Company Registration No. 00044514 (England and Wales)



**Report and Financial Statements** 

Year ended 31 October 2014

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#### **CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT**

#### Results for year ended 31 October 2014

The turnover for the year ended 31 October 2014 at £3,069,548 was slightly up on the previous year £3,061,278, but with a better yield from sales and well controlled costs, the operating profit came out at £117,330 compared to £90,636. After interest received and corporation tax, the post-tax profits for the year were £94,959 compared to £76,984. While this is not quite sufficient to cover a maintained dividend again this year, the company has strong reserves and assets and so we have declared dividends totalling 18 pence per share absorbing £108,000, the same as the previous year.

The level of business achieved during the year ended 31 October 2014 was disappointing after some signs of increased activity during the first 6 months. Trading continues to be tough, although the company is having some success in continuing to improve its margins commensurate with its position in the market. The completion in November 2014 of the South Downs Suite, and another superior double room with enhanced views of the sea and world famous Beachy Head, will provide management with additional product to attract the higher spending private and corporate customers we seek.

#### Developments since 31 October 2014

2015 will see the 120th anniversary of the company since the Hydro first opened its doors to the general public in 1895 and with this we are planning a special celebratory weekend event on 26 to 28 of June 2015 to include a gala dinner, talks and a tour of the hotel's and Eastbourne's history. I would encourage shareholders to contact Ian Turnbull, our General Manager, to reserve places.

As the hotel has magnificent sea views it is of course in an exposed position, and a good part of the building is 120 years old. The Victorians built well but the hotel does require ongoing maintenance to keep it in good operating condition. We have therefore commissioned Gould & Company, specialist Chartered Surveyors, to prepare CAD drawings of the hotel's elevation and floor plans, and its outbuildings, together with a topographical survey of the site, and to produce a 5 year rolling maintenance programme, to provide the basis for future maintenance and enhancement plans.

#### **Our Staff**

During the year we have taken steps to refresh the board. I mentioned in my statement in the half year accounts that Christopher Bean, a solicitor, had been appointed to the board, and later in the summer we appointed James Tuhey, a specialist in commercial property insurance and management. In accordance with the company's articles, both will be offering themselves for re-appointment at the AGM.

Ian Turnbull, our Executive Director and General Manager of the hotel, has again led his team effectively during the year. Martin Hollands, our Financial Controller, has continued to keep our costs under constant review. I wish to record our thanks to our management team and all our staff for their dedication to attracting customers and to providing Hydro's renowned quality of service.

27 January 2015

Graeme C King, MA, CA Chairman of the Board

#### STRATEGIC REPORT

STRATEGY - The company has been operating the 83 bedroom Hydro Hotel, Mount Road, Eastbourne, which it owns freehold, since 1895. The company has operated additional premises in the past and the directors continue to review whether to expand the business to operate from additional locations, but for the time being have decided to focus on maximising the business at Hydro Hotel.

Hydro Hotel aims to be the pre-eminent traditional three star hotel in the Eastbourne area, offering a high quality product with excellent service, giving perceived value for money to our customers. The Board continues to invest in our core facilities of bedrooms, public rooms, function rooms, and kitchens, and we have agreed that additional investment in new facilities should be designed to appeal to the next generation of customers with the income to enjoy what the Hydro has to offer, to enable the company to refresh its customer base and position it to be able to achieve higher margins.

PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - In order to measure the success of the company in meeting its objectives and to evaluate the performance of management, the directors review the following key performance indicators at their regular Board meetings:

- Revpar (Revenue Achieved Per Available Room).
- Food and beverage sales and gross profit achieved.
- Staff costs and overheads, compared to sales.

The directors also review marketing activities undertaken and planned, future bookings, feedback from customers on service provided, employee changes, capital and refurbishment plans, budgets and expenditure, and cash management.

PERFORMANCE IN YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014 - During the year ended 31 October 2014 the company increased its turnover by 0.3% (2013 increase of 1.7%), and improved Revpar by 1.1% (2013 2.5%). In spite of very competitive pricing conditions continuing to affect food and beverage sales, the company achieved an overall increase in gross profit on those lines of 0.4% (2013 increase of 0.6%). Staff costs and overheads, as a proportion of sales, increased by 0.04% (2013 reduction of 2.7%).

The company's operating profit before interest received and tax increased to £117,330 from the 2013 operating profit of £90,636.

The company's post tax profit was £94,959 (2013 £76,984), but with the company's strong cash position the Board felt able to declare unchanged dividends totalling £108,000 to be payable in 2015.

The company generated cash from ongoing operations of £343,850 (2013 £297,134) and invested £66,076 (2013 £156,060) in new fixed assets which included the company's new website and a new CCTV system. The company created the South Downs Suite out of bedrooms 110 and 111 and reconfigured room 112 to be a superior double room with enhanced sea view. This continues the strategy of appealing to higher spending customers in the leisure market, and discerning customers in the business conference market.

Following the creation of the South Downs Suite, and the Downlands Suite in 2012, and the withdrawal from market of one room due to fire precautions, the hotel will offer 80 bedrooms in future. It is expected that the higher room rate commanded by the suites will more than make up for the reduction in the maximum number of rooms available.

During the year the company paid ordinary dividends in respect of the year ended 31 October 2013 of £108,000 (2013 £108,000). At the year end the company had a satisfactory net current asset position of £750,868 (2013 £648,563).

#### STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

RISK FACTORS - Risks regularly reviewed by the directors which could materially affect the company's business are:

Reputational risk - The company must consistently ensure that its offering to customers and the delivery of service meets their requirements, and adjusts to changes in market trends over time.

Staffing risk - The company must recruit, train, and retain sufficient high quality staff to enable it to deliver its service to customers.

Hotel facility deterioration - The company must continually invest to refresh its facilities, and if necessary change its offering, to meet the requirements of the market.

Demographics - The company's marketing needs to refresh its customer base as the circumstances of existing regular users change over time.

Fire, Health and Safety, and Environmental Health - The company must ensure that its premises and practices provide a safe environment for guests and staff, and comply with regulations.

Financial Risk - Treasury activities take place under procedures and policies approved and monitored by the Board. They are designed to minimise the financial risks faced by the company, i.e. liquidity risk, credit risk and interest rate risk. The Board considers that the company is not exposed to price risk or foreign exchange risk.

Liquidity risk - The company manages its liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments whilst seeking to maximise interest income and minimise interest expense.

Credit risk - The company's principal financial assets are cash balances and trade debtors. Credit risk on cash balances is mitigated as the Board only deposits funds with regulated institutions which have high credit ratings. Trade debtor balances are monitored on an ongoing basis and provision is made for doubtful debts as necessary.

Interest rate risk - The company is exposed to interest rate risk on its cash balances. The Board monitors interest rates available for the company's funds taking into account the company's liquidity and credit risk requirements.

General economic situation in the UK - The company is liable to be affected by changes in customer and business sector confidence and spending power, and may need to adjust its operations accordingly.

This report was approved by the Board of directors on 27 January 2015 and signed by order of the Board by

C P FREEMAN, FCA, CTA(Fellow),

Secretary

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2014.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY - The company carries on the business of hoteliers. It has no subsidiary companies.

SHARE CAPITAL - The company's shares are traded on the ISDX Growth Market.

MATTERS COVERED IN THE STRATEGIC REPORT - The Strategic Report on pages 3 and 4 includes the directors' review of business development and performance during the year ended 31 October 2014, the key performance indicators and the risk factors regularly reviewed, and financial risk management.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS - The Chairman's Statement on page 2 covers future developments in the section headed "Developments since 31 October 2014".

DIVIDENDS - An interim dividend at the rate of 6.0p per share has been declared by the directors and paid on 15 January 2015 to shareholders on the register on 19 December 2014 amounting to £36,000 and a second interim dividend at the rate of 12.0p per share amounting to £72,000 has been declared by the directors for payment on 7 May 2015 to shareholders on the register on 24 April 2015. The directors do not propose the payment of a final dividend.

DIRECTORS - C P Freeman retires by rotation and being eligible, offers himself for re-election. C J Bean and J D Tuhey were co-opted to the board during the year and so retire, and being eligible offer themselves for election.

Those persons who held office during the year and their interest in the shares of the company at the beginning and end of the year were as follows:

1 November 2013 31 October 2014

•		1 November 2013	31 October 2014
C J Bean LL.B(Hons) - appoint	ed 10 June 2014	-	750 shares
C P Freeman, FCA, CTA(Fellov	w)	3,500 shares	4,250 shares
G C King, MA, CA		10,000 shares	10,000 shares
J A Martyr, FIH - resigned 27 D	December 2013	250 shares	n/a
Mrs M R Peck, MA(Oxon)	- beneficial	5,111 shares	5,111 shares
	- non-beneficial	5,000 shares	5,000 shares
J D Tuhey BA(Hons) Dip BM -	appointed 31 July 2014	-	275 shares
I A Turnbull MIH		500 shares	500 shares

I A Turnbull is an executive director, and the other directors are non-executive.

GOING CONCERN - The directors' assessment of the going concern status of the company is set out in the accounting policies on page 13.

INSURANCE - To preclude the possibility of the company incurring expenses which might arise from the need to indemnify a director from claims made against him or her or the cost associated with their defence, the company has effected directors' liability insurance as permitted by the Companies Act 2006.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES - The directors are responsible for preparing the report of the directors 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- \* state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed; and
- \* prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

So far as each of the directors is aware at the time the report is approved, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Board of directors on 27 January 2015 and signed by order of the Board by

Mount Road Eastbourne East Sussex

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P FREEMAN, FCA, CTA(Fellow)

Secretary

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HYDRO HOTEL, EASTBOURNE, PLC

We have audited the financial statements of Hydro Hotel, Eastbourne, plc for the year ended 31 October 2014 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on pages 5 and 6, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors. 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.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's web-site at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 October 2014 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.

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

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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

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

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

William Neale Bussey (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Mazars LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Tower Bridge House

St Katharine's Way

London

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27 January 2015

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
TURNOVER	2	3,069,548	3,061,278
Cost of sales		(2,763,894)	(2,775,258)
GROSS PROFIT		305,654	286,020
Administrative expenses		(188,324)	(195,384)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	117,330	90,636
BANK INTEREST RECEIVABLE		6,323	9,638
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		123,653	100,274
TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	5	(28,694)	(23,290)
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	10	94,959	76,984
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EARNINGS PER SHARE	13	15.83p	12.83p

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES - there are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year as stated above.

All the above relate to continuing activities.

### NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

	2014 £	2013 £
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	123,653	100,274
Difference between the historical cost depreciation charge on freehold land and buildings and the actual depreciation charge for the year calculated on revalued amounts	4,279	4,279
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION USING HISTORICAL COST DEPRECIATION CHARGE FOR YEAR	127,932	104,553
PROFIT FOR YEAR ON HISTORICAL COST BASIS	99,238	81,263
ECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDI	ERS' FUNDS	
	2014 £.	2013

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	<b>2014</b> £	2013 £
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	94,959	76,984
Dividends paid (Note 4)	(108,000)	(108,000)
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NET REDUCTION IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	(13,041)	(31,016)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AT 1 NOVEMBER	3,313,609	3,344,625
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AT 31 OCTOBER	3,300,568	<i>3,313,609</i>

#### **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 OCTOBER 2014**

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	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets					
Freehold land and buildings	6		1,855,135		1,855,410
Furniture and equipment	6		774,189		900,146
			2,629,324		2,755,556
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		34,323		37,309	
Debtors	7	101,994		104,686	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,115,351		976,102	
		1,251,668		1,118,097	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(500,800)		(469,534)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			750,868		648,563
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	TIES		3,380,192		3,404,119
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHAI	RGES 9		(79,624)		(90,510)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES			3,300,568		3,313,609
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Ordinary Shares - of £1 each allotted, called	ed up & fully p	paid	600,000		600,000
Revaluation Reserve	10		432,604		436,883
Profit and Loss Account	10		2,267,964		2,276,726
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			3,300,568		3,313,609

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of directors and were signed on its behalf on 27 January 2015.

G C King

Directors

M R Peck

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### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2014

		20	14	20	13
	Notes	£	£	£	£
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1		343,850		297,134
RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF FINANCE				0.420	
Interest received		6,323		9,638	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND FROM SERVICING OF FINANCE			6,323		9,638
TAXATION  Corporation tax paid			(24,347)		(18,786)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE  Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets			(66,076)		(156,060)
EQUITY DIVIDENDS PAID			(108,000)		(108,000)
NET CASH INFLOW BEFORE MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES AND FINANCING	2		151,750		23,926
MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES  Decrease in short-term deposits			250,000		50,000
INCREASE IN CASH	3		401,750		73,926

OTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEM		2014	2013
		£	£
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating profit		117,330	90,636
Depreciation		201,779	210,404
Loss on disposal of Fixed Assets		1,807	-
Decrease/(Increase) in Stocks		2,986	(3,246)
Decrease in Debtors		2,692	45,307
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors		17,256	(45,967)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		343,850	<u> 297,134</u>
Net cash inflow from operating activities  ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			
·	1 November 2013 £		297,134  31 October 2014 £
·		Cash Flows	31 October 2014
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS	£	Cash Flows	31 October 2014
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS  Cash at bank and in hand	£ 676,102	Cash Flows £ 389,249	31 October 2014
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS  Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft	£ 676,102 (12,501)	Cash Flows £ 389,249 12,501	31 October 2014 £ 1,065,351

2014 £	2013 £
401,750	73,926
(250,000)	(50,000)
151,750	23,926
963,601	939,675
1,115,351	963,601
	£ 401,750 (250,000)  151,750 963,601

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with the exception of freehold buildings that had been revalued. The accounting policies comply in all material respects with all U.K. Accounting Standards and applicable law.

#### Going concern

The company's business activities, development and performance for the financial year, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, are set out in the Chairman's Statement and Strategic Report on pages 2 to 4. The Strategic Report also details its approach to managing financial risks. The company has considerable financial resources and no borrowings, and annually prepares a cash forecast for the 15 months ahead. Based on an assessment of these factors, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

#### Turnover

Turnover is the value of goods and services sold to customers and guests after deducting discounts and VAT.

#### Sale of goods

The Hotel operates restaurant and bar facilities. Sales of goods are recognised when the restaurant or bar sells a product to a customer.

#### Sale of services

The Hotel supplies conference and event facilities as well as hotel rooms to business and private customers. Sales of rooms and conference and event facilities are recognised on the dates those facilities are used. Deposits received in advance are not recognised as turnover until the day of the stay or event.

#### Tangible fixed assets

#### (i) Freehold land and buildings

The directors adopted Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 15) "Tangible fixed assets" for the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2000. The directors took advantage of the transitional arrangements available to retain the book amounts of freehold properties which were revalued on 31 October 1990 by a firm of Chartered Surveyors on the open market value basis. This revaluation has not been updated.

Depreciation has been provided from 1 November 1999 at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation on a straight line basis over the following expected useful lives:

Land

- not depreciated

Buildings

- 100 years

A review for impairment is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the fixed asset may not be appropriate.

#### (ii) Furniture and equipment

Depreciation is provided on furniture and equipment at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The depreciation rates are determined in accordance with commercial practice for the hotel industry on a straight line basis over 5, 10 or 15 years.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### Stock

Stocks comprise consumable provisions and stores valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

#### Pensions

Defined contribution pension schemes

Defined contribution schemes are set up for employees and the assets of these schemes are held separately being invested with pension scheme providers. The charge for the year is the amount of contributions payable by the company.

#### Deferred taxation

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS 19) "Deferred tax" the company provides deferred tax in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the Balance Sheet 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 law.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The turnover and operating profit are wholly attributable to the company's sole activity as hoteliers. The company operates in the United Kingdom and the whole of its turnover is to the United Kingdom market.

#### 3. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit has been arrived at after charging:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Auditor's remuneration:		
Hydro Hotel, Eastbourne, plc		
Audit fees - Mazars LLP	13,779	12,804
Corporate finance services - Mazars Corporate Finance Limited	4,100	3,967
	17,879	16,771 ————
Depreciation:		
Freehold buildings	12,743	12,598
Furniture and equipment	189,036	197,806
	201,779	210,404

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

3.	OPERATING PROFIT (CONTINUED)	2014 £	2013 £
	Directors' remuneration:		
	Directors' emoluments	90.252	02 470
	Pension contributions	89,252 7,718	93,470 6,049
	1 Clision Contributions	7,716	0,049
		96,970	99,519
	The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing to 1 (2013 - 1).	under money purchase sche	emes amounted
	Employee information Staff costs:		
	Wages and salaries	1,144,361	1,172,463
	Employer's social security costs	67,953	73,673
	Employer's pension costs	12,523	8,922
		1,224,837	<i>1,255,058</i>
	The average number of employees during the year was:	Number	Number
	Management and administrative	11	$II_{\cdot}$
	Operational	90	87
		101	98
		===	==
4.	DIVIDENDS	2014	2013
		£	£
	Paid during the year:-		
	First interim dividend 6.0p (2013 - 6.0p)	36,000	36,000
	Second interim dividend 12.0p (2013 - 12.0p)	72,000	72,000
		108,000	108,000

#### Dividends payable:

On 10 December 2014, the following dividends were declared: a first interim dividend of £36,000 (2013: £36,000) which was paid on the 15 January 2015 to shareholders on the register on Friday 19 December 2014, and a second interim dividend of £72,000 (2013: £72,000) for payment on the 7 May 2015 to shareholders on the register on Friday 24 April 2015.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

5.	TAXATION	2014 £	2013 £
	U.K. corporation tax charge at the rate of 20% (2013 rate: 20%)	20.501	24240
	For the year	39,581	24,348
	Adjustment in respect of previous periods	(1)	
	Current tax charge (see below)	39,580	24,348
	Deferred taxation on origination and reversal of timing differences	(10,886)	(1,058)
	Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	28,694	23,290
	Factors affecting tax charge for period:		
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	123,653	100,274
	Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the average rate of corporation tax		
	in the U.K. for the year of 20% (2013 rate: 20%)	24,730	20,055
	Income not taxable	-	(20)
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,043	-
	Capital allowances for year less than depreciation	13,808	4,313
	Adjustment to tax charge in respect of previous period	(1)	
	Current tax charge for period (see above)	39,580	24,348

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Furniture and Equipment £	Total £
Revaluation/Cost			
Brought forward at 1 November 2013	2,000,562	2,362,392	4,362,954
Additions in the year	12,468	64,886	77,354
Disposals in the year		(17,841)	(17,841)
Carried forward at 31 October 2014	2,013,030	2,409,437	4,422,467
Valuation at 31 October 1990	1,440,000		
Additions at cost to 31 October 2014	573,030		
Carried forward at 31 October 2014	2,013,030		
Depreciation			
Brought forward at 1 November 2013	145,152	1,462,246	1,607,398
Charge for the year	12,743	189,036	201,779
Disposals in the year		(16,034)	(16,034)
Carried forward at 31 October 2014	157,895	1,635,248	1,793,143
Book value at 31 October 2014	1,855,135	774,189	2,629,324
Book value at 1 November 2013	1,855,410	900,146	2,755,556

Included within the book value of Freehold Land and Buildings at 31 October 2014 is £771,773 of non depreciated land.

The book value at 31 October 2014 of the Company's fixed assets on an historic cost basis is:-

	Freehold Land and Buildings	Furniture and Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost	1,090,880	2,409,437	3,500,317
Accumulated depreciation	(93,713)	(1,635,248)	(1,728,961)
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Net historic book value	997,167	774,189	1,771,356

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

7.	DEBTORS			2014 £	2013 £
	Amounts falling due within one year:			L	ı.
	Trade debtors			83,255	78,957
	Other debtors			2,127	493
	Prepayments and accrued income			16,612	25,236
				101,994	104,686
8.	CREDITORS				
	Amounts falling due within one year:				
	Bank overdraft			-	12,501
	Trade creditors			156,235	119,596
	Corporation tax			39,581	24,348
	Other taxation and social security			160,225	157,535
	Accruals and deferred income			144,759	155,554
				500,800	469,534
9.	PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHA	ARGES			
	Deferred tax				
	Balance brought forward			90,510	91,568
	Movement in the year			(10,886)	(1,058)
	Balance carried forward			79,624	90,510
	The deferred taxation liability relates to the e	ffects of accelerate	ed capital allowar	nces claimed.	
10	RESERVES				
10.	RESERVES	Daveluation	Duofit and	2014	2012
		Revaluation Reserve	Profit and Loss	2014 Total	2013 Total
		£	£	£	£
	Balance at 1 November	436,883	2,276,726	2,713,609	2,744,625
	Retained profit for the year	-	94,959	94,959	76,984
	Transfer of depreciation on revalued assets Dividends paid in the year (Note 4)	(4,279)	4,279 (108,000)	(108,000)	(108,000)
	Balance at 31 October	432,604	2,267,964	2,700,568	2,713,609
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### 11. PENSIONS

Defined contribution pension schemes

The company offers defined contribution pension scheme membership to employees. Contributions payable during the year ended 31 October 2014 amounted to £12,523 (2013 £8,922). At the balance sheet date, contributions amounting to £473 (2013 £nil) had not been paid over to the fund and are included within creditors.

The company has no defined benefit pension scheme.

#### 12. DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS AND RELATED PARTY MATTERS

Mr C P Freeman the company secretary and director is a partner in Perkins Copeland, Chartered Accountants. This firm provided accountancy, taxation, secretarial and registration services to the company costing £52,190 during the year ended 31 October 2014 (2013 £47,825). The amount outstanding and due to Perkins Copeland at 31 October 2014 was £21,010 (2013 £21,070) and is included in Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year (Note 8).

No other director was materially interested, either at the year end or during the year, in any contract of significance in relation to the business of the company.

Directors received dividends in accordance with their shareholdings. Dividends of £4,385 (2013 £3,575) were paid to the directors during the year.

13.	EARNINGS PER SHARE	2014	2013
		£	£
	Earnings are based on the profit for the year	94,959	76,984
	Earnings per share (basic and diluted)	15.83p	12.83p

Earnings per share have been calculated using 600,000 shares, being the weighted average number of shares for both years. The company has no potential ordinary shares, therefore basic and diluted earnings per share is the same figure.

#### 14. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The directors consider that there is no ultimate controlling party.

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