



Argent Meat Traders Limited

Annual Report and financial statements

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Company Information

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D J Gray
J N Oldcorn

Registered number

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their Annual Report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Directors

The Directors who served throughout the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements, unless otherwise stated, were as follows:

D J Gray
J N Oldcorn

Results and dividends

Detailed results for the year are set out in the Income Statement on page 4. The loss for the financial year was £663,000 (2019: profit of £211,000). A dividend of £2.5 million was paid during the year (2019: £nil).

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

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 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A, and applicable law).

Under company law, 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 102 Section 1A 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 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 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 responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Directors' Report (continued)

Small company exemption

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

COVID-19

The COVID-19 outbreak, and resulting measures taken by various governments to contain the virus, continues to affect businesses worldwide. Given the nature of the principal activity and the performance throughout 2020, the Directors believe that the current market conditions are unlikely to have a significant impact on results. The activity of the business is likely to continue in the foreseeable future.

On behalf of the board



D J Gray
Director
11 June 2021

Level 5
9 Hatton Street
London
NW8 8PL

Income Statement

for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Turnover	2	-	317
Administrative expenses		(838)	(214)
(Loss)/profit before interest and tax	3	(838)	103
Interest receivable and similar income	5	200	200
(Loss)/profit before tax		(638)	303
Tax on (loss)/profit	7	(25)	(92)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(663)	211

Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Non-current assets			
Investments	9	748	1,492
		748	1,492
Current assets			
Debtors	10	4,500	5,000
Cash at bank and in hand		185	2,176
		4,685	7,176
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(95)	(167)
Net current assets		4,590	7,009
Total assets less current liabilities		5,338	8,501
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(2,789)	(2,789)
Net assets		2,549	5,712
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	13	3,049	3,049
(Accumulated losses)/retained earnings		(500)	2,663
Total equity		2,549	5,712

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A.

For the year ended 31 December 2020, the Company was entitled to audit exemption under section 479a of the Companies Act 2006.

No members have required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 4 to 12 were approved by the board of directors on 11 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



D J Gray
Director

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Called up share capital £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total equity £'000
Balance at 1 January 2019		3,049	2,452	5,501
Profit for the financial year		-	211	211
Balance at 31 December 2019		3,049	2,663	5,712
Loss for the financial year		-	(663)	(663)
Dividends paid	8	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Balance at 31 December 2020		3,049	(500)	2,549

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2020

1. Accounting policies

General information

Argent Meat Traders Limited's ("the Company") principal activity is the trade of meat commodities.

The Company is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in England, United Kingdom, registration number 00368420. The address of its registered office is Level 5, 9 Hatton Street, London NW8 8PL.

Statement of compliance

The individual financial statements of Argent Meat Traders Limited have been prepared under the historical cost convention in compliance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are presented in Sterling and rounded to the nearest thousand, unless stated otherwise. They are prepared on a going concern basis. Given the nature of the principal activity the Company has not been impacted by COVID-19. Based on the circumstances described above, the financial statements are prepared on the assumption that the entity is a going concern.

Summary of significant accounting policies



Accounting policies are disclosed within each of the applicable notes to the financial statements and are designated by this box. They have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements throughout the year and preceding year.

Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

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. The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will by definition seldom equal the actual results. The Directors do not believe there to be any significant estimates or assumptions that would have a material impact within the next financial year.

2. Turnover



Turnover is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer, it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Company and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. Turnover represents the value of goods and services supplied, net of value added tax and trade discounts.

Turnover is attributable to one continuing activity, namely that of the trade of meat commodities. All turnover arises from the Company's principal activity in the United Kingdom.

3. (Loss)/profit before interest and tax

(Loss)/profit before interest and tax is stated after charging:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Auditor's remuneration - audit services	-	4
Amortisation of investments (note 9)	744	204

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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4. Directors' remuneration

The Directors did not receive any emoluments during the current year or prior year from the Company but did receive remuneration through another group company. This remuneration was not recharged to the Company (2019: £nil), and the portion of time spent on the Company is not significant.

5. Interest receivable and similar income



Interest receivable and similar income comprises interest receivable on investments. Interest is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Interest receivable from group undertakings	200	200
	200	200

6. Employment



The Company provides a range of benefits to employees, including annual bonus arrangements, paid holiday arrangements and defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans.

Short term benefits

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the year in which the service is received.

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

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Administration	1	1
	1	1

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Wages and salaries	13	26
Social security costs	2	3
	15	29

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7. Tax on (loss)/profit



Current tax, including UK Corporation Tax, is included at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date. Deferred tax is provided in respect of the tax effect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the statement of financial position date where transactions or events have occurred at the statement of financial position date that result in an obligation to pay more tax or a right to pay less tax in the future. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that they are considered recoverable in the future. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets and liabilities have been recognised in these financial statements using the future Corporation Tax rates.

The tax charge represents:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Current tax		
UK Corporation Tax on (loss)/profit for the year	20	92
Adjustments in respect of prior years	5	-
Total current tax	25	92
Total tax charge in profit and loss	25	92

Reconciliation of effective tax rate

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2019: higher than) the standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK of 19.00% (2019: 19.00%). The differences are explained below:

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
(Loss)/profit before tax	(234)	303
(Loss)/profit before tax multiplied by the standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK at 19.00% (2019: 19.00%)	(44)	58
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	64	34
Adjustments in respect of prior years	5	-
Tax charge for the year	25	92

Factors that may affect future tax charges

In the 2021 Budget, the UK Government announced that from 1 April 2023 the UK Corporation Tax rate would increase to 25% (rather than the rate remaining at 19%, as previously enacted). This new law was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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8. Dividends paid



Dividends unpaid at the Statement of Financial Position date are only recognised as a liability at that date to the extent that they are appropriately authorised and are no longer at the discretion of the Company. Unpaid dividends that do not meet these criteria are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Ordinary dividends paid £0.82 per share (2019: £nil per share)	2,500	-
	2,500	-

The interim dividend was declared and paid in October 2020 and is not considered to be illegal as it was based on the financial position at 30 September 2020 which showed that there were sufficient reserves available for distribution at the time the dividend was paid. At the time of the declaration and payment of the dividend the Directors determined that the Company would be able to meet its debts as they fell due in the future.

9. Investments



Investments are held at cost less any provision for impairment in value.

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Net book value		
At beginning of year	1,492	1,696
Amortisation	(744)	(204)
At end of year	748	1,492

10. Debtors



Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at transaction price. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at the market rate of interest. Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

At the end of the reporting year trade and other receivables are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If the asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the profit or loss.

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Due within one year:		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,500	5,000
	4,500	5,000

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured with interest fixed at a rate of 3.40% (2019: 3.25%) plus base rate and are repayable on demand.

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11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year



Trade and other creditors that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

Where the arrangement with a creditor constitutes a financing transaction, the creditor is initially measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar instrument and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	20	92
Other creditors	-	63
Other taxation and social security	-	8
Accruals and deferred income	75	4
	95	167

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured with no interest charged and repayable on demand.

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Other creditors	2,789	2,789
	2,789	2,789

13. Called up share capital



Ordinary shares are classified as equity. 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.

	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Allotted and fully paid		
3,049,000 (2019: 3,049,000) Ordinary shares of £1 each	3,049	3,049
	3,049	3,049

14. Assets pledged, commitments and contingencies

The Company is a participant in a group arrangement under which all assets and surplus cash balances are held as collateral for bank facilities advanced to group members. The facilities are secured under a debenture dated 22 September 2017 over all assets of the Company.

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15. Related party transactions

15.1 Group transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption provided in FRS 102 from disclosing transactions with members of the same group that are wholly owned.

15.2 Key management personnel

Only members of the board are considered to be key management personnel. It is the board who have responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company. Directors' remuneration is detailed in note 4.

16. Ultimate and immediate parent undertakings

The Company is ultimately owned and controlled by D J Gray.

The Company's immediate parent is Argent Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales, with registered office at 5th Floor, 9 Hatton Street, London NW8 8PL.

The largest group into which the results of the Company are consolidated is Fletcher Bay Group Limited. Copies of those consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the registered office at 5th Floor, 9 Hatton Street, London NW8 8PL.

The smallest group into which the results of the Company are consolidated is Argent Foods Limited. Copies of those consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the registered office at 5th Floor, 9 Hatton Street, London NW8 8PL.