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Company information

Directors

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P M Mathew
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P Laidlaw (appointed 20 December 2013)
P Rogers (resigned 31 July 2013)

Secretary

I Rajakumar

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Strategic report

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2013

Principal activity of the business

The group's principal activities during the year continued to be building and engineering services, covering the following areas heating, mechanical, electrical, ventilation, public health, air conditioning, data cabling, IT solutions, floodlighting, security systems, maintenance, facilities management and design

Review of the business

The group's key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows

	2013	2012	Change
	€000	£000	%
Group turnover	200,073	212,222	(5 72%)%
Operating profit	4,667	5,640	(17 25)%
Profit before tax	5,656	7,089	(20 21)%
Profit after tax	5,605	5,351	4 75%
Shareholders' funds	18,785	11,332	65 77%
Current assets as % of current liabilities	108%	103%	
Average number of employees	1,314	1,433	(8 3)%

Group Turnover decreased by 5 72% in 2013, as a result of substantial reduction in quality construction works Operating profit decreased by 17 25% in the year, partly due to the operating loss from the recently acquired Rotary companies and restructuring costs. During the year we managed to mitigate the reduction in the volume by being selective in tendering in the general market and maximise the opportunities through our Frameworks and Strategic Partnerships. Groups recent acquisition of Rotary Companies produced a turnover of £61m, however suffered £383k loss after tax due to various restructuring works Group carried out during the year to improve the competiveness.

Shareholders' funds increased by 65 77% in the year, as a result of current year positive trading results and reduction in the pension liabilities. The group's "quick ratio" (current assets as a percentage of current liabilities) has increased to 108%. The average number of employees decreased by 8 3%, as a result of reduced volume

Competitive Risks

The recession continues to bite, making winning work at reasonable margins challenging. The group however rigorously maintains its risk management procedures to ensure that the group does not take on any projects that are classified as high risk.

The commercial team and policy is regularly updated to reflect the new challenges that arise from the changing market

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Legislative Risks

The group is subject to various construction industry specific legislations such as health and safety at the construction site, subcontractors tax, etc. In addition compliance imposes costs and failure to comply with the standards could materially affect the group's ability to operate Group has effective internal controls to mitigate this risk.

Financial Instrument Risks

The group has established a risk and financial management framework whose primary objectives are to protect the group from events that hinder the achievement of the group's performance objectives. The objectives aim to limit undue counterparty exposure, ensure sufficient working capital exists and monitor the management of risk at a business unit level.

Exposure to price, credit, liquidity and cash flow risk

Price risk arises on some of the long-term contracts where the price is fixed at the time of the contract award, any significant increase in the cost of sales such as Labour and material will affect group's profitability, group mitigate this risk by bulk purchase agreements

The tightening of the market is squeezing margins from all levels of the supply chain making insolvency a high risk at client level as well as sub-contractor / supplier level. The group is therefore vigorously maintaining compliance with its stringent credit criteria both up line and down line.

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The group aims to mitigate liquidity risk by managing cash generation by its operations, applying cash collection targets throughout the group

Cash flow risk is the risk of exposure to variability in cash flows that is attributable to a particular risk associated with a recognised asset or liability

By order of the board

P M Mathew Director Stewart House
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Slor March 2014



The directors present their directors' report and the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013

Directors of the company

The current directors are shown in page 1

P Laidlaw was appointed on 20 December 2013 and P Rogers was a director until 31 July 2013 when he resigned

Dividend

No dividend was paid during the year by the company

Future Developments

The recent strategic acquisition of the Rotary companies has enabled the group to grow and diversify its customer base in a highly competitive market. As part of the group restructuring, all the Rotary companies were consolidated to have a strong and simple operating entity going forward. Group continue to streamline the internal process and improve the internal control system, this will bring in better control and cost savings in the future for the group to be competitive in the market.

Events since the balance sheet date

There is no material events since the balance sheet date

Going concern

The group's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, its financial position, financial risk management objectives, details of its financial instruments and its exposures to price, credit, liquidity and cash flow risk are described in the Strategic Report on pages 2 to 3

The group 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 group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company and the group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis

Fixed assets

The group is committed to a process of continual modernisation and investment in technology and specialist equipment to help improve its productivity

Political and charitable donations

During the year the group made charitable donations of £5,200 (2012 £4,700) and made an arrangement to sponsor Barnardo's The company encouraged its employees to engage with the community and in addition to other projects, the sum of £10,000 was raised by the company and employees for the Barnado's in 2013 The group has not made any political donations nor incurred any political expenditure during the year (2012 £nil)

Directors' report (continued)

Health and safety

In line with the combined organisation, the departmental function and documentation has been reorganised as SHE department. All the related documentation have been realigned with this strategy. Lorne Stewart continues its ever better. Health and Safety performance through improved workplace statistics and has received the ROSPA Gold. Award for 5 years. The environmental strategy of the group is delivering tangible benefits through savings brought about by conference calling etc. This is generating further benefits with video conferencing, also being introduced. The group is also actively seeking to obtain certification to ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 during 2014.

Quality management

The Company is certified to ISO 9001 2008 and went through external surveillance audits through the year Based on the positive recommendations and review of audit findings during the previous certification period, recertification for a further 3 year period has been confirmed. As a part of continuous improvement of processes, our estimation database is operated from a hosted environment at a remote data centre e-Procurement has been successfully trialled with a sample of suppliers and will be extended to additional suppliers. Mileage claim reimbursements are processed online by employees ensuring speedy and consistent processing.

Training

The Group is committed to on-going training for all levels of employees, both in Technology, Health and Safety and Management Skills. We have also continued our support and training for apprentices who have been given

recognition at national levels. Our training and development policies are constantly reviewed to mirror our needs in a challenging and developing market place. Training is being organised for managers to keep informed of employment law changes.

We have continued to support our in house 'Lorne Stewart Academy' which has a wide range of development opportunities for our staff. Management toolkits have been added to the academy to ensure managers have instant guidelines available as and when needed. In addition, several in-house training sessions have been provided to managers to equip them with up to date employment/management skills. We are working towards ensuring Lorne Stewart group as an employer of choice in our industry.

Employee involvement

We continue to provide employees with information about the Group which we achieve through regular discussions with employees, including meetings at Branch and Divisional level and the continuation of our In-House magazine 'Touchline', local toolbox talks

Employees at all levels are encouraged to participate directly in the success of the business through the profit related bonus scheme and achievement awards. We also participate in the Barnado's charity which allows the employees nationally to get involved to make a difference

Employment of disabled persons

The Directors support the promotion of equality of opportunity between disabled people and others in respect of all employment matters continuously seeking to improve working conditions and career progression for disabled staff

Equal opportunities

The group is an equal opportunity employer and is opposed to any form of discrimination on the grounds of race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sex or marital status, disability, age or other factors that lead to employees being disadvantaged by conditions or requirements

The Group is committed to implement the requirements of all Legislation and Codes of Practice We also operate policies of non-discrimination for any factors that may lead to employees being disadvantaged by conditions or requirements which cannot be shown to be justifiable

Directors' report (continued)

Disclosure of information to the auditors

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 group's auditors are 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 group's auditors are aware of that information

Auditors

In accordance with Section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

By order of the board

I Rajakumar

Secretary

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

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 they have elected to prepare the group and parent company 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 group and parent company and of their profit or loss for that period

In preparing each of the group and parent company financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, 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 group and the parent company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the parent company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent company and enable them to ensure that its 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 group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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Independent auditor's report to the members of Lorne Stewart PLC

We have audited the financial statements of Lorne Stewart PLC for the year ended 31 December 2013 which comprise Group Profit and Loss Account, the Group and Parent Company Balance Sheets, the Group Cash Flow Statement, the Group Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes 1 to 27 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on pages 7, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the parent company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the director's report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- ▶ give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of the group's profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- ▶ have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion 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



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 by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- ▶ the parent company 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

David Wilson (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP

Statutory Auditor 5 March 2014

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 31 December 2013					
•	Note	2013 £000	2013 £000	2012 £000	2012 £000
Group Turnover Continuing operations Acquisitions	2	200,073		166,639 45,583	
			200,073		212,222
Cost of sales			(187,094)		(196,452)
Gross profit			12,979		15,770
Administrative expenses before one-off operating items One-off operating items - restructuring costs	4	(7,542) (770)		(9,261) (869)	*
Administrative expenses			(8,312)		(10,130)
Group operating profit Continuing operations Acquisitions		4,667		7,163 (1,523)	
Total operating profit	3-6		4,667		5,640
Profit on sale of fixed assets	11		56		69
Interest receivable and similar income Other finance income	7 8		355 578		936 444
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9		5,656 (51)		7,089 (1,738)
Profit for the year			5,605		5,351

Consolidated Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

for the year ended 31 December 2013			
		2013	2012
		£000	£000
Profit for the financial year		5,605	5,351
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties		-	1,445
Actuarial gain/(loss) on pension schemes	25	2,872	(5,708)
Deferred tax on the actuarial (gain)/loss	25	(574)	1,313
Effect of decreased tax rate		(460)	(201)
			
Total gain since last annual report		7,443	2,200

Note of Consolidated Historical Cost Profits and Losses

for the year ended 31 December 2013

	2013 £000	2012 £000
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5,656	7,089
Difference between a historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge calculated on the revalued amount	(14)	(33)
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5,642	7,056
Historical cost profit for the year retained after taxation and dividends	5,591	318
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Consolidated Balance	Sheet
At 31 December 2013	

At 31 December 2013					
	Note	2013	2013	2012	2012
		000£	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		7,238		7,282
Goodwill	13		11,312		8,776
Investment	14		•		-
			18,550		16,058
					
Current assets	15	47 777		51,504	
Debtors amounts falling due within one year	15 15	47,727 8,018		6,153	
amounts falling due after one year	13				
		55 745		E7 (E7	
	17	55,745 13,675		57,657 28,929	
Cash at bank and in hand	17	13,675			
		69,420		86,586	
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	18	(64,203)		(83,735)	
Net current assets			5,217		2,851
Total assets less current liabilities			23,767		18,909
Pension liabilities	25		(4,982)		(7,577)
Net assets			18,785		11,332
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Capital and reserves					
Share capital	22		5,211		5,211
Profit and loss account	19		12,143		4,676
Revaluation reserve	19		1,431		1,445
Shareholders' funds	19		18,785		11,332
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These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 5/2/2014, and were signed on its behalf by

P M Mathew

Director

At 31 December 2013	Note	2013	2013	2012	2012
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets	12		4,086		3,963
Tangible assets Investments	14		-,000		-
			4,086		3,963
Current assets	15	43,960		31,171	
Debtors amounts falling due within one year amounts falling due after one year	15	4,491		5,274	
		48,451		36,445	
Cash at bank and in hand	17	12,097		27,953	
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	18	60,548 (40,537)		64,398 (49,565)	
Net current assets			20,011		14,833
Net assets excluding pension habilities			24,097		18,796
Pension liabilities	25		(4,982)		(7,507)
Net assets			19,115		11,289
Capital and reserves					
Share capital	22		5,211		5,211
Profit and loss account Revaluation reserve	19 19		12,473 1,431		4,633 1,445
Shareholders' funds	19		19,115		11,289

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on statements were signed on its behalf by

P M Mathew
Director

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 31 December 2013

	Note	2013 £000	2013 £000	2012 £000	2012 £000
Net cash (outflow) from operating activities	20		(13,861)		(2,613)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Net interest received			677		1,279
Taxation Corporation tax paid			(1,438)		(2,225)
Capital expenditure and financial investment Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		(713) 81		(134) 72	
		(632)		(62)	
Acquisitions Purchase of subsidiary undertaking Net cash acquired with subsidiary		:		(1,437) 3,709	
				2,272	
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment			(632)		2,210
Dividend paid on shares classified in shareholders' funds			•		(5,000)
Decrease in cash in the year	17		(15,254)		(6,349)

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013

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, except as noted below

Basis of preparation

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

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 December 2013. The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Under this method, the results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of in the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal.

Under s408 of the Companies Act 2006 the Company is exempt from the requirement to present its own profit and loss account

Investments

In the Company's financial statements, investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less amounts written off

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows.

Leasehold improvements	10	%
Plant and machinery (including computers)	25	%
Fixtures and fittings	10	%
Motor vehicles	20	%
Commercial vehicles	25-50	%
Freehold buildings	2	%

No depreciation is provided on freehold land

Goodwill and negative goodwill

Purchased goodwill (both positive and negative) arising on consolidation in respect of acquisitions before 1 January 1998, when FRS 10 'Goodwill and intangible assets' was adopted, was written off to reserves in the year of acquisition. When a subsequent disposal occurs any related goodwill previously written off to reserves is written back through the profit and loss account as part of the profit or loss on disposal.

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on consolidation in respect of acquisitions since 1 January 1998 is capitalised Positive goodwill is amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life. The estimated useful life of the group's goodwill is 20 years

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year 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

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against operating profit on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Post-retirement benefits

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

The Group operates three defined benefit pension schemes, providing benefits based on final pensionable pay all of which require contributions to be made to separately administered funds. The pension costs are accounted for in accordance with FRS 17. The company closed the main scheme to future accrual on 30 September 2006, as detailed in note 25(a).

Pension scheme assets are measured using market values. For quoted securities the current bid price is taken as market value. Pension scheme liabilities are measured using a projected unit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liability.

The pension scheme surplus (to the extent that it is recoverable) or deficit is recognised in full. The movement in the scheme surplus/deficit is split between operating charges, finance items and, in the statement of total recognised gains and losses, actuarial gains and losses

Long term contracts

The amount of profit attributable to the stage of completion of a long term contract is recognised when the outcome of the contract can be foreseen with reasonable certainty. Turnover for such contracts is stated at cost appropriate to their stage of completion plus attributable profits, less amounts recognised in previous years. Provision is made for any losses as soon as they are foreseen.

Amounts recoverable on contracts are included in debtors and represent turnover recognised in excess of payments on account

Cash

Cash, for the purpose of the cash flow statement, comprises cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts payable on demand

Dividends on shares presented within equity

Dividends are only recognised as a liability to the extent that they are declared prior to the year end dividends that do not meet these criteria are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements

2 Turnover and segmental information

Turnover represents the net recoverable value of work completed on contracts in the year, together with the net invoiced value of sales of other goods and services, excluding value added tax

Turnover is attributable to one class of business, the provision of building and engineering services, including facilities management. The group operates within the United Kingdom only

3 Notes to the profit and loss account

Group

Group		
Operating profit is stated after charging / (crediting)		
Operating proving a successful and a suc	2013	2012
	0003	£000
D. C. Landa	732	622
Depreciation of owned assets	661	187
Amortization of goodwill	2,371	1,739
Hire of plant and machinery	49.711	1,757
Operating lease rentals Land and buildings	1,365	1,114
Rental income	(230)	(230)
reside meeting		
Auditors' remuneration	2013	2012
	£000	£000
	2000	
Audit of these financial statements	70	91
Disclosures below based on amounts receivable in respect of services to the company and		
ıts subsidiaries		
Amounts receivable by auditors and their associates in respect of		
Other services relating to taxation services	•	45
Audit of financial statements of subsidiaries of the company	31	44
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4 Exceptional redundancy costs		
	2013	2012
	£000	£000
One-off restructuring costs –redundancy cost	770	869
		

In order to be competitive in the current difficult market, management reduced the employee numbers after a careful review of the current and future business requirement, especially due to synergy savings as a result of the recent acquisition of the Rotary companies. Prior year costs relate to volume reductions due to difficult market conditions

5 Remuneration of directors

Company

	2013	2012
	£000	£000
Directors' emoluments	1,090	988
Contribution to money purchase pension scheme	62	33
		
In respect of the highest paid director		
Aggregate emoluments	449	373
	Number of	
	2013	2012
The number of directors in money purchase pension schemes during the year	4	4
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6 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Group (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows

was as follows	Number of emp	lovees
	2013	2012
Office and management	497	511
Production and sales	817	922
	1,314	1,433
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows		
	2013	2012
	£000	£000
Wasan and colored	48,674	47,267
Wages and salaries Social security costs	5,165	4,597
Pension costs		
Defined benefit	59	63
Defined contribution	1,730	1,016
	55,628	52,943
7 Interest receivable and similar income	2013 £000	2012 £000
	358	910
Bank interest receivable (net)	(3)	26
Exchange gain		
	355	936
8 Other finance income		
	2013	2012
	£000	£000
Expected return on pension scheme assets	3,920	3,579
Interest on pension scheme habilities	(3,342)	(3,135)
	578	444
		

9 Taxation

Group		
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2013	2012
	€000	£000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax	315	1,647
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(151)	(55)
Total current tax charge	164	1,592
Deferred tax (see note 16)		
Origination/reversal of timing differences	420	162
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(472)	36
Effect of tax rate change on opening balance	(61)	(52)
	(113)	146
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	51	1,738

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current year

The current tax charge for the year is lower (2012 lower) than the standard average rate of corporation tax in the UK 23 25% (2012 24 5%) The differences are explained below

	2013	2012
	£000	£000
Current tax reconciliation		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	5,656	7,089
Current tax at average rate of 23 25% (2012 24 5%)	1,315	1,746
Effects of		
Expenses/(income) not deductible for tax purposes	(31)	7
Difference between capital allowances and depreciation	(128)	(2)
Tax Losses arising in the period		
- Recognized	(662)	(52)
-Unrecognized	-	74
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(151)	(55)
Other short term timing differences movement	(165)	(10)
Other non taxable income	(14)	(116)
Total current tax charge (see above)	164	1,592

Factors affecting the tax charge in future years

On 2 July 2013, a reduction in the corporation tax rate was substantively enacted, reducing the tax rate from 23% to 21% effective 1 April 2014 and from 21% to 20% effective 1 April 2015. The effect of the rate reduction on the deferred tax balances as at 31 December 2013 has been included in the figures above

There are no proposed changes to further reduce the main rate of corporation tax below 20% at this stage

10 Profit attributable to members of the parent undertaking

The profit in respect of the parent undertaking for the year ended 31 December 2013 was £5,988,000 (2012 £5,402,000)

11 Profit on sale of fixed assets

Group	2013 £000	2012 £000
Profit on sale of fixed assets	56	69

12 Tangible fixed assets

Group	Leasehold	Freehold land	Plant and	Motor vehicles	Total
	improvements	and	machinery		
	£000	buildings £000	£000	£000	£000
Cost or valuation					
At beginning of year	1,808	6,985	5,895	2,442	17,130
Additions	4	•	568	141	713
Disposals	(1)	-	(340)	(401)	(742)
At end of year	1,811	6,985	6,123	2,182	17,101
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	1,050	1,078	5,520	2,200	9,848
Charge for year	91	116	397	128	732
On disposals	(1)	-	(332)	(384)	(717)
At end of year	1,140	1,194	5,585	1,944	9,863
Net book value					
At 31 December 2013	671	5,791	538	238	7,238
At 31 December 2012	758	5,907	375	242	7,282
					

12 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company	Leasehold improvements	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£000	0001	0003	£000£	£000
Cost or valuation At beginning of year Additions Disposals Revaluation	1,160 4 (1)	4,415 - -	5,782 538 (340)	2,417 141 (385)	13,774 683 (726)
At end of year	1,163	4,415	5,980	2,173	13,731
Depreciation At beginning of year Charge for year On disposals	993 46 (1)	1,056 61 -	5,500 352 (332)	2,262 92 (384)	9,811 551 (717)
At end of year	1,038	1,117	5,520	1,970	9,645
Net book value At 31 December 2013	125	3,298	460	203	4,086
At 31 December 2012	167	3,359	282	155	3,963

13 Goodwill

Group	Total £000
Cost At beginning of year Acquired in business combination	8,963 3,197
At end of year	12,160
Amortisation At beginning of year Charged in year	187 661
At end of year	848
Net book value At 31 December 2013	11,312
At 31 December 2012	8,776

13 Goodwill (continued)

The directors consider each acquisition separately for the purpose of determining the amortisation period of any goodwill that arises. Following a review of the useful life of the goodwill associated with the acquisition of the Rotary companies, the directors have estimated the useful economic life as 20 years. The amount of capitalised goodwill will be written off over the remaining life. The initial goodwill was created last year based on the provisional fair value of the assets and liabilities due to lack of information at the time of the fair value exercise. During the year the company reviewed the fair value of the assets and liabilities in detail and readjusted goodwill and as a result, an additional £3.2m goodwill was created.

14 Investments

	Group			Company	
	2013	2013 26	2012	2 2013	2012
	0003	£000	£000	£000	
Unlisted investments (net of provisions)	-	-	-	-	

Investments are valued at cost less any provision for impairment. The undertakings in which the Group's interest at the year end is more than 20% are as follows

	Country of incorporation	•	Class and percentage of shares he	
			Group	Company
Subsidiary undertakings				
Rotary Building Services Ltd	England	Building Services	100% Equity	100% Equity
Subsidiary undertakings of Rotary Building Services L	td.			
Fibutex Ltd	England	Dormant	100% Equity	-
Rotary North West Ltd	England	Building Services	100% Equity	-
Rotary Yorkshire Ltd	England	Building Services	100% Equity	-
Rotary Southern Ltd	England	Building Services	100% Equity	-
CA Sothers (Holdings) Ltd	England	Holding	100% Equity	-
Subsidiary undertakings of CA Sothers (holdings) Ltd				
CA Sothers Ltd	England	Building Services	100% Equity	-
Sothers Building Services Ltd	England	Dormant	100% Equity	.

15 Debtors

	Group		Company	
	2013 £000	2012 £000	2013 £000	2012 £000
Trade debtors	18,567	21,691	9,506	10,862
Amounts recoverable on contracts Prepayments and accrued income	31,226 2,036	30,012 2,936	23,170 1,658	15,448 1,717
Amount due from related/group undertaking Deferred tax assets (note 16)	1,446	1,350	11,477 592	6,560 471
Other debtors	2,470	1,668	2,048	1,387
	55,745	57,657	48,451	36,445
	 			

15 Debtors (continued)

Amounts falling due after more than one year included above are

Amounts failing due after more diant	·	oup	Con	npany
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	€000	000£	£000	£000
Trade debtors	6,572	4,803	3,899	4,803
Deferred tax assets	1,446	1,350	592	471
	8,018	6,153	4,491	5,274

16 Deferred tax

Group and Company

The movement in the deferred taxation asset during the current year is as follows

, and the second	Group £000	Company £000
At 1 January 2013	3,613	2,714
Movement during year Accounted for in the Profit & Loss Account Accounted for in the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses Addition through acquisition	113 (1,034)	183 (1,059)
At 31 December 2013	2,692	1,838

The deferred taxation included in the financial statements is as follows

	G	Froup	Comp	any
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances Other timing differences Pension – Profit & Loss Account Pension – Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses	(150)	(118)	(105)	(118)
	1,596	1,468	697	589
	(1,373)	(1,410)	(1,348)	(1,411)
	2,619	3,673	2,594	3,654
	2,692	3,613	1,838	2,714
Included in debtors (note 15) Included in defined benefit pension liabilities (note 25a)	1,446	1,350	592	471
	1,246	2,263	1,246	2,243
Net deferred tax asset	2,692	3,613	1,838	2,714

The group holds tax losses of £11,768,000 available for carry forward and offset within individual subsidiaries' future taxable profits arising from the same trade. As a result of these losses the group has a potential deferred tax asset of £1,455,000, which has not been recognised in these financial statements as its future recovery is uncertain. This potential deferred tax asset will be recognised when it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be sufficient taxable profits from which tax losses can be deducted.

17 Cash in bank and in hand

	Group		Company	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	€000	£000	000£	£000
At I January	28,929	35,278	27,953	35,278
Net cash flow in year	(15,254)	(6,349)	(15,856)	(7,325)
				
At 31 December	13,675	28,929	12,097	27,953
				

18 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Gre	Group Company		pany
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Trade creditors	41,663	55,214	25,718	28,513
Amount owed to related party	1,621	288	1,211	•
Accruals	15,064	20,882	8,948	13,085
Payments on account	2,618	2,812	2,618	2,812
Other creditors, taxation and social security	2,922	3,836	2,042	2,983
Group Relief - Due to group undertaking	-	-	•	1,508
Corporation tax	315	703	-	664
	64,203	83,735	40,537	49,565

19 (a) Reconciliation of shareholders' funds and movements on reserves

Group

	Revaluation reserve	•	Profit and loss account	Total
	0003	£000	£000	£000
Profit for the year	_	-	5,605	5,605
Actuarial loss on pension schemes (net of deferred tax)	-	-	1,848	1,848
Dividend paid	-	-		
Added during the year	(14)	-	14	
				
Net decrease to shareholders' funds	(14)	-	7,467	7,453
As at 1 January 2013	1,445	5,211	4,676	11,332
As at 31 December 2013	1,431	5,211	12,143	18,785

Company	Revaluation reserve £000	Share capital	Profit and loss account £000	Total £000
Profit for the year Actuarial loss on pension schemes (net of deferred tax)		-	5,988 1,838	5,988 1,838
Added during the year	(14)	-	14	-
Net decrease to shareholders' funds	(14)		7,840	7,826
As at 1 January 2013	1,445	5,211	4,633	11,289
As at 31 December 2013	1,431	5,211	12,473	19,115

19 (b) Dividend

Group

Group	2013 £000	2012 £000
The aggregate amount of dividends comprises	4000	
Final dividends paid in respect of prior year but not recognised as liabilities in that year	-	5,000
The aggregate amount of dividends proposed and not recognised as liabilities as at the year en	d is £nil (2012 £n	al)
Company	****	2010
	2013	2012
The aggregate amount of dividends comprises	£000	£000
Final dividends paid in respect of prior year but not recognised as liabilities in that year	-	5,000

The aggregate amount of dividends proposed and not recognised as liabilities as at the year end is £mil (2012 £mil)

20 Notes to the statement of cash flows

Group

1 0	2013	2012
	£000	£000
Operating profit	4,667	5,640
Depreciation	732	622
Amortisation of Goodwill & Investment	742	237
Difference between company contributions and current service costs - pension	(162)	(97)
Decrease in operating debtors	(10,097)	(12,376)
Decrease/(increase) in operating creditors	(9,743)	3,361
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(13,861)	(2,613)

21 Other financial commitments

At 31 December 2013, the group had annual commitments under operating leases as set out below

	2013	2012
	000£	£000
Operating leases which expire		
Within one year	18	415
Between one and two years	268	170
Between two and 5 years	269	488
Over 5 years	408	301
	963	1,374

22 Called up share capital

	2013	2012
	000£	£000
Authorised		
10,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
5,210,645 Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,211	5,211

23 Contingent liabilities

In the ordinary course of business, the group is occasionally required to take out performance bonds with respect to some of its contracts

24 Capital commitments

At 31 December 2013, the Group had capital commitments of £46,000 (2012 £ 35,600) relating to planned capital expenditure

25 Pension scheme

(a) FRS17

The Group operates three defined benefit pension schemes, the Lorne Stewart Pension Scheme, the Lorne Stewart (Public Services) Pension Scheme and the Rotary Group Limited Retirement Benefits Plan These schemes are funded by contributions to separately administered trust funds, and are exempt approved

These financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with the measurement and disclosure requirements of FRS 17. The net deficit reported in the Group and Company balance sheet comprises the following

	Group		Company	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
	000£	000£	£000	£000
Lorne Stewart Pension scheme	(6,233)	(9,400)	(6,233)	(9,400)
Lorne Stewart (Public Services) Pension scheme	5	(350)	5	(350)
Rotary Group Ltd Retirement Benefits Plan	-	(90)	-	` -
	(6,228)	(9,840)	(6,228)	(9,750)
Deferred tax	,	,	• • •	
Deferred tax	1,246	2,263	1,246	2,243
				
Net pension liabilities included in the balance sheets	(4,982)	(7,577)	(4,982)	(7,507)

25 Pension scheme (continued)

Lorne Stewart Pension Scheme

The results of the formal actuarial valuation carried out at 5 April 2011 were updated for FRS 17 purposes to 31 December 2013 by a qualified independent actuary. The contribution made to the Scheme by the Company in the accounting period was £mil. The Scheme was closed to future accrual on 30 September 2006.

	2013 £000	2012 £000
Present value of funded defined benefit obligations	(60,661)	(62,800)
Fair value of plan assets	54,428	53,400
Deficit	(6,233)	(9,400)
Related deferred tax asset	1,247	2,162
Net deficit	(4,986)	(7,238)
		
Movements in present value of defined benefit obligation	2012	2012
	2013 £000	£000
At 1 January	62,800	55,700
Interest cost	2,778	2,800
Actuarial (gain) / loss	(2,798)	6,600
Benefits paid	(2,119)	(2,300)
At 31 December	60,661	62,800
Managed as found to a fular agests		
Movements in fair value of plan assets	2013	2012
	£000	£000
At 1 January	53,400	51,300
Expected return on plan assets	3,350	3,200
Actuarial (loss)/gain	(203)	1,200
Contributions by employer Benefits paid	(2,119)	(2,300)
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At 31 December	54,428	53,400
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(Income) recognised in the profit and loss account	2013	2012
	£000	£000
Interest on defined benefit pension plan obligation	2,778	2,800
Expected return on defined benefit pension plan assets	(3,350)	(3,200)
Total	(572)	(400)

25 Pension scheme (continued)

The income is recognised in the following line items in the profit and loss account

	2013 £000	2012 £000
Other financial income	572	400

The total amount recognised in the consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses in respect of actuarial profit is £2,595,000 (2012 £5,400,000 loss)

Cumulative actuarial gains/losses reported in the consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses for accounting periods ending on or after 22 June 2002 and subsequently included by prior year adjustment under paragraph 96 of FRS 17, are £12,405,000 loss (2012 £15,000,000 loss) Company £12,405,000 loss (2012 £15,000,000 loss)

The fair value of the plan assets and the return on those assets were as follows

	2013	2012
	Fair value	Faır value
	0000	£000
Properties	3,563	3,300
Bonds	9,889	10,400
FIGA Fund	2,278	2,100
Diversified growth fund	37,600	37,100
Cash and net current assets	1,098	500
	54,428	53,400
		
Actual return on plan assets	3,147	4,400
		

25 Pension scheme (continued)

The expected return on assets is a weighted average of the assumed long-term returns for the various asset classes. Property returns are developed based on the selection of an appropriate risk premium above the risk free rate which is measured in accordance with the yield on government bonds. Bond returns are selected by reference to the yields on government and corporate debt as appropriate to the scheme's holdings of these instruments. The expected return on the Diversified growth fund has been selected by reference to the fund's target.

Principal actuarial assumptions (expressed as weighted averages) at the year end were as follows

	2013	2012
	%	%
Discount rate	4.40	4.50
Expected rate of return on plan assets	6.30	6.40
Expected return on plan assets at beginning of the period	6.40	6.30
Future salary increases	2.20	2.25
Other material assumptions		
- Future Pension Increase	3.10	2.85
- RPI Inflation	3.20	2 95
- CPI Inflation	2.20	2.25

In valuing the liabilities of the pension fund at £60,661,000, mortality assumptions have been made as indicated below. If life expectancy had been changed to assume that all members of the fund lived for one year longer, the value of the reported liabilities at £60,661,000 would have increased by £1,638,000 before deferred tax

The assumptions relating to longevity underlying the pension liabilities at the balance sheet date are based on standard actuarial mortality tables and include an allowance for future improvements in longevity. The assumptions are equivalent to expecting a 65-year old to live for a number of years as follows.

- Current pensioner aged 65 87 years male, 89 years female
- Future retiree upon reaching 65 88 years male, 91 years female

History of plans

The history of the plans for the current and prior periods is as follows

Group Balance sheet

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Present value of scheme liabilities Fair value of scheme assets	(60,661)	(62,800)	(55,700)	(57,700)	(54,300)
	54,428	53,400	51,300	51,900	48,900
(Deficit)/surplus	(6,233)	(9,400)	(4,400)	(5,800)	(5,400)

25 Pension scheme (continued)

Experience adjustments

	2013 £000	2012 £000	2011 £000	2010 £000	2009 £000
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	-	-	1,100	100	1,100
Amount as a percentage of scheme liabilities	-	-	1 97%	0 17%	2 03%
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	(203)	1,200	2,300	1,300	2,300
Amount as a percentage of scheme assets	0.37%	2.25%	4 48%	2 50%	4 70%

The Group and Company do not expect any contribution to the scheme in the next financial year

Lorne Stewart (Public Service) Pension Scheme

The results of the formal actuarial valuation carried out at 5 April 2011 were updated for FRS 17 purposes to 31 December 2013 by a qualified independent actuary. The contributions made to the scheme by the Company in the accounting period were £63,000. During the year, the Company contributed at the rate of 24% of pensionable salaries. The scheme is closed to new employees from 20 June 2002 and as the age of the active membership increases, the current service cost will increase under the actuarial method currently used, although this may be offset to some extent by a reducing salary roll as a result of members leaving active service.

	£000	£000
Present value of funded defined benefit obligations Fair value of plan assets	(3,104) 3,109	(3,220) 2,870
Surplus/(Deficit) Related deferred tax (liability)/asset	5 (1)	(350)
Net surplus/(deficit)	4	(269)

2012

2012

25 Pension scheme (continued)		
Movements in present value of defined benefit obligation	2013 £000	2012 £000
At 1 January Current service cost Interest cost	3,220 59 144	2,740 50 140
Actuarial loss Contributions by members Benefits paid	(227) 15 (107)	400 15 (125)
At 31 December	3,104	3,220
Movements in fair value of plan assets		
	2013 £000	2012 £000
At I January Expected return on plan assets Actuarial (loss)/gain Contributions by employer Contributions by members Benefits paid	2,870 178 90 63 15 (107)	2,750 190 (30) 70 15 (125)
At 31 December	3,109	2,870
Expense recognised in the profit and loss account	2013 £000	2012 £000
Current service cost Interest on defined benefit pension plan obligation Expected return on defined benefit pension plan assets	59 144 (178)	50 140 (190)
Total	25	_

25 Pension schemes (continued)

The expense/(income) is recognised in the following line items in the profit and loss account

	2013 £000	2012 £000
Administrative expenses Other financial income	59 (34)	50 (50)
		
	25	•
		

The total amount recognised in the consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses in respect of actuarial profit is £317,000 (2012 £ 430,000 gain)

Cumulative actuarial gains/losses reported in the consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses for accounting periods ending on or after 22 June 2002 and subsequently included by prior year adjustment under paragraph 96 of FRS 17, are £568,000 loss (2012 £885,000 loss) Company £568,000 loss (2012 £885,000 loss)

The fair value of the plan assets and the return on those assets were as follows

	2013 Fair value	2012 Fair value
D	£000 3,108	£000 2,910
Diversified growth fund Cash and net current assets	3,100	(40)
	3,109	2,870
Actual return on plan assets	268	160

25 Pension scheme (continued)

The expected return on assets is a weighted average of the assumed long-term returns for the various asset classes. The expected return on the Diversified growth fund has been selected by reference to the fund's target.

Principal actuarial assumptions (expressed as weighted averages) at the year end were as follows

	2013	2012
	%	%
Discount rate	4.40	4.50
Expected rate of return on plan assets	6.80	7.00
Expected return on plan assets at beginning of the period	7.00	7.00
Future salary increases	2.20	2.25
Other material assumptions		
- Future pension increase	2.10	2.15
- CPI inflation	2 10	2 25

In valuing the liabilities of the pension fund at £3,104,000, mortality assumptions have been made as indicated below. If life expectancy had been changed to assume that all members of the fund lived for one year longer, the value of the reported liabilities at £3,104,000 would have increased by £68,000 before deferred tax

The assumptions relating to longevity underlying the pension habilities at the balance sheet date are based on standard actuarial mortality tables and include an allowance for future improvements in longevity. The assumptions are equivalent to expecting a 65-year old to live for a number of years as follows

- Current pensioner aged 65 87 years (male), 89 years (female)
- Future retiree upon reaching 65 88 years (male), 91 years (female)

History of plans

The history of the plans for the current and prior periods is as follows

Group Balance sheet

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Present value of scheme liabilities Fair value of scheme assets	(3,104)	(3,220)	(2,740)	(3,100)	(2,860)
	3,109	2,870	2,750	2,900	2,570
(Deficit)/surplus	5	(350)	10	(200)	(290)

25 Pension scheme (continued)

Experience adjustments					
•	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	-	-	100	-	•
Amount as a percentage of scheme habilities	-	-	3 65%	-	-
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	90	(30)	(280)	20	90
Amount as a percentage of scheme assets	(2 90)%	(1.05)%	(10 18)%	0 69%	3 5%

The Group expects to contribute approximately £63,000 to the scheme in the next financial year (Company £63,000)

The company also contributes to the Railways Pension Scheme (omnibus) and the JIB Plumbing Pension, which are multi-employer defined benefit schemes. The company accounted for these schemes as defined contribution schemes, as permitted by FRS 17 'Retirement benefits', since it is unable to identify the share of the underlying assets and liabilities in the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis

Rotary Group Limited Retirement Benefits Plan

The liabilities for the FRS17 as at 31 December 2013 were calculated by carrying out a valuation based on membership data by a qualified independent actuary. The contributions made to the scheme by the Company in the accounting period were £158,000. The Scheme is closed for future accrual from 1 October 2012.

	2013 £000	2012 £000
Present value of funded defined benefit obligations Fair value of plan assets	(9,223) 9,564	(9,433) 9,343
Surplus / (Deficit) Irrecoverable Surplus	341 (341)	(90)
Related deferred tax asset	-	(90) 20
Net surplus deficit		(70)
Movements in present value of defined benefit obligation	2013	2012
At 3 August 2012 Current service cost Interest cost Actuarial loss Contributions by members	9,433 - 420 (257)	£000 9,092 13 195 220 6

Notes (continuea)		
25 Pension scheme (continued)		
	2013 £000	2012 £000
Benefits paid	(373)	(93)
At 31 December	9,233	9,433
Movements in fair value of plan assets		
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	2013 £000	2012 £000
At 3 August	9,343	8,786
Expected return on plan assets	392	189
Actuanal (loss)/gain	44	342
Contributions by employer	158	113
Contributions by members Benefits paid	(373)	6 (93)
Delicitis paid	(373)	(55)
At 31 December	9,564	9,343
		
Expense recognised in the profit and loss account		
	2013 £000	2012 £000
Current service cost	_	13
Interest on defined benefit pension plan obligation	420	195
Expected return on defined benefit pension plan assets	(392)	(189)
Total	28	19
The expense is recognised in the following line items in the profit and loss account		
	2013 £000	2012 £000
Administrative expenses	-	13
Other financial income	28	6
		

The total amount recognised in the consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses in respect of actuarial loss is £40,000 (2012 £122,000 gain)

Cumulative actuarial gains/losses reported in the consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses for accounting periods ending on or after 22 June 2002 and subsequently included by prior year adjustment under paragraph 96 of FRS 17, are £82,000 gain (2012 £122,000 gain) Company £40,000 loss (2012 £nil gain)

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25 Pension scheme (continued)

The fair value of the plan assets and the return on those assets were as follows

				2013 £000	2012 Fair value £000
Equity Bond Gilts Cash and net current liabilities				2,833 3,874 2,857	2,525 4,119 3,034 (335)
				9,564	9,343
Actual return on plan assets				436	531
Experience adjustments	31 Dec 2013 £000	31 Dec 2012 £000	30 June 2012 £000	30 June 2011 £000	30 June 2010 £000
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	(40)	(199)	87	(163)	293
Amount as a percentage of scheme liabilities	(0.43%)	(2 11%)	0 96%	(1 94)%	2 41%
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	44	342	400	389	419
Amount as a percentage of scheme assets	0.46%	3 66%	4 55%	4 67%	5 42%

The Group expects to contribute approximately £130,000 to the scheme in the next financial year (Company £130,000)

25 Pension scheme (continued)

The expected return on assets is a weighted average of the assumed long-term returns for the various asset classes. The expected return on the Diversified growth fund has been selected by reference to the fund's target.

Principal actuarial assumptions (expressed as weighted averages) at the year end were as follows

	2013	2013
	%	%
Discount rate	4.40	4.50
Expected rate of return on plan assets	5.20	4.20
Expected return on plan assets at beginning of the period	4.20	4.30
Future salary increases	n/a	n/a
Other material assumptions		
- RPI Inflation	3.10	2 95
- CPI inflation	2.10	2.25

In valuing the liabilities of the pension fund at £9,223,000, mortality assumptions have been made as indicated below. If life expectancy had been changed to assume that all members of the fund lived for one year longer, the value of the reported liabilities at £9,223,000 would have increased by £60,000 before deferred tax

The assumptions relating to longevity underlying the pension liabilities at the balance sheet date are based on standard actuarial mortality tables and include an allowance for future improvements in longevity. The assumptions are equivalent to expecting a 65-year old to live for a number of years as follows

- Current pensioner aged 65 86 years (male), 89 years (female)
- Future retiree upon reaching 65 88 years (male), 91 years (female)

History of plans

The history of the plans for the current and prior periods is as follows

Group Balance sheet

	31 Dec 2013	31 Dec 2012	30 June 2012	30 June 2011	30 June 2010
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Present value of scheme liabilities	(9,223)	(9,433)	(9,092)	(8,401)	(8,015)
Fair value of scheme assets	9,564	9,343	8,786	8,330	7,737
(Deficit)/surplus	341	(90)	(306)	(71)	(278)

(b) Defined contribution scheme

The company operates the Lorne Stewart Group Personal Pension Plan defined contribution scheme for staff The assets of this scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds Contribution paid during the year was £1,579,000 (2012 £1,016,000) The unpaid employer's contributions outstanding at the year end were £128,000 (2012 £102,000)

The Company also contributes to industry-wide pension schemes for operatives, which utilise independently administered funds with assets held separately from those of the Company

26 Related party disclosures

The company enters into purchase transactions with, Stanhope Capital LLP, at whom a partner is also a non executive director of Lorne Stewart PLC. These transactions are under terms no less favourable than those arranged with third parties. During the year purchases amounted to £31,000 (2012 £419,000). At the year end no amount was due to/from the company (2012 £nil)

The Group enters into purchase transactions with a company under common ownership, MDSL Limited These transactions are under terms no less favourable than those arranged with third parties. During the year purchases amounted to £2,751,000 (2012 £4,000,000) At the year end £1,569,000 was due to the company (2012 £288,000 due to the company). The Group also made purchases from Rezayat Europe Ltd, another company under common control, amounting to £57,000 and as at 31 December 2013 the Group owed £52,000 to the company

During the year the directors have waived £12,000 of charges relating to management services provided by Lorne Stewart PLC to MDSL Limited

27 Parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Pearl Holdings (Bermuda) Limited incorporated and registered in Bermuda. The ultimate controlling party is Laffayette Investments Limited (registered in Jersey)