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#### **ACCURA ENGINEERING LIMITED**

# UNAUDITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INFORMATION FOR FILING WITH THE REGISTRAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The directors present their strategic report on the company for the year ended 30 June 2023:

#### Overview

The business has seen good recovery from the pandemic, returning to profitability and setting the foundations for strong growth in 2023/24. Sales increased by 14% in 2022/23 to £8.6M with an Operating Profit of £142k.

#### **Performance**

Despite the growth, the business has continued to be impacted by challenging trading headwinds, most notably in the aerospace market. Supply chain disruption, particularly in the supply of premium grade aerospace metals from US and European mills continued to impact trading in 2022/23. Global material shortages of specialist materials have had a significant effect on our ability to service our customers' demand, requiring constant orderbook and supplier management. However, there is strong evidence that this disruption has now largely abated and suppliers are returning to previous levels of delivery performance.

An additional challenge through the period has been the instability of global aerospace orderbooks which are still recovering from the pandemic-related global downturn. Bullwhip effects, resulting from material shortages and large-scale changes to global MRP systems, are magnified at the sub-contractor level. Nevertheless, Accura's aerospace orderbook is growing strongly. As a key supplier of heat exchanger components on various platforms including Airbus A320 aircraft, Accura Engineering's Tier 1 customers are forecasting a rapid return to prepandemic levels which have flowed down from Airbus' forecasts, with a further 25% uplift on key product lines over the next 12 months.

During the period, we were pleased to successfully complete the commissioning of a new manufacturing facility operated in partnership with Ineos Electrochemical Solutions, producing state-of-the-art chlorine electrolyser equipment. This highly automated facility enables the repair of meshes from electrolyser plants around the world, in addition to our existing mesh manufacturing line. Ineos consequently committed to a new 5-year manufacturing agreement, signed in November 2022, for the operation of this facility and sales are growing strongly. This long-term commitment will enable us to invest further in people and processes and demonstrates the level of manufacturing excellence within the Black Country.

#### Investment

Accura have continued to invest in the business; our focus has been on strengthening our business processes, upgrading manufacturing equipment and enhancing our engineering skill base. During the period, we have invested in a second DMG Mori NLX Mill-Turn machine and a new hard bar saw. Our focus continues to be on investing in processes that differentiate Accura Engineering and provide a unique service for our customers. One of our key strengths is the diversity of processes that we have within our business, enabling us to provide a true turnkey service for customers looking for precision machining, tooling, fabrication or engineering design services. We have a comprehensive CAPEX investment plan for 2023/24 to meet the growing demand for capacity and to offer enhanced technical solutions.

We have also continued to invest in the development of our employees, including apprenticeships and training to support their progression, with one Apprentice nominated for Learner of the Year 2023. During the period, 52% of employees enhanced their skillset with 26% going on to receive a higher paid opportunity. This investment in developing new talent is critical to maintaining the technical expertise for which the company is known. We continue to invest in developing our business processes to deliver a best-in-class service for our customers in accordance with our AS9100 and ISO9001 accreditation. Accura Engineering is an active member of the Midlands Aerospace Alliance (MAA) through which it continues to support and build relationships with the aerospace supply chain in the Midlands and beyond. During the period we have also invested in an Employee Assistance Program, providing a variety of health, wellbeing and financial benefits to our employees.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### **Future Devlopments**

With the Coronavirus pandemic behind us, Accura Engineering has been focussed on building its orderbook with new and existing customers, including exciting projects in disruptive markets. The business has invested significantly in the New Business Development function, to seek and develop new accounts that strategically align with our capabilities. With a dedicated Business Development team, Accura Engineering employ a multichannel marketing strategy to target potential customers. This approach has directly led to valuable new customers in the energy, industrial and motorsport markets who we are working with to deliver New Product Introduction (NPI) projects, securing long-term revenue streams.

Accura Engineering has proved hugely successful over the past six years at establishing itself as the "First Choice" for all its existing customers and in the delivery of mechanical engineering solutions and manufacturing technologies. Our diverse capabilities and deep technical expertise allow us to offer our customers a unique level of flexibility and responsiveness.

The wider Connexion Technologies group with unique mechanical, electronic manufacturing and supply chain capabilities has also seen strong growth with consolidated sales of £45M in 2022/23, up 23% on the previous year.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company includes:

- Material shortages and price volatility
- · Volatility of demand key customer markets
- · Retention and recruitment of skilled engineering staff

The process of risk acceptance and risk management is addressed through a framework of policies, procedures and internal controls. All policies are subject to Board approval and ongoing review by management.

Compliance with regulation, legal and ethical standards is a high priority for the company and each department head takes on an important oversight role in this regard.

#### Financial key performance indicators

The directors consider the Key Performance Indicators to be gross profit and profit before tax as disclosed in the Profit and Loss Account.

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

C Wright R Eldridge N Hill (resigned 17 October 2022) S Hallett-Jones (appointed 28 November 2022)

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### Small companies note

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 21/03/2024

and signed on its behalf.

CRAIG WRIGHT (Mar 21, 2024 17:19 GMT)
C Wright

Director

## ACCURA ENGINEERING LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 01442283

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note		2023 £		2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible fixed assets	4		458,728		537,219
			458,728		537,219
Current assets					
Stocks	5	1,584,244		1,090,769	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	2,920,042		3,251,834	
Bank and cash balances		134,784		211,788	
		4,639,070		4,554,391	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(3,567,008)		(2,873,755)	
Net current assets			1,072,062		1,680,636
Total assets less current liabilities			1,530,790		2,217,855
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		(153,016)		(346,739)
Net assets			1,377,774		1,871,116
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			20,000		20,000
Profit and loss account			1,357,774		1,851,116
			1,377,774	•	1,871,116

## ACCURA ENGINEERING LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 01442283

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED) AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

The directors consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

The financial statements have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Company has opted not to file the statement of income and retained earnings in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 21/03/2024

C Wright Director

CRAIG WRIGHT (Mar 21, 2024 17:19 GMT)
The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
At 1 July 2021	20,000	2,502,905	2,522,905
Comprehensive income for the year Loss for the year	-	(201,789)	(201,789)
Contributions by and distributions to owners Dividends: Equity capital	-	(450,000)	(450,000)
At 1 July 2022	20,000	1,851,116	1,871,116
Comprehensive income for the year			
Profit for the year	-	106,658	106,658
Dividends: Equity capital	-	(600,000)	(600,000)
At 30 June 2023	20,000	1,357,774	1,377,774

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 1. General information

The company (registered number: 01442283) is a private company, limited by shares and registered in England and Wales. The registered office and trading address of the company is 1 Stringes Close, Willenhall, England, WV13 1NS.

#### Principal activity

The company is a specialist supplier of engineering consultancy, precision machining services and mechanical manufacturing to a portfolio of blue chip OEM customers.

#### 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

#### 2.2 Going concern

The company has significant cash headroom but also depends on its existing bank facilities to meet its day to day working capital requirements. Current forecasts indicate that the company expects to be able to operate within these facilities for whole of the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the directors believe it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis.

#### 2.3 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue represents sales to external customers excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

#### 2.4 Operating leases: the Company as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

#### 2.5 Hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Statement of comprehensive income so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.6 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

#### 2.7 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they are incurred.

#### 2.8 Pensions

#### Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Statement of comprehensive income when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

#### 2.9 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term leasehold property

- Straight line over 5 to 50 years

Plant and machinery

- Straight line over 5 to 7 years

Motor vehicles

- Straight line over 4 years

Fixtures and fittings

- Straight line over 3 to 7 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.10 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Work in progress and finished goods include labour and attributable overheads.

At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### 2.11 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

#### 2.12 Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

#### 3. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was 95 (2022 - 86).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 4. Tangible fixed assets

	Long-term leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings	Total £
Cost					
At 1 July 2022	244,030	3,775,225	104,734	243,538	4,367,527
Additions	18,550	17,784	35,000	9,174	80,508
Disposals	-	(1,950)	-	-	(1,950)
At 30 June 2023	262,580	3,791,059	139,734	252,712	4,446,085
Depreciation					
At 1 July 2022	141,168	3,429,844	48,046	211,250	3,830,308
Charge for the year on owned assets	30,303	91,483	20,646	16,567	158,999
Disposals	-	(1,950)	-	•	(1,950)
At 30 June 2023	171,471	3,519,377	68,692	227,817	3,987,357
Net book value					
At 30 June 2023	91,109	271,682	71,042	24,895	458,728
At 30 June 2022	102,862	345,381	56,688	32,288	537,219

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 4. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The net book value of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts, included above, are as follows:

		2023 £	2022 £
	Plant and machinery	82,645	96,043
	Motor vehicles	71,041	56,687
		153,686	152,730
5.	Stocks		
		2023 £	2022 £
	Raw materials and consumables	608,602	282,230
	Work in progress (goods to be sold)	558,175	484,641
	Finished goods and goods for resale	417,467	323,898
		1,584,244	1,090,769
6.	Debtors		
		2023 £	2022 £
	Trade debtors	1,480,338	1,371,047
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,072,114	1,453,151
	Other debtors	332	3,284
	Prepayments and accrued income	188,820	225,052
	Tax recoverable	107,716	128,578
	Deferred taxation	70,722	70,722
		2,920,042	3,251,834

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

#### 7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	263,853	275,758
Payments received on account	27,980	11,055
Trade creditors	1,333,515	803,532
Other taxation and social security	558,757	544,994
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	58,578	46,123
Other creditors	819,189	810,351
Accruals and deferred income	505,136	381,942
	3,567,008	2,873,755

Bank loans are secured against fixed and floating charges over all assets, including fixed charges over Eligible P&M of Accura Engineering Limited, Connexion Precision Finance and Connexion Precision Technologies.

Amounts included in "Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts" are secured on the assets to which those contracts relate.

#### 8. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	90,909	264,394
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	62,107	82,345
	153,016	346,739

Amounts included in "Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts" are secured on the assets to which those contracts relate.

#### 9. Controlling party

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Connexion Precision Finance Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. Their registered office is One Eleven, Edmund Street, Birmingham, B3 2HJ. The ultimate parent company is Connexion Precision Technologies Limited which owns 100% of the share capital in Connexion Precision Finance Limited. The results of the company are not included in any group accounts.