# NEILCOTT CONSTRUCTION LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019



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# STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### Fair review of the business

The key financial highlights are as follows:

	2019 £	2018 £	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover	100,540,951	100,619,077	103,688,661	99,627,668
Change in turnover	(0.08)%	(2.96)%	4.08%	20.15%
Gross margin	13,285,807 13,21%	14,064,383 13.98%	13,149,536 12.68%	11,834,008 11.88%
Operating profit /(loss)	6,618,069	7,258,170	7,285,914	6,548,335
Profit for the financial year (after tax)	5,937,901	5,716,052	5,580,017	5,247,022
Working capital	12,032,832	10,542,816	9,099,021	7,750,546

The 2019 results, for Neilcott Construction Ltd (the 'company') set out herein reflect another successful year's trading, maintaining turnover, profitability and cash at bank broadly in line with the outcomes of 2018. The enquiry level too remained high, at £391million, slightly above the previous record of 2016. The overall tender conversion rate was maintained at 1:4.5.

During the year traditional key trading relationships were maintained, with education and housing representing a substantial element of workload, now in roughly equal proportion. In respect of the former, activity in the further education market has continued to grow. The year has also seen a number of framework successes which are providing a growing proportion of tender opportunities.

### STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

#### **Business risks**

The company's turnover represents but a fraction of the workload which is potentially available within the market therefore provided flexibility is retained to allow the company to continue to respond proactively to possible changes in market demographics and provided standards of delivery are maintained, the company will continue to be largely immune to cyclical market trends. Clearly the COVID-19 pandemic is a unique event with the potential to have a significantly adverse impact upon the market - clients, contractors, sub contractors and suppliers. The period of such adverse impact remains difficult to predict however it is expected that during more difficult times, the company's innate agility will ensure that it will continue to outperform many of its competitors.

#### Financial risks

The company's principal financial instruments comprise bank balances, intercompany loans, other debtors and other creditors. The main purpose of these instruments is to finance the company's operations. The nature of the financial instruments used by the company is such that their market value does not fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. The company's approach to managing the risks applicable to the financial instruments concerned is as below.

#### Credit risks

Credit risk is minimised by assessing all new and existing customers for creditworthiness and implementing arrangements as appropriate such as to provide for security of payments.

#### Liquidity risks

Liquidity risk is managed by prudent management of cash within the business enabling day to day operations and long-term expansion of the business to be funded without recourse to external finance. The directors regularly review cash held within the business in terms of both the immediate and future cash requirements to ensure commitments are met as they fall due and allowing prudent levels of reserve such as to protect the business from unexpected debtor issues. Cash levels held will ensure that financial challenges arising as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic can be absorbed without distress and opportunities which will arise as the pandemic's effects begin to subside can be successfully exploited. Cash levels will also enable bonds to continue to be procured at competitive rates despite prevailing market conditions.

#### **Objectives**

The company aims to be the preferred contractor of choice for its clients. This will be achieved through consistently delivering the required end product in terms of time, cost and quality, in a manner which respects the overriding and absolute requirement to maintain the health, safety and welfare of all those who may come into contact with our activities. All of our activities, large and small are therefore undertaken with a view to exceeding expectations wherever possible. By so doing and by adopting and promoting a collaborative approach throughout, the construction process is rendered an enjoyable and rewarding experience for all. This approach will support long term, repeat order trading relationships with clients and their advisors who value both the nature of the end product and the manner in which it is delivered. Development of such relationships provides the opportunity to secure steady work streams with a likeminded client base whose credentials can be relied upon, affording the company the best opportunity to realise a fair return on its activities.

The company also aspires for similar excellence across a broader range of activities. Continuous improvement is sought in respect of the impact of the company's activities upon the environment, seeking not just to minimise the potential for adverse impact but actively seeking out opportunities to create positive impacts. The company also recognises that having a significant stake in the public sector supply chain imposes a responsibility to maximise opportunities to generate community benefits arising from local capital expenditure and takes proactive steps to support this agenda.

### STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### Operating model

Fundamental to achieving these objectives is attracting, developing and retaining a high calibre and highly motivated management team who share the company's collaborative ethos and for whom a proactive approach to problem solving is second nature. Such staff will be motivated by the challenges offered by the most demanding projects whereupon higher level skill sets can create the greatest competitive advantage.

The company's approach to construction requires a stable supply chain to be maintained comprising partners who share the company's ambitions and who possess the necessary technical credentials to allow them to contribute positively to the construction process whilst being able to provide appropriate levels of commercial security. Adoption of fair procurement and payment practices and provision of exemplary working environments promotes a partnership approach to working with the supply chain, ensuring the highest standards are achieved whilst allowing our partners to realise their own commercial expectations.

#### **Forward Planning**

The COVID-19 pandemic will impact adversely upon planning for 2020. In the short term margins will be negatively impacted as a consequence of reduced production arising from the initial severe disruption of trading suffered during the early stages of the pandemic. This is expected to be compounded, certainly through to year end, by ongoing loss of efficiencies as the Company, along with clients, consultants and the supply chain, adapt to the measures necessary in order to maintain safe working practices. In addition, in the medium term at least but possibly longer, it is likely that the market generally will contract as clients postpone or even cancel, projects, either as a result of immediate, general uncertainty or concerns as to future availability of funding. This contraction of the overall market will inevitably lead not only to a reduction in turnover but likely further downward pressure on margins. It can be expected therefore that 2020 will be a challenging year.

The Company's underlying financial strength will enable these challenges to be met. In so doing the focus will, as ever, remain upon profitability rather than turnover. In this respect, applying the Company's rigorous risk management strategies in a commercially turbulent market may dictate that some potential opportunities, which might in more normal times be deemed to present an acceptable risk profile, cannot be pursued. Whilst this prudent approach will put further pressure on turnover it is wholly consistent with maintaining the Company's absolute commitment to profitability.

Present planning envisages 2020 turnover being in the region of £75 million. Such a reduction in turnover, combined with anticipated industry wide downward pressure on margins, will undoubtedly present the company with challenges. The Directors are confident however that these challenges can be addressed, with the year remaining profitable, albeit at a significantly reduced level. In so doing the company will ensure that the core capacity and business agility necessary to respond positively to any market recovery during 2021 is maintained, allowing opportunities which may arise as a consequence of the likely demise of less financially robust potential competitors, to be fully realised.

On behalf of the board

M C Elster
Director

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of construction.

#### Directors

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

N Harrison M C Elster R Weatherston J Gissane

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 9.

Ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £4.300,000 (2018: £4,300,000) during the year.

#### Financial instruments

The company's financial instruments at the balance sheet date comprised cash and liquid resources. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide finance for the company's operations. The company has various other financial instruments such as trade debtors and trade creditors, that arise directly from its operations.

#### 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

#### Strategic report

The company has chosen in accordance with Companies Act 2006, s. 414C(11) to set out in the company's strategic report information required by Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, Sch. 7 to be contained in the directors' report.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 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 C Elster Director

Date: Warne 2020

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF NEILCOTT CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Neilcott Construction Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise 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 a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 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 2019 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- 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 draw attention to the disclosures relating to the impact of Covid-19 since the year end set out in notes 1.2 and 18. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in 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 in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF NEILCOTT CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

#### 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.

#### 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 and the directors' report.

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.

#### 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF NEILCOTT CONSTRUCTION LIMITED

#### 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.

Catherine Cooper (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Wilkins Kennedy Audit Services

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**Statutory Auditor** 

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# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2019	2018
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	3	100,540,951	100,61,9,077
Cost of sales		(87,255,144)	(86,554,694)
Gross profit		13,285,807	14,064,383
Administrative expenses		(6,667,738)	(6,103,213)
Exceptional item	4	-	(703,000)
Operating profit	5	6,618,069	7,258,170
Interest receivable and similar income		98,482	63,908
Profit before taxation		6,716,551	7,322,078
Tax on profit	9	(778,650)	(1,606,026)
Profit for the financial year		5,937,9 <u>0</u> 1	5,716,052

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

### BALANCE SHEET

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	20 £	)19 £	20 £	)18 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets	11		378,940		231,055
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12	37,789,318 31,951,921		29,824,464 33,825,874	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	69,741,239 (57,708,407)		63,650,338 (53,107,522)	
Net current assets			12,032,832		10,542,816
Total assets less current liabilities			12,411,772		10,773,871
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss reserves	16		500,000 11,911,772		500,000 10,273,871
Total equity			12,411,772		10,773,871

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on N. Low Low and are signed on its behalf by:

M C Elster **Director** 

Company Registration No. 01151561

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	Share capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2018		500,000	8,857,819	9,357,819
Year ended 31 December 2018: Profit and total comprehensive income for the year Dividends  Balance at 31 December 2018	10	500,000	5,716,052 (4,300,000) 	5,716,052 (4,300,000) ————————————————————————————————
Year ended 31 December 2019: Profit and total comprehensive income for the year Dividends  Balance at 31 December 2019	10	500,000	5,937,901 (4,300,000) 11,911,772	(4,300,000)

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		20	2019		18
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	21		3,428,126		15,120,573
Income taxes paid			(823,196)		(2,234,622)
Net cash inflow from operating activities			2,604,930		12,885,951
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(277,365)		(70,449)	
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed asse	ts	• -		18,433	
Interest received		98,482		63,908	
Net cash (used in)/generated from invest activities	ing		(178,883)		11,892
Financing activities					
Dividends paid		(4,300,000)		(4,300,000)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(4,300,000)	<del></del>	(4,300,000)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	1	:	(1,873,953)		8,597,843
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of	year		33,825,874		25,228,031
Cash and cash equivalents at end of yea	r		31,951,921		33,825,874
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Company information

Neilcott Construction Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Excel House, Cray Avenue, Orpington, Kent, BR5 3ST.

#### 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.

This company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102, being a member of a group where the parent of that group prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements, including this company, which are intended to give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group. The company has therefore taken advantage of exemptions from the following disclosure requirements:

- Section 4 'Statement of Financial Position': Reconciliation of the opening and closing number of shares;
- Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues': Carrying amounts, interest income/expense and net gains/losses for each category of financial instrument; basis of determining fair values; details of collateral, loan defaults or breaches, details of hedges, hedging fair value changes recognised in profit or loss and in other comprehensive income:
- · Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures'.

The financial statements of the company are consolidated in the financial statements of Tyrolese (751) Limited. These consolidated financial statements are available from its registered office, Excel House, Cray Avenue, Orpington, BR5 3ST.

#### Related party exemption

The company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The Directors have reviewed the company's operating plans and considered expected impacts on the company's future revenues caused by Coronavirus and the associated likely downward pressure on margins. Whilst at this stage, it is difficult to predict these impacts with certainty, on the basis of the Directors review, the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and it is therefore appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.3 Turnover

Revenue is measured as the value of the consideration received or receivable for goods provided, net of trade discounts and value added tax.

Revenue is recognised as follows:

Construction income

Revenue from construction activities represents the value of work carried out during the year, including amounts not invoiced.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

Pre-contract costs

Costs associated with bidding for contracts are written off as incurred (pre-contract costs).

#### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation 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:

Leasehold improvements

15% per annum

Plant and equipment

33.33% per annum

Motor vehicles

25% per annum

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

#### 1.5 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.6 Construction contracts

Where the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably, revenue and costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the reporting end date. Variations in contract work, claims and incentive payments are included to the extent that the amount can be measured reliably and its receipt is considered probable.

When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract turnover, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Where the outcome of a construction contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognised to the extent of contract costs incurred where it is probable that they will be recoverable. Contract costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred. When costs incurred in securing a contract are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred, they are not included in contract costs if the contract is obtained in a subsequent period.

The "percentage of completion method" is used to determine the appropriate amount to recognise in a given period. The stage of completion is measured by the proportion of contract costs incurred for work performed to date compared to the estimated total contract costs. Costs incurred in the year in connection with future activity on a contract are excluded from contract costs in determining the stage of completion. These costs are presented as stocks, prepayments or other assets depending on their nature, and provided it is probable they will be recovered

#### 1.7 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.

#### 1.8 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.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1 Accounting policies

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#### Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an 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 profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

#### Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

#### 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, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

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 and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Other financial liabilities

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or finance income as appropriate, unless hedge accounting is applied and the hedge is a cash flow hedge.

Debt instruments that do not meet the conditions in FRS 102 paragraph 11.9 are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss. Debt instruments may be designated as being measured at fair value through profit or loss to eliminate or reduce an accounting mismatch or if the instruments are measured and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.9 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.

#### 1.10 Taxation

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

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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.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

#### 1.11 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.12 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

The company recognises an accrual for accumulated annual leave accrued by employees as a result of services rendered in the current period for which employees can carry forward and use within the next year. The accrual is measured at the salary cost of the respective employee in relation to the period of absence.

#### 1.13 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

#### 1.14 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leases asset are consumed.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 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.

#### Leases

Determine whether leases entered into by the company either as a lessor or a lessee are operating or finance leases. These decisions depend on an assessment of whether the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred from the lessor to the lessee, on a lease by lease basis.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Determine whether there are indicators of impairment of the company's tangible assets. Factors taken into consideration in reaching such a decision include the economic viability and expected future financial performance of the asset and where it is a component of a larger cash-generating unit, the viability and expected future performance of that unit.

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

#### Bad debt provision

Bad debts are provided for specific debts when required.

#### Revenue and margin recognition

The company's construction revenue recognition and margin recognition policies which are set out earlier in Note 1 are central to how the company values the work it has carried out in the financial year. These policies require forecasts to be made of the outcomes of construction contracts for building works which require assessments and judgements to be made on the recovery of changes in the scope of the work, contract programme issues, maintenance and defects liabilities and changes in costs.

#### 3 Turnover and other revenue

	2019 £	2018 £
Turnover analysed by geographical market		
United Kingdom 10	00,540,951	100,619,077

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

4	Exceptional item		
		2019	2018
	Expenditure	£	£
	Funding of Employee Benefit Trust	-	703,000
	During the prior year, the company paid £nil (2018: £703,000) for a contributive to fund a share plan in Neilcott Group Holdings Limited for the company		
5	Operating profit		
	Operating profit for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):	2019 £	2018 £
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	129,480	98,192
	Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets Operating lease charges	95,000	(18,433) 95,000
6	Auditor's remuneration		
	Fees payable to the company's auditor and associates:	2019 £	2018 £
	For audit services		
	Audit of the financial statements of the company	18,650	18,110
	For other services		<u> </u>
	Taxation compliance services	2,300 	2,215
7	Employees		
	Their aggregate remuneration comprised:		
		2019 £	2018 £
	Wages and salaries	15,284,168	12,518,595
	Social security costs Pension costs	1,854,508 448,305	1,538,817 392,163
		17,586,981	14,449,575
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

Remuneration for qualifying services  Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes  2019 £  569,001 40,528	2018 £ 571,178 37,558 608,736
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Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes 40,528	
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609,529	
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The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined benefit so amounted to 4 (2018 - 4).	chemes
Remuneration disclosed above include the following amounts paid to the highest paid director:	
2019	2018
£	£
Remuneration for qualifying services	151,662
Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes 10,900	10,900
9 Taxation	
2019 £	2018 £
Current tax	
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Adjustments in respect of prior periods (551,804)	138,224)
Total current tax 823,196 1,	611,776
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Deferred tax Origination and reversal of timing differences (44,546)	(5,750)
Total tax charge 778,650 1,	606,026

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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The actual charge for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge for the year based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

		2019 £	2018 £
	Profit before taxation	6,716,551	7,322,078 ======
	Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2018: 19.00%)	1,276,145	1,391,195
	Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	127,422	71,821
	Adjustments in respect of prior years	(551,804)	(138,224)
	Depreciation on assets not qualifying for tax allowances	(28,567)	635
	Change in tax rates	-	286,349
	Movement on deferred tax	(44,546)	(5,750)
	Taxation charge for the year	778,650	1,606,026
10	Dividends		
		2019	2018
		£	£
	Final paid	4,300,000	4,300,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

11	Tangible fixed assets				
		Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 January 2019	453,716	36,423	207,535	697,674
	Additions	136,128	11,364	129,873	277,365
	Disposals	<u> </u>		(21,652)	(21,652)
	At 31 December 2019	589,844	47,787	315,756	953,387
	Depreciation and impairment				
	At 1 January 2019	268,179	21,404	177,036	466,619
	Depreciation charged in the year	81,670	8,473	39,337	129,480
	Eliminated in respect of disposals	-		(21,652)	(21,652)
	At 31 December 2019	349,849	29,877	194,721	574,447
	Carrying amount	<del></del>			
	At 31 December 2019	239,995	17,910	121,035	378,940
	At 31 December 2018	185,537	15,019	30,499	231,055
12	Debtors				
	Amounts falling due within one year:			2019 £	2018 £
	Trade debtors		8	,068,804	5,786,099
	Gross amounts owed by contract customers		8	,099,050	7,264,628
	Amounts owed by group undertakings		20	,206,811	15,906,711
	Other debtors			967,333	195,546
	Prepayments and accrued income			345,890	614,596
			37	,687,888	29,767,580
	Deferred tax asset (note 14)			101,430	56,884
			37	789,318	29,824,464
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Retirement benefit schemes

**Defined contribution schemes** 

Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	·	2019	2018
		£	£
	Payments received on account	4,627,136	324,406
	Trade creditors	27,598,104	30,017,325
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	19,943,265	15,643,265
	Other creditors	2,022,426	1,538,210
	Accruals and deferred income	3,517,476	5,584,316
		57,708,407	53,107,522
14	Deferred taxation		
	The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the thereon:	ie company and	d movements
		Assets	Assets
		2019	2018
	Balances:	£	£
	Accelerated capital allowances	76,525	37,196
	Retirement benefit obligations	24,905	19,688
		101,430	56,884
			2019
	Movements in the year:		£
	Asset at 1 January 2019		(56,884)
	Credit to profit or loss		(44,546)
	Asset at 31 December 2019	,	(101,430)

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

2019

448,305

£

2018

392,163

£

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

16	Share capital			
	·		2019	2018
		r	£	£
	Ordinary share capital			
	Issued and fully paid			
	500,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		500,000	500,000

#### 17 Operating lease commitments

#### Lessee

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Within one year	118,463	151,391
Between two and five years	414,961	442,556
	533,424	593,947

#### 18 Events after the reporting date

In 2020 the world was shaken with the onset of Covid-19. The directors have assessed the operational and financial impact on the group in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 4 and in the going concern statement at note 1.2.

#### 19 Related party transactions

#### Remuneration of key management personnel

The remuneration of key management personnel is as follows.

	201	19	2018
		Ł	£
Aggregate compensation	3,004,46	36	2,844,591
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#### 20 Ultimate controlling party

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Neilcott Holdings Limited through which all operational group management is carried out.

Tyrolese (751) Limited is regarded by the directors as being the company's ultimate parent company, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

The smallest and largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that of Tyrolese (751) Limited.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

21	Cash generated from operations			
			2019	2018
			£	£
	Profit for the year after tax		5,937,901	5,716,052
	Adjustments for:			
	Taxation charged		778,650	1,606,026
	Investment income		(98,482)	(63,908)
	Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	(18,433)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets		129,480	98,192
	Movements in working capital:			
			(7,920,308)	5,780,325
	Increase in creditors		4,600,885	2,002,319
	Cash generated from operations		3,428,126	15,120,573
22	Analysis of changes in net funds			
		1 January 2019	Cash flows 3	1 December 2019
		£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	33,825,874	(1,873,953)	31,951,921