| Sales and distribution | 19 | 14 |
| Administrative | 4 | 6 |
| | <u>47</u> | <u>49</u> |

7 Taxation

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <i>Corporation tax</i> | | |
| Current tax on profits for the year | (87,131) | - |
| Adjustment in respect of previous periods | 40,645 | (88,037) |
| | <u>(46,486)</u> | <u>(88,037)</u> |
| <i>Deferred tax</i> | | |
| Origination and reversal of timing differences | (35,597) | 7,780 |
| Adjustment in respect of previous periods | (9,928) | (8,105) |
| Effect of change in tax rates | 687 | - |
| | <u>(44,838)</u> | <u>(325)</u> |
| Taxation on profit | <u>(91,324)</u> | <u>(88,362)</u> |

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7 Taxation (continued)

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2019 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019 - 19%).

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| (Loss)/profit before tax | (651,596) | 322,720 |
| (Loss)/profit at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019 - 19%) | (123,803) | 61,317 |
| Effects of: | | |
| Fixed asset differences | 964 | 696 |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes | 380 | - |
| Group relief claimed | - | (59,831) |
| Difference in tax rates | 687 | (916) |
| Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods | 30,717 | (88,038) |
| Other differences | (269) | (1,590) |
| Total tax credit for the year | (91,324) | (88,362) |

Factors affecting future tax charges

Changes to the UK corporation tax rates were substantively enacted as part of the Finance Bill 2020 on 17 March 2020. The rate applicable from 1 April 2020 now remains at 19%, rather than the previously enacted reduction to 17%. Deferred taxes at the statement of financial position date have been measured using these enacted rates and reflected in these financial statements. The UK government announced on 3 March 2021 that the government are intending to increase the corporation tax rate from 19% to 25% from April 2023. As this rate was not substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date it has not been used to calculate the deferred tax balances.

8 Dividends

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Ordinary shares | | |
| Interim paid of £156,568 (2019 - £313,136) per share | 156,568 | 313,136 |

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9 Tangible assets

| | Plant and machinery £ | Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment £ | Total £ |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------|
| <i>Cost or valuation</i> | | | |
| At 1 January 2020 | 481,206 | 248,252 | 729,458 |
| Additions | 10,118 | 48,743 | 58,861 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At 31 December 2020 | 491,324 | 296,995 | 788,319 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| <i>Depreciation</i> | | | |
| At 1 January 2020 | 334,496 | 179,091 | 513,587 |
| Charge for the year | 86,625 | 36,793 | 123,418 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At 31 December 2020 | 421,121 | 215,884 | 637,005 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| <i>Net book value</i> | | | |
| At 31 December 2020 | 70,203 | 81,111 | 151,314 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| At 31 December 2019 | 146,710 | 69,161 | 215,871 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |

The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes an amount of £Nil (2019 - £45,325) in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts. The related depreciation charge on these assets for the year was £45,325 (2019 - £45,325).

The directors have assessed the carrying value of tangible fixed assets and consider no impairment is required.

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10 Fixed asset investments

| | Shares in group undertakings and participating interests £ |
|--|---|
| <i>Cost</i> | |
| At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020 | 24,000 |
| <i>Net book value</i> | |
| At 31 December 2020 | 24,000 |
| At 31 December 2019 | 24,000 |

| Name | Country of incorporation | Class of shares | Proportion of share capital held | Nature of business |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Simpkin Machin & Company Limited | England & Wales | Ordinary | 100% | Dormant company |

Unless otherwise stated, the following figures have been extracted from audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020:

| | Aggregate share capital and reserves | | Profit for the year | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|------|
| | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Simpkin Machin & Company Limited | 24,000 | 24,000 | - | - |

11 Stocks

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Raw materials and consumables | 448,051 | 451,389 |
| Work in progress | 48,881 | 90,763 |
| | 496,932 | 542,152 |

There is no material difference between the statement of financial position value of stocks and their replacement cost.

An impairment loss of £32,687 (2019 - £7,707) was recognised in cost of sales against stock during the year due to slow-moving and obsolete stock.

The provision made against gross stock was £63,768 (2019 - £31,041).

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12 Debtors

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trade debtors | 1,067,484 | 1,006,795 |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | 192,246 | 148,318 |
| Other taxation and social security | 52,202 | 124,797 |
| Corporation tax recoverable | 77,977 | 34,671 |
| Other debtors | 7,762 | 15,143 |
| Prepayments | 68,131 | 51,657 |
| Deferred taxation (see note 14) | 29,074 | - |
| | <u>1,494,876</u> | <u>1,381,381</u> |

All amounts shown under debtors fall due for payment within one year.

The impairment loss recognised in the profit or loss for the period in respect of bad and doubtful trade and other debtors was £73,191 (2019 - £Nil).

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Bank overdrafts | 493,859 | - |
| Trade creditors | 572,360 | 758,554 |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 108,419 | 126,338 |
| Group relief | 965,163 | 965,163 |
| Other taxation and social security | - | 14,985 |
| Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts | 10,918 | 40,793 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 185,517 | 181,201 |
| | <u>2,336,236</u> | <u>2,087,034</u> |

14 Deferred taxation

| | £ |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| At 1 January 2020 | (15,764) |
| Credited to the profit and loss | 44,838 |
| | <u>29,074</u> |
| At 31 December 2020 | |

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14 Deferred taxation (*continued*)

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| The deferred taxation balance is made up as follows: | | |
| Accelerated capital allowances | (8,642) | (15,764) |
| Short term timing differences | 16,864 | - |
| Losses and other deductions | 20,852 | - |
| | <u>29,074</u> | <u>(15,764)</u> |

15 Share capital

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Allotted, called up and fully paid | | |
| 1 Ordinary share of £1 | 1 | 1 |
| | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> |

16 Commitments under operating leases

As at 31 December 2020, the company had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| In one year or less, or on demand | 105,517 | 112,741 |
| In more than one year but not more than five years | 49,900 | 103,990 |
| | <u>155,417</u> | <u>216,731</u> |

17 Contingent liabilities

The company has granted Lloyds TSB PLC a debenture and cross guarantee creating fixed and floating charges over the assets of the company as security for the liabilities of Lowe & Fletcher Limited group companies.

18 Related party transactions

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lowe and Fletcher Limited and has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by section 33.1A of FRS 102 not to disclose transactions with Lowe and Fletcher Limited or other wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

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18 Post balance sheet events

There have been no other significant events affecting the company since the year end.

19 Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of larger group

The ultimate parent company is Lowe and Fletcher Limited, incorporated in England and Wales.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Lowe and Fletcher Limited, incorporated in England. The consolidated accounts of this company are available to the public and may be obtained from The Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ. No other group accounts include the results of the company.