

John G Stein & Company Limited
Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020



John G Stein & Company Limited
Company Information

Directors

M Satterthwaite

S Venkatraman

Company secretary

M Satterthwaite

Registered office

1 Midland Way
Central Park
Barlborough Links
Derbyshire
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Registration number

01163342

Incorporated

A Private Limited Company incorporated in England & Wales

Auditor

Mazars LLP
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John G Stein & Company Limited

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of section 381 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The Directors have taken exemption under this regime not to disclose the strategic report.

Directors of the company

The Directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing of this Report unless otherwise stated are as follows:

M Satterthwaite

S Venkatraman

Dividends

The Directors recommend payment of a final dividend of £2,346K (2019: £674k)

Political and charitable donations

The Company made no political or charitable donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year (2019: £nil).

Directors' indemnity provisions

The ultimate parent company of John G Stein & Company Limited maintains Directors' indemnity cover for all Directors.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 Accounting Standards comprising FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101') (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), 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 apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

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.

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each Director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information. The Directors confirm that so far as they are aware there is no relevant audit information needed by the Company's auditor in connection with preparing its report which the Company's auditor is unaware.

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Going Concern

COVID- 19

The Company is a holding investment company and therefore there have been no major operational impacts from COVID-19.

Its ultimate parent company, Vesuvius plc (the Group) has considered the risks to the Group's liquidity and viability in connection with the COVID-19, including those that may be relevant to the Company and its investee companies. A detailed exercise was performed by Vesuvius plc as part of the announcement of its annual results to 31 December 2020 to determine the impact of the decline in its revenues and turnover as compared to 2019 on going concern for the Group. Based on this, Group management consider that the Group is in a robust financial position, with a strong balance sheet and liquidity position, as well as covenant headroom and is acting to conserve cash so as to remain well positioned for long term success. Although the full extent of the potential impact of COVID-19 on the Group's business, operations and the global economy as a whole is not yet clear, Group management continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as effectively as possible.

The Directors of the Company are satisfied that the COVID-19 pandemic has not materially impacted the Company's financial position or its performance at the date of these financial statements, particularly in relation to the valuation of investments held and the recoverability of intercompany balances. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. This remains a matter of close attention for the Board.

Brexit

Vesuvius has analysed the potential challenges posed by Brexit and identified mitigation strategies to address those challenges. For our customers located in the EU27 countries, most of our products are manufactured by Vesuvius outside the UK, so we did not envisage a material impact from Brexit after the expiry of the transition period. To date this has been borne out in our experience. For those customers located in the UK or located in the EU27 and supplied from our UK plants, we have contingency plans and we are working with these customers to meet their needs in a cost-efficient way.

Following Brexit, the EU Parent Subsidiary and Interest and Royalty directives no longer apply to dividend, interest and other payments to Vesuvius in the UK. Additional withholding taxes will therefore become payable subject to reliefs available under applicable tax treaties. The Group does not expect the impact of the changes to be material to its tax position.

Independent auditor

The auditor, Mazars LLP, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 15 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Michael Satterthwaite
Director

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of John G Stein & Company Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of John G Stein & Company Limited (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which comprise the Statement of Profit and Loss, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, 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 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework', ('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 2020 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

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

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 course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of John G Stein & Company Limited (continued)

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In 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 Directors' Report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, 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 the financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Based on our understanding of the Company and its industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to UK tax legislation, anti-bribery, corruption and fraud, money laundering, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006.

We evaluated the Directors' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to impairment, and the recoverability of intercompany balances.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of John G Stein & Company Limited (continued)

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- Discussing with the Directors and management their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

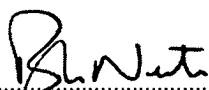
- Making enquiries of the Directors and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

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

Use of this audit report

This report is made solely to the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Robert Neate (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Mazars LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
Tower Bridge House
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London
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15 September 2021

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Statement of Profit and Loss for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Operating result		-	-
Dividend income from shares in group undertakings	6	2,346	674
Finance income	4	443	249
Profit before tax		2,789	923
Taxation	5	-	-
Profit for the financial year		2,789	923

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

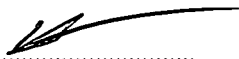
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Statement of Financial position as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Investments	6	63	-
Amounts due from group undertakings	7	17,992	17,549
		<u>18,055</u>	<u>17,549</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(63)	-
Net assets		<u>17,992</u>	<u>17,549</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	8	1,267	1,267
Retained earnings		<u>16,725</u>	<u>16,282</u>
Total shareholders' funds		<u>17,992</u>	<u>17,549</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 15 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:


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M Satterthwaite
Director

Registration number: 01163342

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Share capital £ 000	Retained earnings £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 January 2020	1,267	16,282	17,549
Profit for the financial year and total comprehensive income	-	2,789	2,789
Dividends paid	-	(2,346)	(2,346)
At 31 December 2020	1,267	16,725	17,992

	Share capital £ 000	Retained earnings £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 January 2019	1,267	16,033	17,300
Profit for the financial year and total comprehensive income	-	923	923
Dividends paid	-	(674)	(674)
At 31 December 2019	1,267	16,282	17,549

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 General information

John G Stein & Company Limited (the 'Company') is a holding company. The Company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated and domiciled in England & Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

1 Midland Way
Central Park
Barlborough Links
Derbyshire
S43 4XA

2 Accounting policies

The financial statements of John G Stein & Company Limited have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards comprising FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ('FRS 101') (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), and applicable law. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities (including derivative instruments) as described in the accounting policies set out below.

The Company proposes to continue to adopt the reduced disclosure framework of FRS 101 in its next financial statements.

The Company has split out the amounts owed by/to Group undertakings into current and non-current, to be in line with the expected repayment time frame.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Vesuvius plc includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. Therefore, the Company is exempt, by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006, from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Vesuvius plc are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and are available to the public and may be obtained from 165 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2AE.

Summary of disclosure exemptions

In these financial statements, the Company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Requirement to produce a statement of cash flows and related notes; (IAS 7)
- Comparative period reconciliation of investments; (IAS 1)
- Disclosures in respect of related party transactions with wholly owned members of the Vesuvius plc Group (IAS 24)
- Disclosures in respect of capital management; (IAS 1)
- Disclosures in respect of fair value measurements (IFRS 13)
- The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs (IAS 8)

Rounding

All amounts in the financial statements and notes have been rounded off to the nearest thousand sterling pound, unless otherwise stated.

Going concern

Details of the impact of COVID-19 are provided in the Directors' Report. The Directors of the Company are satisfied that there are no material events or uncertainties that they are aware of which will impact the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern.

The Directors consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements. Accordingly, they continue to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the Company.

Changes in accounting policy

There are no amendments to accounting standards or IFRIC interpretations that are effective for the year ended 31 December 2020 that have had a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Foreign currency transactions and balances

The financial statements are presented in 'Pounds Sterling (£)', which is also the Company's functional currency. Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions, and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

Tax

Tax expense represents the sum of current tax and deferred tax. Current and deferred tax are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account except to the extent that they relate to items charged or credited in the Statement of Comprehensive Income or Statement of Changes in Equity, in which case the associated tax is also recognised in those statements. In arriving at its current tax charge, the Company also makes careful assessment of the likely impact of tax law changes.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates taxable income.

Investments

Shares in subsidiaries and loans to subsidiaries are stated at cost less any impairment in value.

Impairment of Investment in Subsidiaries

The Company carries out an annual investment impairment test, the recoverable amount of the investment is checked against its carrying value and any impairment triggers identified.

Amounts due from and owed to group undertakings

Amounts due from and owed to group undertakings where payment is due after more than one year or if there is any other indication of a financing transaction, are recorded at the undiscounted amount expected to be received, less attributable transaction costs. Any subsequent impairment is recognised as an expense in the profit or loss.

Dividend income

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

Issued share capital

Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

Dividends

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are paid.

Critical Accounting Judgement and Estimates

Determining the carrying amount of some assets and liabilities requires the estimation of the effect of uncertain future events. The major sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities are noted below.

Impairment and valuation of investments

The Company assesses its investments in subsidiaries and other companies for impairment shortly before the Company's year-end or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the recoverable amount of the investment could be less than the carrying amount of the investment. If this is the case, the investment is considered to be impaired and is written down to its recoverable amount. Judgement is required in the determination of the recoverable amount as the Company evaluates various factors related to the operational and financial position of the relevant investee business, appropriate discounting and long-term growth rates.

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2 Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment and valuation of investments (continued)

Determining whether investments are impaired requires an estimation of the value-in-use. The value-in-use calculation requires estimation of future cash flows expected to arise, the selection of suitable discount rates and the estimation of long-term growth rates. As determining such assumptions is inherently uncertain and subject to future factors, there is the potential these may differ in subsequent periods and therefore materially change the conclusions reached. In light of this, consideration is made each year as to whether sensitivity disclosures are required for reasonably possible changes to assumptions.

Impairment and classification of intercompany balances

Intercompany balances are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The Company applies the IFRS 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses which uses a 12-month expected loss allowance for amounts due from other group companies.

3 Operating result

The Company had no employees during the year (2019: nil). The Directors received remuneration of £nil (2019: £nil) in respect of services to the Company during the year.

Amounts receivable by the Company's auditor and their associates in respect of services to the Company, other than the audit of the Company's financial statements, have not been disclosed as the information is required instead to be disclosed on a consolidated basis in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's parent, Vesuvius plc. An allocated audit fee was borne by the ultimate parent undertaking, Vesuvius plc of £3,009 (2019: £3K).

4 Finance Income

	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Interest from group companies	443	249
	<u>443</u>	<u>249</u>

5 Income tax

Tax charged in the profit and loss account

	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Total current income tax	-	-

The tax charge for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2019 - lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK) of 19% (2019 - 19%).

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The differences are reconciled below:

	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Profit before tax	2,789	923
Corporation tax at standard rate	530	175
Group relief not claimed	(84)	(47)
Decrease from effect of revenues exempt from taxation	(446)	(128)
Total tax charge	-	-

Factors that may affect future tax charges

Following the 2021 Budget announcement, the rate of corporation tax will be increased from 19% to 25% from the 1 April 2023.

6 Investments

Subsidiaries	£ 000
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2020	-
Additions	63
At 31 December 2020	63
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	63
At 31 December 2019	-

John G Stein & Company Limited directly owned 100% of the Ordinary share capital of SG Blair & Company Limited as at 31 December 2020. The year end for this company is also 31 December. **Name of subsidiary**

Name of subsidiary	Country	Registered office
SG Blair & Company Limited	England	1 Midland Way Barlborough Derbyshire S43 4XA

During the year the company received dividends of £2,346K from SG Blair & Company Limited

John G Stein & Company Limited indirectly owned 100% of the following companies as at 31 December 2020. The year end for these companies is also 31 December.

East Moon Investment (HK Holding) Co. Limited	Hong Kong	Unit 01, 82/F, International Commerce Centre, 1 Austin Road West Kowloon, Hong Kong
VSV Advanced Ceramics (Anshan) Co., Ltd	China	Xiaotaizi Village, Ningyuan Town Qianshan District, Anshan Liaoning Province, China

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

7 Amount due from group undertakings

	31 December 2020 £ 000	31 December 2019 £ 000
Amounts owed by group undertaking – non-current	17,992	17,549

Interest on loans to other companies within the Vesuvius group are interest free for dormant companies, Libor +2% for UK companies and Libor +2.5% for non-UK companies. Repayment dates across all loans are variable and includes loans repayable on demand but can be renewed as required.

8 Share Capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	31 December 2020		31 December 2019	
	No. 000	£ 000	No. 000	£ 000
Ordinary Shares of £0.25 each	5,069	1,267	5,069	1,267

The Company only has one class of shares in issue, Ordinary Shares. All shareholders enjoy the same rights in relation to these shares, including rights in relation to voting at general meetings of the Company, distribution of dividends and repayment of capital.

9 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	63	-
	63	-

Interest on loans from other companies within the Vesuvius Group are interest free for dormant companies, Libor +2% for UK companies and Libor +2.5% for non-UK companies. Repayment dates across all loans are variable and includes loans repayable on demand but can be renewed as required.

10 Related party transactions

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vesuvius plc, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 101 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the Vesuvius plc group.

11 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The company's immediate parent is Vesuvius Holdings Limited. The most senior parent entity producing publicly available financial statements is Vesuvius plc. These financial statements are available upon request from the Company Secretary, Vesuvius plc, 165 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2AE