

Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018



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Company information for the year ended 31 December 2018

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Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2018

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Principal activities

The Company's principal activity during the year was as the holding Company for the majority of the Robert Bosch Group's UK subsidiaries and affiliates. In addition, the Company acts as the regional organisation for functions covering Bosch subsidiaries and affiliates in the UK and the Republic of Ireland.

Review of the business

In 2018, revenue increased from £114,321 to £197,733 and profit before income taxation increased from a profit of £96,641 in 2017 to a profit before income taxation of £162,692.

The underlying operating profit has increased from £102,637 to £173,809.

In 2018, the Company generated revenue of £19,228 (2017: £13,218) from the provision of services rendered as regional organisation for the Bosch subsidiaries and affiliates in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. In addition, the Company received dividend income of £178,505 (2017: £101,103).

The statement of financial position at the end of the year improved upon prior year as prior year profits were not remitted to the immediate holding company during 2018.

Principal risks and uncertainties

a) Price risk

The company is exposed to commodity price risk as a result of its operations. However, given the size of the company's operations, the costs of managing exposure to commodity price risk exceed any potential benefits. The directors will continue to revisit the appropriateness of this policy should the company's operations change in size or nature.

b) Credit risk

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, and deposits with banks and financial institutions, as well as credit exposures to wholesale and retail customers, including outstanding receivables and committed transactions. If wholesale customers are independently rated, these ratings are used. If there is no independent rating, risk control assesses the credit quality of the customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. Individual risk limits are set by the board. The utilisation of credit limits is regularly monitored. The amount of exposure to any individual counterparty is subject to a limit, which is reassessed annually by the board.

c) Liquidity risk

The company currently has no requirements for debt finance outside the Robert Bosch Group.

d) Interest rate cash flow risk

The company has interest bearing assets in the form of cash-pool balances held by Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited. The interest bearing assets are in the form of cash balances, the interest rate received on these balances is at the market rate. The company has a policy of maintaining debt at a fixed rate to ensure the certainty of future cash flows. These policies thereby limit the interest rate and cash flow risk.

Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

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Key performance indicators

The company is a holding company and therefore is heavily dependent upon the performance of the subsidiaries and divisions in the UK. Progress is monitored by the board and the divisional directors by reference to the following KPIs:

	2018	2017	
Growth in sales (%)	73.0	(43.0)	Year on year sales growth expressed as a percentage.
Operating margin (%)	87.9	89.8	Operating margin is the ratio of operating profit (before exceptional items) to sales, expressed as a percentage.
Return on invested capital (%)	22.5	16.7	Operating profit expressed as a percentage of net assets (excluding pension deficit).

Environmental matters

In accordance with the Bosch core values, the company continues to understand and improve its impact on the environment. This includes, but is not limited to, regular reviews of energy and packaging usage, developing products that are power efficient, and capital expenditure on its assets to improve overall efficiency.

Going concern

The ultimate parent company, Robert Bosch GmbH, has confirmed it will provide financial support as necessary for the company to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

By order of the board



J. Burton

Company Secretary

09 August 2019

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Future developments

The company has taken the decision as allowed under s414C of the Companies Act 2006 not to disclose information about impending developments or matters in the course of negotiation as, in the opinion of the directors, such disclosure would be seriously prejudicial to the interests of the company.

Proposed dividend

No dividend will be paid in relation to the year ended 31 December 2018.

No dividends were paid during the year in respect of the previous year ended 31 December 2017.

Political donations and political expenditure

There were no political donations during the year (2017: £Nil).

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing of the financial statements were as follows:

A. Castle

S. Hoffmann

Qualifying third-party and pension scheme indemnity provisions

The Robert Bosch group maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers. The group has also provided an indemnity for its directors and secretary, which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006. This indemnity was in place during the financial year and continues to be in place at the date of the approval of these financial statements.

Events after the end of the reporting period

Subsequent to the date of the statement of financial position, there were no events that are not disclosed in these financial statements.

Stakeholder engagement

With employees

Consultation with employees or their representatives has continued at all levels, with the aim of ensuring that their views are taken into account when decisions are made that are likely to affect their interests and that all employees are aware of the financial and economic performance of their business units and of the company as a whole. Communication with all employees continues through the in-house newspaper and newsletters, briefing groups and the distribution of the annual report.

The company is an equal opportunities employer. Applications for employment are always fully considered irrespective of gender, ethnic origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the respective attitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment within the company continues and the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of a disabled person should, as far as possible, be identical to that of a person who does not suffer from a disability.

With suppliers, customers, and others

As part of the global Bosch group, the company operates a "Code of Business Conduct" to which all associates are expected to adhere and receive regular training. It sets out how the company's associates are expected to act in their day to day business activities. In conjunction with the Bosch values, it provides a rock-solid foundation on which trust can grow – trust that is essential if the company is to grow and be successful for the benefit of all its stakeholders.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Lawful, regulation-compliant, responsible, and fair conduct;
- Avoiding conflicts of interest;
- Keeping confidential information secret and handling sensitive data responsibly;
- Observing rules of fair competition, create unambiguous and documented agreements with suppliers and customers, and have a zero-tolerance to corruption in any form;
- Producing quality, safe products and services to the highest quality and reliability;
- Respect for the intellectual property of third-parties.

The company's executive management is responsible for compliance to the Code of Business Conduct. The corporate internal auditing department (C/AU), including its local units, has an unlimited right to request information and conduct audits, provided these do not run contrary to statutory or company regulations.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law). 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 the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

The directors 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.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018 (continued)

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Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that:

- As far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- each director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board



J. Burton

Company Secretary

09 August 2019

Independent auditors' report to the members of Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018; the income statement, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

ISAs (UK) require us to report to you when:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of the above matters.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern. For example, the terms on which the United Kingdom may withdraw from the European Union are not clear, and it is difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the company's trade, customers, suppliers and the wider economy.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited (continued)

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Strategic Report and Directors' Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2018 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they 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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited (continued)

Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Other required reporting

Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Alex Hookway (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Uxbridge

9 August 2019

Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2018

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

		Year ended 31 December	
		2018	2017
Continuing operations	Note		
Revenue	4	197,733	114,321
Administrative expenses		(24,088)	(11,814)
Other income		164	130
Operating profit	5	173,809	102,637
Amounts written off investments		(5,661)	-
Gain on revaluation of investment property	10	1,440	-
Profit before finance expense and income tax		169,588	103,237
Finance income	7	682	489
Finance expense	7	(6,138)	(6,485)
Finance expense - net	7	(5,456)	(5,996)
Profit before income tax		164,132	96,641
Income tax income/(expense)	8	(4,465)	236
Profit for the financial year		159,667	96,877

The notes on pages 14 to 33 are an integral part of these financial statements.

All activity is derived from continuing operations.

There is no other comprehensive income for 2018 or 2017 and therefore no statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

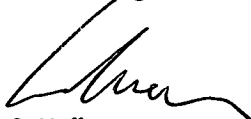
Statement of financial position

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

	Note	As at 31 December	
		2018	2017
Fixed assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	12	7
Investment property	10	30,000	32,420
Investments in subsidiaries	11	901,719	907,380
		931,731	939,807
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	12	3,297	18,823
Cash and cash equivalents		35,627	30,152
		38,924	48,975
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	14	(197,627)	(375,421)
Net current liabilities		(158,703)	(326,446)
Total assets less current liabilities		773,028	613,361
Net assets		773,028	613,361
Equity			
Called up share capital	15	100,000	100,000
Share premium		252,493	252,493
Revaluation reserve		-	600
Retained earnings		420,535	260,268
Total shareholders' funds		773,028	613,361

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The financial statements on pages 11 to 33 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on 09 August 2019 and were signed on its behalf.



S. Hoffmann
Director

Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited
Registered no. 07394406

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2018

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

	Called-up share capital	Share premium	Re- valuation reserve	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 1 January 2017	100,000	252,493	-	163,391	515,884
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	97,477	96,877
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	97,477	96,877
Revaluation surplus	-	-	600	-	600
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	-	-	600	-	600
Balance as at 31 December 2017	100,000	252,493	600	260,268	613,361
Balance as at 1 January 2018	100,000	252,493	600	260,268	613,361
Transfer to earnings	-	-	(600)	600	-
Profit for the financial year	-	-	-	159,667	159,667
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	159,667	159,667
Balance as at 31 December 2018	100,000	252,493	-	420,535	773,028

The notes on pages 14 to 33 are an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

1 General information

Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited is the holding Company for the majority of the Robert Bosch Group's UK subsidiaries and affiliates.

The company is a private limited company and is incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom.

2 Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

2.1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements of Robert Bosch UK Holdings Limited have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101, 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101). The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings and derivative financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

The following exemptions from the requirements of IFRS have been applied in the preparation of these financial statements, in accordance with FRS 101:

- Paragraphs 45(b) and 46 to 52 of IFRS 2, 'Share-based payment' (details of the number and weighted average exercise prices of share options, and how the fair value of goods or services received was determined).
- IFRS 7, 'Financial instruments: Disclosures'.
- Paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13, 'Fair value measurement' (disclosure of valuation techniques and inputs used for fair value measurement of assets and liabilities).
- Paragraph 38 of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements' – comparative information requirements in respect of:
 - i. paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
 - ii. paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16, 'Property, plant and equipment'; and
 - iii. paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38, 'Intangible assets' (reconciliations between the carrying amount at the beginning and end of the period).
- The following paragraphs of IAS 1, 'Presentation of financial statements':
 - i. 10(d) (statement of cash flows);
 - ii. 16 (statement of compliance with all IFRS);
 - iii. 38A (requirement for minimum of two primary statements, including cash flow statements);
 - iv. 38B–D (additional comparative information);
 - v. 111 (cash flow statement information); and
 - vi. 134–136 (capital management disclosures).
- IAS 7, 'Statement of cash flows'.
- Paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8, 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors' (requirement for the disclosure of information when an entity has not applied a new IFRS that has been issued but is not yet effective).
- Paragraph 17 of IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures' (key management compensation).

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

- The requirements in IAS 24, 'Related party disclosures', to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group.

2.1.1 Going concern

The company meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through its cash reserves and borrowings. The current economic conditions continue to create uncertainty, particularly over the level of demand for the company's subsidiaries' products, which form the basis for the company's dividend income. The company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the company should be able to operate within the level of its current cash reserves and borrowings. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements. Further information on the company's borrowings is given in note 2.16.

2.1.2 New standards, amendments and IFRIC interpretations

IFRS 9 and IFRS 15 are new accounting standards that are effective for the year ended 31 December 2018. **Error! Reference source not found..** Neither of these accounting standards have a material impact on the company. There are no other amendments to accounting standards, or IFRIC interpretations that are effective for the year ended 31 December 2018 that have had a material impact on the company.

2.2 Consolidation

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Robert Bosch Investment Nederland BV and of its ultimate parent, Robert Bosch GmbH. It is included in the consolidated financial statements of Robert Bosch GmbH, which are publicly available. Therefore the company is exempt, by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006, from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements. The address of the ultimate parent's registered office is Robert Bosch GmbH, Robert Bosch Platz 1, Gerlingen-Schillerhöhe, D-70049 Stuttgart, Germany.

These financial statements are separate financial statements.

2.3 Foreign currency translation

a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of the company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in 'Pounds Sterling' (£), which is also the company's functional currency.

b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions, and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, are recognised in the income statement, except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the income statement within 'Other operating income'.

2.4 Investment property

Investment properties, principally freehold office buildings, are held for long-term rental. They are carried at fair value. Changes in fair values are presented in profit or loss.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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2.5 Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings comprise mainly factories, retail outlets and offices. Land and buildings are shown at fair value, based on valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. Valuations are performed with sufficient regularity to ensure that the fair value of a revalued asset does not differ materially from its carrying amount. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset, and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

All other property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Cost could also include transfers from equity of any gains/losses on qualifying cash flow hedges of foreign currency purchases of property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to other comprehensive income and shown as revaluation reserve in shareholders' funds. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged in other comprehensive income and debited against revaluation reserve; all other decreases are charged to the income statement. Each year, the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to the income statement, and depreciation based on the asset's original cost, is transferred from revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost or revalued amounts to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

– Furniture, fittings and equipment 3 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if it is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount, and they are recognised within 'Other income' in the income statement.

When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in revaluation reserve are transferred to retained earnings.

2.6 Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets that are not ready to use are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount might not be recoverable. 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 fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are largely independent cash inflows (cash-generating units). Prior impairments of non-financial assets (other than goodwill) are reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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2.7 Financial assets

2.7.1 Classification

The company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: at fair value through profit or loss; and loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

a) *Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if it is acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading, unless they are designated as hedges (see note 2.11). Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are expected to be settled within 12 months; otherwise, they are classified as non-current investments.

b) *Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets, with fixed or determinable payments, that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. These are classified as non-current assets. The company's loans and receivables comprise receivables, cash and commercial paper in the statement of financial position.

2.7.2 Recognition and measurement

Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognised on the trade date – that is, the date on which the company commits to purchase or sell the asset. Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed in the income statement. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred, and the company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are subsequently carried at fair value. Loans and receivables are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Gains or losses arising from changes in the 'fair value of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the income statement within interest income or expenses in the period in which they arise.

2.8 Investment in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are held at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

2.9 Investment in associated undertakings

Investments in associated undertakings are held at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

2.10 Impairment of financial assets

Assets carried at amortised cost

The company assesses, at the end of each reporting period, whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(All amounts in £ thousands unless otherwise stated)

2.11 Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

The company has not applied hedge accounting, and all derivatives are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

2.12 Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business, if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

2.13 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

2.14 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Preference shares are classified as liabilities (note 2.14).

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new ordinary shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

2.15 Creditors

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers.

Creditors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.16 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case, the fee is deferred until the draw-down occurs. To the extent that there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a pre-payment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

2.17 Borrowing costs

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets, which are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

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Investment income earned on the temporary investment of specific borrowing spending their expenditure on qualifying assets is deducted from the borrowing costs eligible for capitalisation.

All other borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they are incurred.

2.18 Current and deferred tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in shareholders' funds. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in shareholders' funds, respectively.

The current tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the date of the statement of financial position in the countries where the company operates and generates taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions, where appropriate, on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill; or arise from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting, nor taxable, profit or loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the date of the statement of financial position and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

2.19 Employee benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension plan.

a) Pension obligations

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. The company has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods

For defined contribution plans, the company pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

2.20 Provisions

Provisions for environmental restoration, restructuring costs and legal claims are recognised where: the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount has been reliably estimated. Reorganisation provisions

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comprise lease termination penalties and employee termination payments. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations is small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense.

2.21 Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised in accordance with the requirements of IFRS 15 'Revenue from Contracts with Customers'. The Company recognises revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This core principle is delivered in a five-step model framework:

1. Identify the contract(s) with the customer;
2. Identify the performance obligations in the contract;
3. Determine the transaction price;
4. Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and
5. Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation.

(a) Sale of services

For sales of services, revenue is recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered, by reference to stage of completion of the specific transaction and assessed on the basis of the actual service provided as a proportion of the total services to be provided.

2.22 Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable is impaired, the company reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, being the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loan and receivables is recognised using the original effective interest rate.

2.23 Dividend income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

2.24 Leases

Leases in which substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

The company leases certain property, plant and equipment.

2.25 Dividend distributions

Dividend distributions to the company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the company's shareholders.

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2.26 Financial guarantees

Financial guarantees are initially recognised at fair value and are subsequently measured at the higher of (a) the amount determined in accordance with IAS 37 and (b) the amount initially recognised less, where appropriate, cumulative amortisation recognised in accordance with IAS 18.

3 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

a) Valuation of investment property

The valuation of the investment property is a critical estimate in arriving at the results for the year. The properties are valued annually by “desk-top” review and triennially by a “Red Book Valuation”. This valuation is carried out by an independent professional firm of commercial real estate advisors. See note 10 for the carrying amount of investment property and note 2.4 for the relevant accounting policy.

b) Investments

In accordance with IAS 36 “Impairment of assets”, at the end of each accounting period the company assesses whether there is an indication that an investment is impaired. This review is completed by analysing discounted future cash flow projections and asset valuations of the investment against holding value in the company’s balance sheet.

If there is any indication that an investment may be impaired, the recoverable amount shall be estimated as the higher of its fair value (less any costs of disposal) and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised in the income statement.

c) Deferred tax

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the statement of financial position date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Due to uncertainty surrounding the recoverability of deferred tax arising on valuation of investment property, the management believes that no deferred tax asset should be recognised. Please refer to note 13 to these financial statements for further information on deferred tax.

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4 Revenue

Analysis of revenue by geography:

	2018	2017
United Kingdom	197,733	114,321
	197,733	114,321

Analysis of revenue by category:

	2018	2017
Rendering of services	19,228	13,218
Dividends	178,505	101,103
	197,733	114,321

5 Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2018	2017
Wages and salaries	5,329	4,661
Social security costs	417	300
Other pension costs	185	154
Staff costs	5,931	5,115
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2	4
Gain on revaluation of investment property	1,440	-
Operating lease expenses	157	120
Audit fees payable to the company's auditor	23	24

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6 Employees and directors

Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including executive directors) employed by the company during the year was:

By activity	2018 Number	2017 Number
Administration	64	53
	64	53

Directors

The directors' emoluments were as follows:

	2018	2017
Aggregate emoluments	298	301

Post-employment benefits are accruing for 1 (2017: 1) directors under a defined contribution scheme.

Highest paid director

The highest paid director's emoluments were as follows:

	2018	2017
Total amount of emoluments and amounts (excluding shares) receivable under long-term incentive schemes	274	288
Defined contribution scheme:		
- accrued pension at the end of the year	-	-
- accrued lump sum at the end of the year	-	-

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7 Finance income and expense

Finance income

	2018	2017
Bank interest income	682	489
Total finance income	682	489

Finance expense

	2018	2017
Interest expense on financial liabilities to third parties measured at amortised cost	618	251
Interest expense on financial liabilities to related parties measured at amortised cost	5,520	6,234
Total finance expense	6,138	6,485

Net finance expense

	2018	2017
Interest income	682	489
Interest expense	(6,138)	(6,485)
Total finance expense	(5,456)	(5,996)

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8 Income tax

Tax expense/(income) included in profit or loss:

	2018	2017
Current tax:		
- UK corporation tax on profits for the year	109	(231)
- Adjustment in respect of prior periods	4,339	(4)
Total current tax	4,448	(235)
Deferred tax:		
- Origination and reversal of timing differences	10	(4)
- Impact of change in tax rate	-	1
- Adjustments in respect of prior periods	7	2
Total deferred tax	17	(1)
Tax on profit	4,465	(236)

Tax charge for the year is lower (2017: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for the year ended 31 December 2018 of 19.00% (2017: 19.25%). The differences are explained below:

	2018	2017
Profit before taxation	164,132	96,641
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of tax in the UK of 19.00% (2017: 19.25%)	31,185	18,600
Effects of:		
- Income not subject to tax	(34,205)	(19,459)
- Remeasurement of deferred tax – change in UK tax rate	(1)	1
- Adjustments in respect of prior periods	4,346	(2)
- Accelerated capital allowances	738	-
- Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2,402	624
Tax charge/(credit)	4,465	(236)

The tax rate for the current year is lower than the prior year, due to changes in the UK corporation tax rate which decreased from 20.00% to 19.00% from 1 April 2017.

Changes to the UK corporation tax rates were substantively enacted as part of the Finance Bill 2016 (on 6 September 2016). These include reductions to the main rate, to reduce the rate to 17.00% from 1 April 2020.

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Deferred taxes at the date of the statement of financial position have been measured using these enacted rates and are reflected in these financial statements.

9 Property, plant and equipment

	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	Total
At 1 January 2018		
Cost or valuation	13	13
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(6)	(6)
Net book amount	7	7
Year ended 31 December 2018		
Additions	32	32
Disposals	(25)	(25)
Depreciation	(2)	(2)
Closing net book amount	12	12
At 31 December 2018		
Cost or valuation	18	18
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(6)	(6)
Net book amount	12	12

10 Investment Property

	2018	2017
Balance at 1 January	32,420	31,820
Retirement and demolition of building	(3,860)	-
Revaluation during the year	1,440	600
Balance at 31 December	30,000	32,420
Historic cost net book value	27,960	31,820

The fair value of the investment property was determined by external, independent property valuers, having appropriate recognised professional qualifications and recent experience in the location and category of the property being valued. The independent valuers provide the fair value of the company's investment property portfolio every 12 months.

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11 Investments

	Shares in group undertakings	Total
Cost or valuation		
At 1 January 2018	933,408	933,408
At 31 December 2018	933,408	933,408
Provisions		
At 1 January 2018	(26,028)	(26,028)
Impairment losses	(5,661)	(5,661)
At 31 December 2018	(31,689)	(31,689)
Net book amount		
At 31 December 2017	907,380	907,380
As at 31 December 2018	901,719	901,719

At year end a review of the carrying value of the investments in group undertakings was undertaken. Following this review, and the recognition of relevant impairment losses, the directors believe that the carrying value of investments is supported by their underlying net assets and anticipated future operating performance.

The company has the following investments in subsidiaries:

	Country of incorporation	Registered office	Class of share held	Ownership	
				2018	2017
Bosch Automotive Service Solutions Limited	United Kingdom	c/o Robert Bosch Limited, Broadwater Park, North Orbital Road, Denham, Uxbridge UB9 5HJ, England, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
Bosch Automotive Training Limited (previously Lagta Limited)	United Kingdom	Lagta House, Woodside, Eurocentral, Motherwell ML1 4XL, Scotland, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
Bosch Packaging Technology Limited	United Kingdom	Unit 2A, Meteor Business Park, Meteor Centre, Mansfield Road, Derby DE21 4SU England, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
Bosch Rexroth Limited	United Kingdom	15 Cromwell Road, St Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 2ES England, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%

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Bosch Service Solutions Limited	United Kingdom	PO Box 750, Uxbridge UB9 5HJ, England, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
Bosch Thermotechnology Limited	United Kingdom	Cotswold Way, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9SW, England, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
BOXT Limited	United Kingdom	3375 Century Way, Thorpe Park, Leeds LS15 8ZB, West Yorkshire, England, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	45%	45%
ETAS Limited	United Kingdom	Bacchus House, Osbaldwick Link Road, Osbaldwick, York YO10 3JB, England, United Kingdom	0.001p ordinary 0.001p cumulative 'A' ordinary 0.001p cumulative 'C' ordinary	100%	100%
Kliklok International Limited	United Kingdom	Western Drive, Hengrove Park Estate, Bristol BS14 0AY, England, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
Lagta Group Training Limited	United Kingdom	Lagta House, Woodside, Eurocentral, Motherwell ML1 4XL, Scotland, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
Robert Bosch Investment Limited	United Kingdom	Cotswold Way, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9SW, England, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
Robert Bosch Limited	United Kingdom	c/o Bosch Rexroth, Viewfield Industrial Estate, Glenrothes KY6 2RD, Scotland, United Kingdom	£1 Ordinary	100%	100%
Worcester Group Limited	United Kingdom	Cotswold Way, Warndon, Worcester WR4 9SW, England, United Kingdom	10p Ordinary	100%	100%

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12 Trade and other receivables

	2018	2017
Trade receivables	1	55
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,844	16,626
Deferred tax assets (see note 13)	46	63
Corporation tax	-	1,672
Prepayments and accrued income	406	407
	3,297	18,823
Due within one year	3,251	18,760
Due after more than one year	46	63

The amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

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13 Deferred tax asset

The asset for deferred tax consists of the following deferred tax liabilities/(assets):

	2018	2017
Deferred tax assets due within 12 months	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities due within 12 months	-	-
Total asset/(provision)	-	-

	2018	2017
Deferred tax assets due after 12 months	46	63
Deferred tax liabilities due after 12 months	-	-
Total asset	46	63

	2018	2017
Total deferred tax asset	46	63
Total asset	46	63

Deferred tax liabilities	Property, plant and equipment	Financial assets	Employee benefits	Total
At 1 January 2017	(59)	-	(3)	(62)
(Charged)/credited to the income statement	7	(4)	(4)	(1)
At 31 December 2017	(52)	(4)	(7)	(63)
(Charged)/credited to the income statement	6	4	7	17
At 31 December 2018	(46)	-	-	(46)

Unrecognised temporary differences

	2018	2017
Temporary differences relating to loss on investment property	309	-
	309	-

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018	2017
Trade creditors	395	348
Amounts owed to group undertakings	188,322	368,720
Corporation tax	4,616	-
Taxation and social security	930	603
Accruals and deferred income	3,364	5,750
	197,627	375,421

The amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

15 Called up share capital

Share capital

Ordinary shares of £1 each

	2018 No. (000's)	2017 No. (000's)
Allotted and fully paid up		
On issue at 1 January	100,000	100,000
On issue at 31 December – fully paid	100,000	100,000

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the company.

Dividends

No dividends were recognised during the year (2017: nil).

16 Contingent liabilities

The company's banking arrangement is part of a cash pool netting arrangement with certain other UK subsidiaries of Robert Bosch GmbH, each being jointly and severally liable. No security is held over these assets.

The aggregate net surplus in hand under the terms of the agreement at 31 December 2018 amounted to £41,959 (2017: £101,362).

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17 Capital and other commitments

Capital commitments

There are no capital commitments outstanding at the end of the financial year (2017: nil).

Other commitments

At 31 December 2018, the company had the following future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2018	2017
Land and buildings:		
Not later than one year	576	576
Later than one year and not later than five years	1,109	1,685
	1,685	2,261
Other:		
Not later than one year	139	132
Later than one year and not later than five years	217	272
	356	404
	2,041	2,665

During the year £157 was recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account in respect of operating leases (2017: £120).

18 Related party transactions

Under FRS 101.8 j) and k) the company is exempt from Related Party Disclosures as required in paragraph 17 of IAS 24 and those related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member.

19 Controlling parties

The immediate parent undertaking is Robert Bosch Investment Nederland BV.

The ultimate parent undertaking and the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements is Robert Bosch GmbH, a company incorporated in Germany. Copies of Robert Bosch GmbH consolidated financial statements can be obtained from Robert Bosch GmbH, Robert Bosch Platz 1, Gerlingen-Schillerhöhe, D-70049 Stuttgart, Germany.

The ultimate controlling party is Robert Bosch GmbH.

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20 Events after the end of the reporting period

Subsequent to the date of the statement of financial position, there were no events that are not disclosed in these financial statements.