ALS Inspection UK Limited

Directors' report and financial statements Year ended 31 March 2015 Registered number 1218386

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Strategic Report

Principal activities

The Company's registered head office is in Knowsley, United Kingdom where it employs 111 people.

The Company's principal activities are the inspection and analysis of metals, minerals and ores.

Business model

As part of the Australian stock exchange listed ALS Limited group of companies, ALS Inspection UK Limited is positioned in the Inspection Division within the larger Minerals Division (one it's four main operating divisions). The Inspection Division inspects, weighs, samples, analyses and reports on the quantity and quality of commodities to produce findings that can be used for final commercial settlement purposes.

ALS Inspection UK Limited provides accurate, global Inspection & Analysis services for metals, minerals, ores, precious metals, ferro alloys and solid fuels. Teams of surveyors are strategically located in major ports, smelters, refineries and steelworks and warehouses around the world to undertake precise inspection and sampling of commodities. Samples are dispatched to Hub labs such as that in the UK with analytical results being used for commercial exchange purposes between buyer and seller.

ALS Inspection UK Limited boasts one of the foremost umpire and party analysis laboratories in the world. All sampling and sample preparation operations are undertaken to the highest of international standards and our laboratory is ISO 17025:2005 accredited.

Business review and results

The Inspection Group built upon the positive momentum created in the previous year. The business remains firmly focused upon a culture of cost control, and completed a number of cost reduction initiatives started in the previous financial year.

FY2015 was characterised by quarter on quarter improvement in performance with H2 being considerably stronger than H1 and Q4 being significantly stronger than any other quarter of the year.

Consistent revenue and EBIT growth during FY2015 underpinned margin improvement. In spite of competitive market conditions the business realised year on year growth in terms of revenue, EBIT and margin.

Improved and robust margins prevailed across the majority of regions – a direct result of disciplined cost base management initiatives and strategic business development activity. Revenue growth was driven by a commitment to a targeted approach to business development activities in all geographies.

Capital investment (equipment, instrumentation and facility build out) at the UK hub laboratory together with increased headcount and optimised shift patterns across the business were necessary to keep pace with business volumes.

With rationalisation and position realignment complete, both the Belgian and Dutch businesses are far better placed than any time over the past six years.

A highly experienced and motivated operational team has been assembled within the Chinese business – the largest global market for mineral inspection services. The business grew in line with budget expectations and is trading profitably. Growth in revenue and work orders has resulted in a direct increase in headcount and geographic footprint.

The Sub Saharan African businesses delivered an above budget result in FY2015. Reduced business levels at some larger more established operations was offset by new operations and additional service points.

Strategic Report (continued)

Key performance indicators

The Company's KPI's are, in addition to financial performance, measured by the following parameters:

- Sample throughput (numbers) in each laboratory
- Sample Turn Around Times (in all laboratory activities)
- Number of re-tests (accuracy)
- Commodity tonnages inspected
- Number of shipments attended

Principal risks and uncertainties

There remains a degree of uncertainty over world economic conditions and especially over general market liquidity. The Directors continue to monitor the position closely.

Future developments

Building on the platform established in FY2015, further revenue and EBIT growth is expected in FY2016 across all operating regions.

The focus on cost base management and emphasis on strategic business development activity, geographic expansion and operational standardisation will continue into FY2016.

Geographic expansion will be pursued, by either acquisition, organic growth or leveraging the existing ALS footprint.

Greater attention will be directed to developing regions of the world which demonstrate economic strength and trade activity (e.g. Asia and South America). The China based business will receive further investment and resources to enable network expansion into southern and central China.

By order of the board

C Walker Director

17 DECEMBER 2015

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Results and Dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £5,419,334 (2014: £3,405,248). The directors have not paid an interim dividend during the year (2014: £nil). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2014: £nil).

Directors

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

G Kilmister

C Walker

All directors benefitted from qualifying third party directors and officers liability insurance in place during the period and at the date of this report.

Environment

The Company recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities and operates in accordance with Company policies. Initiatives designed to minimise the Company's impact on the environment include the safe disposal of waste arising from operations, in particular that of laboratory waste.

Employees

The Company is committed to providing staff and management training designed to encourage the necessary attitudes and skills to foster good communication and consultation at all levels with a view to informing and involving staff in the progress of the Company and its future. Communication with all employees is conducted through the regular dissemination of relevant information, announcements and meetings with management.

The Company is committed to all aspects of staff training. This is achieved through on the job training and through other local and national training and development initiatives.

Employment of disabled persons

The Company operates an equal rights policy across all its subsidiaries.

Political and charitable contributions

The Company did not make any political donations or incur any political expenditure in the period. The Company made £nil in charitable donations in the period (2014: £nil).

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

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Directors' report (continued)

Auditor

Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be re-appointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

C Walker Director

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Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 period. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 judgments and 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

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



KPMG LLP 8 Princes Parade Liverpool L3 10H

Independent auditor's report to the members of ALS Inspection UK Limited

We have audited the financial statements of ALS Inspection UK Limited for the year ended 31 March 2015, set out on pages 8 to 20. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

Independent auditor's report to the members of ALS Inspection UK Limited (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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Hywel Jones (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
8 Princes Parade
Liverpool
L3 1QH

Date 18 December 2015.

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 March 2015

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2015 £	Year ended 31 March 2014 £
Turnover Cost of sales	2	14,278,527 (6,683,011)	13,512,836 (6,121,800)
Gross profit		7,595,516	7,391,036
Administrative expenses		(2,656,699)	(3,274,174)
Operating profit	3	4,938,817	4,116,862
Income from shares in group undertakings	6	31,862	369,294
Profit on ordinary activities before interest and taxation		4,970,679	4,486,156
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	7 8	1,779 (41)	4,781 (2,253)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		4,972,417	4,488,684
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	446,917	(1,083,436)
Profit for the financial period	18	5,419,334	3,405,248

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the period as set out above, therefore no separate statement of gains and losses has been prepared.

All turnover and operating profits in both financial periods are derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of the financial statements.

Balance sheet at 31 March 2015

				Note	•	Year ended 31 March 2015	£	Year ended 31 March 2014 £
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Fixed assets Tangible assets Investments				10 11		1,290,016 3,438,554		1,304,347 3,440,786
						4,728,570		4,745,133
Current assets Stocks	• • •	•		12	161,719		166,758	
Debtors (includin due in more than Cash at bank and	one year)	746 (2014: £8.	5,276,832)) 13	90,897,594 382,066		87,759,892 158,495	şî.
					91,441,379		88,085,145	.:
Creditors: amou	nts falling d	lue within one	: year	14	(10,965,916)		(10,864,550)	
Net current asse	ts					80,475,463	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	77,220,595
Total assets less	current lia	bilities				85,204,033		81,965,728
Creditors: amou	nts falling d	lue after more	than one y	ear 15		(8,718,445)	r ii	(10,954,430)
Provisions for list	abilities and	d charges	:	16		(62,654)		(7,698)
Net assets	*. :*					76,422,934		71,003,600
Capital and rese	apital	.:	•	17	•	150,000		150,000
Profit and loss ac	count			18		76,272,934		70,853,600
Shareholders' fu	inds	1	.•		.1	76,422,934		71,003,600

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 17/12 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Walker Director

Registered Number 1218386

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The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of the financial statements.

Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

for the year ended 31 March 2015

	Note	Year ended 31 March 2015 £	Year ended 31 March 2014 £
Profit for the financial period	18	5,419,334	3,405,248
Dividends on shares classified in shareholders' funds	18	•	-
Net increase to shareholders' funds		5,419,334	3,405,248
Opening shareholders' funds		71,003,600	67,598,352
Closing shareholders' funds		76,422,934	71,003,600

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of the financial statements.

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Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under historical cost accounting rules.

The Company is exempt by virtue of s401 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The consolidated financial statements of ALS Limited, within which this Company is included, can be obtained from the address included in Note 21.

Under FRS 1 the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Stewart Holdings Management Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned subsidiaries which form part of the group.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons: The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 2.

The company has considerable financial resources together with long-term contracts with a number of customers and suppliers across different geographic areas and industries. As a consequence, the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

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

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Leasehold property 1% - 10% straight line
Plant and machinery 10% straight line
Motor vehicles 25% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and computer equipment 20% - 33% straight line

No depreciation is charged on freehold and long leasehold land.

Investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings, associates and joint ventures are stated at cost.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. For work in progress, goods cost is taken as production cost, which includes an appropriate proportion of attributable overheads.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the period and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the contracted rate or the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Post-retirement benefits

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to this scheme in respect of the accounting period.

Turnover

Turnover represents the value of services rendered excluding value added tax. Revenue from services rendered is recognised based on the stage of completion.

2 Turnover

	Year ended 31 March 2015	Year ended 31 March 2014
Sales by geographic area	£	£
Sales by geographic area Europe	8,420,174	6,535,383
Rest of the world	5,858,353	6,977,453
		
	14,278,527	13,512,836

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

3 Notes to the profit and loss account

	Year ended 31 March 2015 £	Year ended 31 March 2014 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Amounts receivable by the auditors and their associates in respect of:		
-Audit of these financial statements	40,000	37,750
-Other services relating to taxation	12,000	7,885
Depreciation of fixed assets:		
-owned	293,991	178,849
Operating lease rentals	29,152	30,619
(Gain)/loss on foreign currencies	(241,164)	192,736
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	, · · · · · · · · · · ·	-

4 Remuneration of Directors

The directors did not receive any emoluments during the current or prior financial period in respect of their services to ALS Inspection UK Limited.

5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the period, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 March 2015	31 March 2014
	No	No
Operations	86	88
Administration	25	23
	111	111
		
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	Year ended	Year ended
	31 March 2015	31 March 2014
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,846,798	2,740,204
Social Security costs	294,441	288,816
Other pension costs	144,991	154,877
Other Costs	36,997	40,015
	3,323,227	3,223,912

6	Income from Shares in Group Undertakings	3			
				Year ended 31 March 2015	Year ended 31 March 2014
				£	£
Divide	nds received from group companies			31,862	369,294
7	Interest Receivable and Similar Income				
,	merest receivable and similar medice			Year ended	Year ended
				31 March 2015 £	31 March 2014 £
Interest	Receivable from group undertakings			-	1,650
Other i				1,779	3,131
				1,779	4,781
8	Interest payable and similar charges			Year ended	Year ended
				31 March 2015 £	31 March 2014 £
Other is	nterest			41	2,253
Other I					====
9	Taxation				
Analys	sis of charge in period		Year ended 31 March 2015		Year ended 31 March 2014
IIV oo	una unation dans	£	£	£	£
Curren	rporation tax It tax on income for the period	103,229		785,731	
Adjust	ments in respect of prior periods	(605,102)		288,675	
			(501,873)		1,074,406
Double	e taxation relief	(103,229)		(47,711)	
			(103,229)		(47,711)
Foreig Curren	n tax t tax on income for the period	103,229		51,344	
			102.220		51.244
			103,229		51,344
Total c	urrent tax		(501,873)		1,078,039
	ed tax (see note 16)	26 507		10.520	
	ation and reversal of timing differences ments in respect of prior periods	26,507 28,449		10,538 (5,140)	
Total d	leferred tax		54,956		5,397
Tax on	profit on ordinary activities		(446,917)		1,083,436
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9 Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period

The current tax charge for the period is lower (2014: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21% (2014: 23%). The differences are explained below.

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Current tax reconciliation	~	~
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	4,972,417	4,488,684
Current tax at 21% (2014: 23%)	1,044,208	1,032,397
Effects of:		
Non taxable income/expenses not deductible for tax purposes	11,697	(66,894)
Difference between capital allowances and depreciation	(27,307)	(9,064)
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of previous periods	(605,102)	288,675
Higher tax rates on overseas earnings	•	3,633
Group relief claimed	(925,369)	(170,709)
Total current tax (credit)/charge (see above)	(501,873)	1,078,038
		

Factors that may affect future current and total tax charges

The UK corporation tax rate was reduced from 24% to 23% on 1 April 2013. It was announced that this rate would be reduced to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 with a further reduction to 20% with effect from 1 April 2015. Both of these rated were enacted at the balance sheet date. There are no other facts that may significantly affect future tax charges.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and buildings	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At beginning of period	866,694	2,673,324	975,539	12,950	4,528,507
Additions	39,977	116,782	5,010	-	161,769
At end of period	906,671	2,790,106	980,549	12,950	4,690,276
Depreciation			***************************************		
At beginning of period	277,629	1,977,006	960,245	9,280	3,224,160
Charge for the period	45,474	119,464	9,039	2,123	176,100
At end of period	323,103	2,096,470	969,284	11,403	3,400,260
Net book value	***************************************				
At end of period	583,568	693,636	11,265	1,547	1,290,016
At beginning of period	589,065	696,318	15,294	3,670	1,304,347
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11 Fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost and net book value At beginning of period Additions Disposals	3,440,786 - (2,232)
At end of period	3,438,554

During the period share capital was acquired in ALS Inspection China Limited, a 50% joint venture.

The principal companies in which the company's interest at the period end is more than 20% are as follows:

Subsidiaries The key subsidiaries of the company are:	Country of incorporation	Shareholders	Percentage held of ordinary shares
OMAC Laboratories Limited	Republic of Ireland	d ALS Inspection UK Limited	100%
Beldutch Holdings BV	Holland	ALS Inspection UK Limited	100%
Stewart Assay and Environmental		F	
Laboratories-LLC	Kyrgyzstan	ALS Inspection UK Limited	63.5%
Stewart Mongolia LLC	Mongolia	ALS Inspection UK Limited	70%
Alex Stewart Group Employee Share Scheme			
Limited	United Kingdom	ALS Inspection UK Limited	100%
ALS Inspection Netherlands BV	Holland	Beldutch Holdings BV	100%
ALS Inspection Deutschland GMBH	Germany	Beldutch Holdings BV	100%
ALS Inspection Belgium NV	Belgium	Beldutch Holdings BV	100%
Stewart Inspections and Analysis (Pty)	· ·	-	
Limited	South Africa	Stewart Group Assayers Limited	100%
Alex Stewart De Mexico SA DE CV	Mexico	ALS Inspection UK Limited	100%
		ALS Inspection UK Limited	
Stewart Group Assayers Limited	United Kingdom	•	100%
Kazakhstan Analytical Laboratories LLC	Kazakhstan	ALS Inspection UK Limited	100%
Alex Stewart Tes Bretby BV	Holland	Stewart Group Assayers Limited	100%
Joint Ventures	Country of incorporation	Shareholders	Percentage held of ordinary shares
Stewart Geo Chemical and Assay LLC	Russia	ALS Inspection UK Limited	50%
ALS Inspection China Limited	China	ALS Inspection UK Limited	50%

The principal activity of all companies above is assaying, inspection and the provision of geo-analytical services to the mining and exploration industry.

12 Stocks

	2015 £	2014 £
Raw materials and consumables	161,719	166,758

Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2015	2014
	£	£
Trade debtors	3,174,881	1,563,817
Amounts owed by group undertakings	86,016,213	85,791,486
Prepayments and accrued income	450,762	371,076
Corporation tax	1,226,611	-
Other taxation and social security	29,127	33,513
	90,897,594	87,759,892
		

Amounts owed by group undertakings include intercompany debtors of £85,659,569 (2014: £85,276,832) due after more than one year.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £	2014 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	9,000,000	9,000,000
Trade creditors	1,261,545	1,092,712
Amounts owed to group undertakings	263,644	89,984
Other taxation and social security	65,530	371,733
Accruals and deferred income	375,197	310,121
	10,965,916	10,864,550

The £9,000,000 bank loan is part of a group facility. There is no security over the assets of the company.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2015	2014
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	8,718,445	10,954,430

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

Analysis of debt

20	2014 £ £
In more than one year, but not more than two years 8,718,	10,954,430
There is no security over the company attached to this debt.	_
16 Provisions for liabilities and charges	
	Deferred taxation £
At beginning of period Adjustments in respect of prior periods Current period movement	7,698 28,449 26,507
At end of period	62,654
The elements of deferred taxation are as follows:	
20	15 2014 £ £
Difference between capital allowances and depreciation 62,0	7,698 — — —
17 Called up share capital	
20	15 2014 £ £
Allotted, called up and fully paid Equity: 150,000 ordinary shares of £1 each 150,0	
18 Reserves	Profit and loss account £
At beginning of period Profit for the period	70,853,600 5,419,334
At end of period	76,272,934

19 Commitments

There were capital commitments at the end of the financial period for which no provision has been made of £71,776 (2014: £28,250).

Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Land and buildings 2015	Other 2015	Land and Buildings 2014	Other 2014
Which expire:	£	£	£	£
Within one year	-	1,861	-	15,518
In the second to fifth years inclusive	•	24,277	-	11,079
Over five years	19,000	-	19,000	-
				
	19,000	26,138	19,000	26,597

20 Pension costs

Defined contribution pension scheme

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the Company to the scheme and amounted to £144,991 (2014: £154,877).

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial period.

21 Immediate and ultimate parent company

The immediate parent company is Stewart Holdings Management Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The company's ultimate parent and controlling party is ALS Limited, a company incorporated in Australia.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by ALS Limited. The consolidated financial statements of this group for the year ended 31 March 2015 can be accessed from the company's website at www.alsglobal.com.