Company registration number 07842430 (England and Wales)
THE TOLKIEN ESTATE LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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## STRATEGIC REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### Fair review of the business

The Company has had a very good year, with increased income across the key areas of its activities, including book publishing, film and video games. Overall, its income was somewhat lower than in 2020, reflecting only that certain income flows into the Company at intervals greater than one year and bank interest was reduced. Administrative expenses were slightly higher than in 2020 but within the range of fluctuation which generally occurs from year to year. In general, the Company has benefited from the increased demand for home entertainment during the period of the pandemic, though it is expected that this will normalise as businesses and workplaces reopen.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Company arise from its ownership of copyright assets. It is necessary from time to time to engage in defensive action to protect these assets or to ensure that the Company receives appropriate value from them, which can increase the Company's operating costs. The income earned from these assets may also fluctuate from year to year, often to a significant extent. At present, however, interest in Tolkien's works and their various adaptations remains high.

On behalf of the board

M G R Tolkien **Director** 

14 September 2022

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the active management and exploitation of the copyrights and other intellectual property of the late J R R Tolkien, including the publishing of new works and new editions of works in conjunction with publishers worldwide, the development and protection of the Tolkien brand and the management and protection of Tolkien as author and artist.

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 7.

Ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £10,260,000. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

#### Directors

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

B J Tolkien M G R Tolkien S M R Tolkien S A Maier P M A R Tolkien

(Deceased 28 February 2022)

#### Financial instruments

The company manages its cash in order to ensure the company has sufficient liquid resources to meet the operating needs of the business.

#### 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 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;
- 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.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

## Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

On behalf of the board

M G R Tolkien

Director

14 September 2022



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TOLKIEN ESTATE LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Tolkien Estate Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including 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).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its profit 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.

#### 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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.

### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TOLKIEN ESTATE LIMITED

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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 strategic report or 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 remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our knowledge and experience;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company.
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence where applicable; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to
  instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TOLKIEN ESTATE LIMITED

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- · performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- · tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- · agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- · reviewing relevant correspondence.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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.

Robert Kirtland (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Critchleys Audit LLP

20 September 2022

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor

Beaver House 23-38 Hythe Bridge Street Oxford OX1 2EP

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
	Notes	<b>L</b>	L
Turnover	3	10,344,627	12,749,813
Cost of sales		(494,190)	(615,680)
Gross profit		9,850,437	12,134,133
Administrative expenses		(887,721)	(824,186)
Operating profit	4	8,962,716	11,309,947
Interest receivable and similar income	6	9,584	56,544
Interest payable and similar expenses		(1,207)	(7,242)
Profit before taxation		8,971,093	11,359,249
Tax on profit	7	(1,751,528)	(2,207,294)
Profit for the financial year		7,219,565	9,151,955

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Profit for the year	7,219,565	9,151,955
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	7,219,565	9,151,955

## **BALANCE SHEET**

# AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

		20	21	20:	20
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	9		226,683		473,975
Investments	10		360		360
			227,043		474,335
Current assets					
Debtors	12	8,928,398		4,847,549	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,646,034		11,654,195	
		13.574,432		16,501,744	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one					
year	13	(2,029,768)		(2,163,937)	
Net current assets			11,544,664		14,337,807
Net assets			11,771,707		14,812,142
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		270,000		270,000
Share premium account			-		8,443,270
Profit and loss reserves			11,501,707		6,098,872
Total equity			11,771,707		14,812,142

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 14 September 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:

MGR Tolkien

Director

Company Registration No. 07842430

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Share capital	SharePr	ofit and loss	Total
		premium	reserves	
Notes	£	£	£	£
	270,000	8,443,270	996,917	9,710,187
	-	-	9,151,955	9,151,955
8			(4,050,000)	(4,050,000)
	270,000	8,443,270	6,098,872	14,812,142
	-	-	7,219,565	7,219,565
8	-	-	(10,260,000)	(10,260,000)
		(8,443,270)	8,443,270	
	270,000		11,501,707	11,771,707
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The share premium reserve was converted to a distributable reserve by resolution of the members in July 2021.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

		20	21	202	20
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	17		4,791,112		3,233,499
Interest paid			(1,207)		(7,242)
Income taxes paid			(1,54 <b>7</b> ,650)		(1,732,291)
Net cash inflow from operating activities			3,242,255		1,493,966
Investing activities					
Interest received		9,584		56,544	
Net cash generated from investing activities			9,584		56,544
Financing activities					
Dividends paid		(10,260,000)		(4,050,000)	
Net cash used iπ financing activities			(10,260,000)		(4,050,000)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents			(7,008,161)		(2,499,490)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			11,654,195		14,153,685
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			4,646,034		11,654,195

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Company information

The Tolkien Estate Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Prama House, 267 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 7HT.

## 1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The company has not prepared group accounts as its only subsidiary is dormant and immaterial.

## 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for royalties and other trading income, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. This includes an estimate of the amount earned up until the balance sheet date which is included in debtors.

### 1.4 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Copyrights over 10 years

#### 1.5 Fixed asset investments

Interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

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

#### 1.7 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

#### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs.

#### Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, are initially recognised at transaction price.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price.

### 1.8 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

## 1.9 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

## Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

#### 1.10 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

## Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

## Amortisation

Amortisation period for copyrights

#### 3 Turnover and other revenue

		2021	2020
		£	£
	Turnover analysed by class of business		
	Income from copyrights and intellectual property	10,344,627	12,749,813
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Other revenue		
	Interest income	9,584	56,544
4	Operating profit		
		2021	2020
	Operating profit for the year is stated after charging:	£	£
	Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial		
	statements	8,305	7,710
	Amortisation of intangible assets	247,292	247,293

### 5 Employees

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

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Total	-	-

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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££	8	Dividends			
Interim paid 10,260,000 4,050,000					
		Interim paid	10,260,000	4,050,000	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

9 Intangible fixed ass	ets
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	Copyrights £
Cost	~
At 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2021	2,472,925
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	1,998,950
Amortisation charged for the year	247,292
At 31 December 2021	2,246,242
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2021	226,683
At 31 December 2020	473,975

These consist of the copyrights to certain titles by J R R Tolkien. The cost above is the purchase consideration attributed to copyrights when the assets of The J R R Tolkien Estate Limited were sold to this company.

## 10 Fixed asset investments

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Investments in subsidiaries	11	360	360

## 11 Subsidiaries

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 December 2021 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of	% Held
			shares held	Direct
The J R R Tolkien Estate Limited	England and Wales	Dormant	Ordinary	100.00

The aggregate capital and reserves and the result for the year of the subsidiaries noted above was as follows:

Name of undertaking	Capital and	Profit/(Loss)
	Reserves	
	£	£
The J R R Tolkien Estate Limited	360	-

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

12	Debtors				
				2021	2020
	Amounts falling due within one year:			£	£
	Other debtors			22,385	20,147
	Prepayments and accrued income			8,906,013	4,827,402
				8,928,398	4,847,549
13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year				
	oroanoro, amounta raming due within one your			2021	2020
				£	£
	Trade creditors			704	2,766
	Amounts owed to group undertakings			360	360
	Corporation tax			1,364,843	1,160,965
	Other creditors			7.920	261,046
	Accruals and deferred income			655,941	738,800
				2,029,768	2,163,937
14	Share capital			<u></u>	
	•	2021	2020	2021	2020
	Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid	Number	Number	£	£
		070.000			

# 15 Related party transactions

Ordinary of £1 each

## Transactions with related parties

During the year the company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Legal and professi	onal services	Royalties pa	yable
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Entities jointly controlled by a director	447,984	359,669	-	-
Key management personnel	-	-	18,120	9,372
			2021	2020
Amounts due to related parties			£	£
Entities jointly controlled by a director			115,334	90,676
Key management personnel			18,120	9,372

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

# 16 Directors' transactions

Dividends totalling £4,488,750 (2020 - £1,771,875) were paid in the year in respect of shares held by the company's directors.

# 17 Cash generated from operations

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Cash generated nom operations	2021 £	2020 £
Profit for the year after tax	7,219,565	9,151,955
Adjustments for:		
Taxation charged	1,751,528	2,207,294
Finance costs	1,207	7,242
Investment income	(9,584)	(56,544)
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets	247,292	247,293
Decrease in provisions	-	(7,285,780)
Movements in working capital:		
Increase in debtors	(4,080,849)	(962,467)
Decrease in creditors	(338,047)	(75,494)
Cash generated from operations	4,791.112	3,233,499
Analysis of changes in net funds		
1 January 2021	Cash flows	31 December 2021
£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand 11,654,195	(7,008,161)	4,646,034

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