# ABBEY MASTERBATCH LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT, REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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### ABBEY MASTERBATCH LIMITED

### COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

**DIRECTORS:** 

Mr J M Shirt Mrs R J Shirt Mrs L C Mather Mr M A Shirt Mr R J Shirt

**SECRETARIES:** 

Mr J M Shirt Mrs L C Mather

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

Whitelands Mill Whitelands Road Ashton Under Lyne Lancashire OL6 6UG

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

01793834 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** 

Livesey Spottiswood Ltd Chartered Accountants and

Statutory Auditors 17 George Street St Helens Merseyside WA10 1DB

**BANKERS:** 

National Westminster Bank Plc

5 Ormskirk Street St Helens Merseyside WA10 1DR

### STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2014.

During the year, the company's main activities continued to be the production of thermoplastic compounds, powders and resins for the plastics industry, together with pigment dispersions and concentrates for the paint and ink industries.

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The directors consider both turnover and gross profit percentage to be key indicators of it's performance.

Turnover in the year has decreased by 5.3% to £10,278,881 from £10,849,500 in 2013. The decrease in turnover is wholly attributable to a reduction in exports, primarily due to adverse movements in foreign currency exchange rates during the year. The directors consider a strong presence in the export market to be central to the company's growth.

The company gross profit percentage for the year remained constant at 21.6%.

The reduction in turnover has also contributed to a decrease in operating profit for the year of £256,808 (18.2%).

The directors are confident of growth in the current year due to the company's reputation in the market place and their strong financial position. In order to meet the anticipated increase, the company has begun the installation of an additional production line, which will be fully operational in 2015.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The directors consider the company's principal business risks and uncertainties to be the increasing competition from emerging markets and the potential volatility of currency exchange rates.

As the Asian economies continue to expand further into world markets, there will undoubtedly become increased competition across all industries. However, the directors are confident that the products manufactured by the company will be of sufficiently higher quality than those produced by any new entrants to the marketplace to negate any potential loss of market share.

The directors believe that the current political climate in certain parts of the world could have a detrimental effect on the exchange rates between Sterling and other currencies. At present the directors do not consider this to be a major risk, however, should circumstances change the directors would consider strategies to mitigate these risks.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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Date: ....

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2014.

### **DIVIDENDS**

The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 31 December 2014 will be £375,000.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2014 to the date of this report.

Mr J M Shirt Mrs R J Shirt Mrs L C Mather Mr M A Shirt Mr R J Shirt

### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mr J M Shirt - Secretary

Date:

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF ABBEY MASTERBATCH LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Abbey Masterbatch Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 on pages five to fourteen. 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 a Report of the Auditors 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 auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page three, 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 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 Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors 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 company's affairs as at 31 December 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors 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, 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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David Hudd BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Livesey Spottiswood Ltd Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 17 George Street St Helens

Merseyside WA10 1DB

Date: 28th September 2013

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
TURNOVER	2	10,278,881	10,849,500
Cost of sales		(8,063,054)	(8,502,929)
GROSS PROFIT		2,215,827	2,346,571
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(147,795) (914,238)	(135,765) (800,204)
OPERATING PROFIT	4	1,153,794	1,410,602
Interest receivable and similar income	***,	8,335	10,009
		1,162,129	1,420,611
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(5)	(145)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1,162,124	1,420,466
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(247,840)	(329,614)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		914,284	1,090,852

### **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year.

### TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current year or previous year.

### NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

The difference between the results as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the results on an unmodified historical cost basis is not material.

### BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2014

	2014		2013		
·	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		1,026,352		768,435
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	482,553		369,537	
Debtors	10	1,482,869		1,742,255	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,703,962		2,378,847	
41		4,669,384		4,490,639	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	927,991		1,067,013	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			3,741,393		3,423,626
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			1767715		4 102 061
LIABILITIES			4,767,745		4,192,061
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	13		98,700		62,300
NET ASSETS			4,669,045		4,129,761
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	14		47,000		47,000
Revaluation reserve	15		294,762		324,662
Profit and loss account	15		4,327,283		3,758,099
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	19		4,669,045		4,129,761

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and were signed on its behalf by:

Mr J M Shirt - Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Net cash inflow	Notes	r	. <b>L</b>
rom operating activities	1	1,410,747	1,121,538
Returns on investments and ervicing of finance	2	8,330	9,864
axation	•	(320,175)	(253,264)
Capital expenditure	2	(390,826)	(146,424)
Equity dividends paid	•	(375,000)	(110,000)
·		333,076	621,714
inancing	2	(7,961)	-
ncrease in cash in the period		325,115	621,714

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds 3		
Increase in cash in the period	325,115	621,714
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows	325,115	621,714
Movement in net funds in the period Net funds at 1 January	325,115 2,378,847	621,714 1,757,133
Net funds at 31 December	2,703,962	2,378,847

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

1.	RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASE	HINFLOW FROM	OPERATING A	CTIVITIES
			2014	2013
			£	£
	Operating profit		1,153,794	1,410,602
	Depreciation charges	•	118,774	124,105
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets		14,135	-
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks		(113,016)	6,209
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors		259,386	(345,819)
	Decrease in creditors		(22,326)	(73,559)
	Net cash inflow from operating activities		1,410,747	1,121,538
2.	ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN	THE CASH FLOW	STATEMENT	
			2014	2013
			£	£
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance			-
	Interest received		8,335	10,009
	Interest paid		(5)	(145)
	,			
	Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	ce	8,330	9,864
	Conital among diagram			
	Capital expenditure		(405.946)	: (146.424)
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(405,846)	(146,424)
	Sale of tangible fixed assets		15,020	
	Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(390,826)	(146,424)
	Financing			
	Amount withdrawn by directors		(7,961)	
	Net cash outflow from financing	•	(7,961)	-
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3.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS			<b>A</b> t
		At 1/1/14	Cash flow	31/12/14
	N	£	£	£
	Net cash:		227.117	0.500.000
	Cash at bank and in hand	2,378,847	325,115	2,703,962
		2,378,847	325,115	2,703,962
	Total	2,378,847	325,115	2,703,962
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention subject to the revaluation of certain fixed assets

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions of Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary, it is included in the consolidated accounts of ATL Industries Limited and those accounts are publicly available. Accordingly, no disclosure is made of transactions with other group undertakings or investees of the group qualifying as related parties.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property

2% on cost

Plant and machinery

15% Straight line

Office equipment

- 15% Straight line

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

### Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the periods of the leases. Assets acquired under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and depreciated in accordance with the accounting policy on depreciation; the related obligations, net of finance costs allocated to future periods are included in creditors. Finance costs are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the periods of the contracts.

### Employee benefit trusts

The company has established trusts for the benefit of employees and certain of their dependants. Monies held in these trusts are held by independent trustees and managed at their discretion.

Where the company retains future economic benefit from, and has de facto control of the assets and liabilities of the trust, they are accounted for as assets and liabilities of the company until the earlier of the date that an allocation of trust funds to employees in respect of past services is declared and the date that assets of the trust vest in identified individuals.

Where monies held in a trust are determined by the company on the basis of employees' past services to the business and the company can obtain no future economic benefit from those monies, such monies, whether in the trust or accrued for by the company are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

### 2. TURNOVER

The turnover was derived from the company's principal activities.

During the year, the company exported 62% of its turnover (2013 - 67%).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

3.	STAFF COSTS		
J.	STAFF COSTS	2014	2013
	Wages and salaries	£ 1,033,559	£ 916,207
	Social security costs	108,480	96,657
	Other pension costs	60,000	100,000
		1,202,039	1,112,864
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	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	2014	2013
		2014	2013
	Management and administration	11	11
	Production		
		40	40
			====
4.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	The operating profit is stated after charging:		
		2014	2013
	•	£	£
	Depreciation - owned assets	118,774	124,105
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets Auditors' remuneration	14,135 6,750	- 5,950
	Other operating leases	24,716	24,126
	Directors' remuneration	373,071	280,155
	Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	60,000	100,000
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	The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:		
	Money purchase schemes	2	2
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	Information regarding the highest paid director is as follows:		,
	anomaton regularing the ingreet para an even to be zonone.	2014	2013
	Paralam and an	£	£
	Emoluments etc Pension contributions to money purchase schemes	129,549	81,679 50,000
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5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2014	2013
	Dank interest	£	£
	Bank interest Corporation tax interest	5	145
	•		
		5	145

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014.

6.	TAXATION				
	Analysis of the tax charge				
•	The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities f	or the year was as for	ollows:		
	-			2014 £	2013 £
	Current tax:			~	
	UK corporation tax			211,300	320,000
	Prior periods			140	14
	Total current tax			211,440	320,014
	Deferred tax			36,400	9,600
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities			247,840	329,614
	•			•	
	Factors affecting the tax charge The tax assessed for the year is lower than the stand	dard rate of corporat	ion tax in the UK.	The difference is e	explained below:
	-	•		2014 £	2013 £
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax			1,162,124	1,420,466
	Profit on ordinary activities				
	multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax				
	in the UK of 21% (2013 - 24%)			244,046	340,912
	Effects of:				
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes			963	643
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous pe	rioda		(36,680) 140	(10,045) 14
	Changes in tax rates	alous		4,892	(10,407)
	Marginal rate relief			(1,896)	(963)
	Rounding			(25)	(140)
	Current tax charge			211,440	320,014
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7.	DIVIDENDS				
				2014 £	2013 £
	Dividends paid			375,000	110,000
	•			====	
8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
0.	TANGIDDE TEADD AGGETG	Freehold	Plant and	Office	
		property	machinery	equipment	Totals
	COST	£	£	£	£
	At 1 January 2014	648,622	2,830,249	80,575	3,559,446
	Additions	146,253	241,344	18,249	405,846
	Disposals	(29,155)	-	-	(29,155)
-	At 31 December 2014	765,720	3,071,593	98,824	3,936,137
	DEPRECIATION				
	At 1 January 2014	284,504	2,448,680	57,827	2,791,011
	Charge for year	10,350	101,232	7,192	118,774
	At 31 December 2014	294,854	2,549,912	65,019	2,909,785
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 31 December 2014	470,866	521,681	33,805	1,026,352
	At 31 December 2013	364,118	381,569	22,748	768,435
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

### 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

The freehold property was professionally valued during 1990 by Fellows of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors at an open market value on a current use basis. The valuation has not been updated as the transitional arrangements of FRS15 have been followed.

The historical cost of the freehold land and buildings included at valuation amounted to £344,520 (2013 - £203,622) and the accumulated depreciation thereon amounts to £115,418 (2013 - £111,168).

No provision for deferred taxation has been made in respect of potential capital gains on the disposal of the property since it is not envisaged that the property will be disposed of in the near future. If the asset were disposed of at it's revalued amount the potential liability would be £16,000 (2013 - £23,000).

The historical cost of the freehold land and buildings includes land with a value of £26,145 (2013 - £31,500) on which no depreciation charge is made.

### 9. STOCKS

9.	STOCKS	2014	2013
	Stock and work in progress	482,553 ———	369,537
10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2014	2013
		£	£
	Trade debtors	991,346	1,142,158
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	333,343	363,199
	Other debtors	13,660	54,697
	Amounts owed by related parties	-	12,497
	VAT	118,756	147,118
	Prepayments	25,764	22,586
		1,482,869	1,742,255
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2014	2013
		£	£
	Trade creditors	228,363	285,838
	Corporation tax	211,265	320,000
	Social security and other taxes	28,494	30,470
	Other creditors	6,361	10,616
	Directors' current accounts		7,961
	Accrued expenses	453,508	412,128
		927,991	1,067,013

### 12. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

	Other operating lea	
·	<b>2014</b>	2013
	£	£
Expiring:		
Within one year	-	1,735
Between one and five years	24,514	21,900
	24,514	23,635

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

13.	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES			
			2014 £	2013 £
	Deferred tax Accelerated capital allowances		98,700	62,300
				Deferred tax £
	Balance at 1 January 2014 Movement in the year			62,300 36,400
	Balance at 31 December 2014			98,700
14.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL			
	Allotted, issued and fully paid: Number: Class:	Nominal value:	2014 £	2013 £
	47,000 Ordinary	£1	47,000	47,000
15.	OTHER RESERVES			
		Profit and loss account £	Revaluation reserve £	Totals £
	At 1 January 2014 Profit for the year	3,758,099 .914,284	324,662	4,082,761 914,284
	Dividends Transfer for depreciation charged on revalued assets	(375,000) 6,100	(6,100)	(375,000)
	Realisation of property revaluation gains of previous years	23,800	(23,800)	
	At 31 December 2014	4,327,283	294,762	4,622,045

### . 16. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate parent company and controlling party is ATL Industries Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. ATL Industries Limited holds 100% of the issued share capital of the company.

### 17. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2014	2013
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the		
financial statements	-	35,900

### 18: RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the company's parent company has been ATL Industries Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The ultimate controlling party is Mr J M Shirt the majority shareholder of ATL Industries Limited.

At 31 December 2014, £Nil (2013 - £12,497) was due from the JM Shirt Accumulation and Maintenance Trust, a trust in which the director, Mr J M Shirt is a trustee.

During the year, the company has sold land amounting to £20,000 (2013 - £Nil) and recharged building costs amounting to £272,788 (2013 - £Nil) to The Shirt Family Pension Fund, a fund in which the directors Mr M A Shirt and Mr R J Shirt are beneficiaries.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

19. <b>RECONCILIATION</b>	N OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	2014	2013
		£	£
Profit for the financia	l year	914,284	1,090,852
Dividends		(375,000)	(110,000)
Net addition to shareholders' funds		539,284	980,852
Opening shareholders' funds		4,129,761	3,148,909
Closing shareholders' funds		4,669,045	4,129,761