

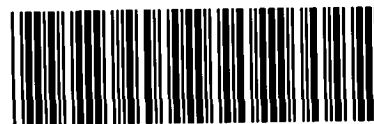
Expeditors International (UK) Limited

Annual report and financial statements

Registered number 01872622

For the year ended 31 December 2022

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Strategic report

Principal activities

Expeditors International (UK) Ltd (“the company”) is a company limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales. The company’s registered office is 1 Ascot Road, Bedfont, Middlesex TW14 8QH. The company is engaged in the business of global logistics management, including international freight forwarding and consolidation, for both air and ocean freight, as well as acting as a customs broker. The company also provides additional services including order management, time definite transportation, warehousing and distribution, cargo insurance and customised logistics solutions.

Principal risks and uncertainties

International trade is influenced by many factors, including economic and political conditions in the United Kingdom and abroad, currency exchange rates and United Kingdom and foreign laws and policies relating to tariffs, trade restrictions, regional and global conflicts. Periodically, governments consider a variety of changes to current tariffs and trade restrictions. Brexit has significantly increased uncertainty in this regard. The company cannot predict what further changes might be adopted, nor can the company predict the effects the adoption of any such changes will have on the company’s business.

COVID-19 significantly impacted worldwide economic conditions and global trade and may continue to have an adverse effect on our operations, and the operations of our service providers and our customers, which may further impact our business. We may be impacted by residual effects of the COVID-19 pandemic or a new and similarly disruptive global health emergency. In early 2020, COVID-19 was declared as a global health emergency and later declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization, prompting governments around the world to mandate lockdowns and other restrictions that had direct impacts on international trade. The COVID-19 pandemic and various government reactions to it contributed to shortages of labour and capacity, and increased costs that continue to impact our operations. There is no guarantee that a continuation or resurgence of COVID-19 or a variant or a similarly disruptive health emergency, would impact us similar to how COVID-19 has impacted our operations since 2020. Any significant disruption on the scale of the COVID-19 pandemic over an extended period could negatively affect our business and our financial results.

As a non-asset based provider of global logistics services, Expeditors depends on a variety of asset-based service providers, including air, ocean and ground freight carriers. The quality and profitability of our services depend upon effective selection and oversight of our service providers. During the pandemic, air carriers have been particularly affected having to cancel flights due to travel restrictions resulting in dramatic drops in revenues, historical losses, and liquidity challenges. Uncertainty over recovery of demand for passenger air travel, in particular business travel, to pre-pandemic levels means air carriers operations and financial stability may be adversely affected long term. Additionally, several industry service providers, including ocean carriers, have consolidated, with the potential for more to occur in the future. Disruptions such as COVID-19 place significant stress on our air, ocean and freight ground carriers, as well as other service providers, which may result in reduced carrier capacity or availability, pricing volatility or more limited carrier transportation schedules and other services that we utilise, which could adversely impact our operations and financial results.

The company is a service business. The quality of this service is directly related to the quality of the company’s employees. Identifying, training and retaining key employees is essential to continued growth and future profitability. In order to retain the services of highly qualified, experienced and motivated employees, the company places considerable emphasis on its non-equity incentive compensation programs.

Any significant disruptions to our network and systems continuity could have an adverse impact to our business and financial results. As Expeditors, our customers and suppliers continue to increase reliance on systems, and as additional features are added, the risks also increase. Any significant disruptions to our global systems or the internet for any reason, which could include equipment or network failures; power outages; sabotage; employee error or other actions; cyber-attacks or other security breaches; reliance on third party technology; geo-political activity or natural disasters; all of which could have a material negative effect on our results.

Strategic report *(continued)*

Taking account of the above considerations, the company believes it is well positioned to grow the business, given the strong balance sheet and experienced workforce.

Statement on stakeholder relationships made under Section 172(1) of the Companies Act

Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires a director of a company to act in the way he or she considers, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its stakeholders. The directors take their duties very seriously, and the board is committed to engaging with key stakeholders when making decisions and formulating strategy.

As a private limited company, the directors consider the key stakeholders of Expeditors International (UK) Ltd to be; employees, customers, suppliers and the wider community within which Expeditors operates.

Expeditors continues to focus on executing key strategic initiatives that are designed to achieve long-term earnings growth. The strategic plan is to grow our business by focusing on the right markets and, within each market, on the right customers, that lead to profitable business growth. When these strategies are considered, the directors have regard to their wider obligations under Section 172 of the Act

By ensuring Expeditors achieves its strategic objectives of long-term earnings growth, combined with positive cashflow, this will result in a company that our employees, customers, suppliers and the wider community can rely on in the long term.

Expeditors engages with employees through an annual employee satisfaction survey, monthly branch meetings and town hall meetings led by senior management. Annual reviews are held with suppliers at their premises and customer seminars are held each year, to engage with suppliers and customers.

Business review

The company monitors the following key performance indicators:

KPI	2022	2021
	£m	£m
Turnover	334	306
Gross Profit	121	116
Operating Profit	22	42

Operational conditions remained challenging and uncertain in 2022. The COVID-19 pandemic, including the effect of ongoing quarantine requirements in China and resulting disruptions on supply chains, continued to affect our business operations and financial results. Imbalances between carrier available capacity and customer demand that were severe at the beginning of the year gradually eased throughout the year.

Revenues increased 9% due to higher average sell rates, while operating profit declined 48% due to higher operating expenses, mainly driven by the introduction of a business licence fee payable to the parent company.

Volumes transacted in most services were down due to softening customer demand and from a slowdown in the global economy. Average buy and sell rates, while higher than historical levels, progressively declined throughout the year as imbalances between available capacity for transportation and demand and major port congestion have dissipated.

Strategic report *(continued)*

The company's balance sheet remains strong, with £51 million of net assets at 31 December 2022. The company owns freehold land and buildings with a net book value of £53 million, which are funded by a parent company USD loan of \$54 million (£54 million at 31 December 2021). The movement in the GBP/USD exchange rate during the year, resulted in an unrealised exchange loss of £4.8 million on the loan, compared to a loss of £265,000 in 2021. Net current assets at 31 December 2022 were £43 million, including cash of £26 million.

Going concern

The company has traded profitably during the year and since the year end, the directors expect this to continue. The company has net current assets and net assets. Cash has reduced significantly post year end due to dividends paid to the parent company Expeditors International of Washington Inc, however the Company has received a letter of financial support from Expeditors International of Washington Inc, whereby the necessary financial support will be provided to the Company if required for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. As stated in note 13, the company has a parent company loan which is repayable on demand. However, the directors have agreed with the parent undertaking that it will not seek repayment of the loan prior to 31 December 2024, so long as the company maintains an interest in the property for which the loan was made.

After taking into account the above factors, the directors believe that the company can manage its business risks successfully and are satisfied that the company has sufficient financial resources to enable it to continue operating in the foreseeable future. The directors therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the directors' report and financial statements.

By order of the board

tim Barber

T Barber
Director
5 December 2023

1 Ascot Road
Bedfont
Middlesex
TW14 8QH

Directors' report

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

J S Musser
T Barber
D Wall

Results and dividend

The profit and loss account is set out on page 11 and shows the profit for the financial year.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2021: *£nil*). Interim dividends of £20,000,000 / £3,030.30 (2021: £0 / £0 *per share*) were paid to the ordinary shareholders.

Future Developments

The directors do not anticipate any significant changes in the principal activities of the company for the foreseeable future.

Employees

The company places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and has continued its previous practice of keeping them informed on matters affecting them as employees and on various factors affecting the performance of the group. This is achieved through formal and informal meetings. Employees participate directly in the success of the company through profit sharing schemes and have the opportunity to invest in the group through participation in the employee share purchase scheme.

The company is committed to promoting equality of opportunity for all staff and job applicants. The company aims to create a working environment in which all individuals are able to make best use of their skills, free from discrimination or harassment, and in which all decisions are based on merit. The company does not discriminate against staff on the basis of age, disability, gender reassignment, marital or civil partner status, pregnancy or maternity, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The Group is mainly exposed to credit risk from credit sales. It is Group policy, implemented locally, to assess the credit risk of new customers before entering contracts. Such credit ratings are taken into account by local business practices. Each new customer is analysed individually for creditworthiness before the Group's standard payment and delivery terms and conditions are offered. Purchase limits are established for each customer, which represents the maximum open amount without requiring approval.

Credit risk also arises from cash and cash equivalents and deposits with banks and financial institutions. For banks and financial institutions, only independently rated parties with minimum rating "A" are accepted.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the company's management of working capital. It is the risk that the company will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due.

The company reviews cash flow projections as well as information regarding cash balances. These reviews, as well as taking into consideration there is no external group debt, indicate the company expects to have sufficient liquid

Directors' report (continued)

resources to meet its obligations under all reasonably expected circumstances, which is underpinned by a letter of financial support from its parent company.

Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises when entering into transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency. The company's policy is, where possible, to settle liabilities denominated in their functional currency with the cash generated from their own operations in that currency and to match liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency with assets held in that currency

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

GHG emissions and energy use data for period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Required element of report (Mandatory/Optional)		Current reporting year 2022 UK and offshore	Comparison reporting year 2021 UK and offshore
M/O	Description		
M	Energy consumption used to calculate emissions: kWh (optional to provide separate figures for gas, electricity, transport fuel and other energy sources)	3,625,751	3,602,674
M	Emissions from combustion of gas (tCO ₂ e (Scope 1))	91.45	130.49
M	Emissions from combustion of fuel for transport purposes (Scope 1)	0.00	0.00
M	Emissions from business travel in rental cars or employee-owned vehicles where company is responsible for purchasing the fuel (Scope 3)	71.32	21.65
M	Emissions from purchased electricity (Scope 2, location-based)	587.76	595.11
M	Total gross CO₂e based on above	750.52	747.25
M	Intensity ratio: tCO ₂ e gross figure based from mandatory fields above/ e.g. £100,000 revenue	2.25	2.44
M	Methodology	GHG Protocol Corporate	GHG Protocol Corporate
O	Emissions from other activities which the company own or control including operation of facilities	0.00	0.00
O	Emissions from purchased electricity (Scope 2, market-based factor)	n/a	n/a
O	Emissions from heat, steam and cooling purchased for own use (Scope 2)	0.00	0.00
O	Emissions from generation of electricity that is consumed in a transmission and distribution system for which the company does not own or control (Scope 3) / tCO ₂ e	50.85	52.66
O	Emissions from transportation of purchased fuels for which the company does not own or control (Scope 3) / tCO ₂ e	0.00	0.00
M	Total gross Scope 3 emissions / tCO₂e	122.17	74.32
M	Total gross Scope 1, Scope 2 (location) & Scope 3 emissions / tCO₂e	801.37	799.92
O	Carbon offsets / tCO ₂ e	0.00	0.00
O	Domestic Carbon Units (e.g. Woodland Carbon Code, Peatland Carbon Code / tCO ₂ e)***	0.00	0.00
M	Total annual net emissions / tCO₂e	801.37	799.92
M	Intensity ratio: tCO ₂ e net figure / m ²	n/a	0.028
O	Third Party verification (optional)	Report independently	Report independently

During the SECR reporting period, the company made use of solar panels at their new Bedford facility, with the aim to help reduce the company's carbon emissions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

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

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and BDO will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

tim Barber

T Barber
Director
5 December 2023

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

The directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EXPEDITORS INTERNATIONAL (UK) LIMITED

Opinion on the 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 2022 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.

We have audited the financial statements of Expeditors International (UK) Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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

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

Other information

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

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

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

- 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; and
- the Strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report or the Directors' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud¹

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Non-compliance with laws and regulations

Based on:

- Our understanding of the Company and the industry in which it operates;
- Discussion with management and those charged with governance; and
- Obtaining and understanding of the Company's policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;

we considered the significant laws and regulations to be Companies Act 2006, Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, the Companies Act 2006 and tax related legislation.

The Company is also subject to laws and regulations where the consequence of non-compliance could have a material effect on the amount or disclosures in the financial statements, for example through the imposition of fines or litigations. We identified such laws and regulations to be Health and Safety legislation and Bribery Act 2010.

Our procedures in respect of the above included:

- Review of minutes of meeting of those charged with governance for any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Review of correspondence with tax authorities for any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Review of financial statement disclosures and agreeing to supporting documentation; and

- Review of legal expenditure accounts to understand the nature of expenditure incurred.

Fraud

We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiry with management and those charged with governance regarding any known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Obtaining an understanding of the Company's policies and procedures relating to:
 - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud; and
 - Internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud.
- Review of minutes of meeting of those charged with governance for any known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Discussion amongst the engagement team as to how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.

Based on our risk assessment, we considered the areas most susceptible to fraud to be the manual override of controls and fraudulent revenue recognition.

Our procedures in respect of the above included:

- Testing a sample of journal entries throughout the year, which met a defined risk criteria, by agreeing to supporting documentation; and
- Assessing significant estimates made by management for bias.
- Revenue transactions sampled to ensure recognised in the correct accounting period and in accordance Financial Reporting Standard 102.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members who were all deemed to have appropriate competence and capabilities and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

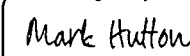
Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

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

DocuSigned by:



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Mark Hutton (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor

Guildford, UK

Date: 05 December 2023

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	<i>Note</i>	2022 £000	2021 £000
Turnover	2	334,098	306,255
Cost of sales		(213,289)	(190,112)
Gross profit		120,809	116,143
Administrative expenses		(98,544)	(74,005)
Operating profit	3	22,265	42,138
Interest receivable and similar income	6	50	5
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(5,471)	(958)
Profit before taxation		16,844	41,185
Tax on profit	8	(3,283)	(7,071)
Profit for the financial year		13,561	34,114

All figures relate to continuing activities.

Notes on pages 14 to 25 form part of the financial statements.

Balance sheet
as at 31 December 2022

	<i>Note</i>	2022	2021
		£000	£000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	62,165	55,172
Current assets			
Debtors	11	76,816	141,048
Cash at bank and in hand		26,265	22,463
		<u>103,081</u>	<u>163,511</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(60,049)	(113,920)
Net current assets		<u>43,032</u>	<u>49,591</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>105,197</u>	<u>104,763</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(50,684)	(46,398)
Provisions for liabilities	14	(3,144)	(2,312)
Net assets		<u>51,369</u>	<u>56,053</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	16	7	7
Profit and loss account		51,362	56,046
Shareholder's funds		<u>51,369</u>	<u>56,053</u>

Notes on pages 14 to 25 form part of the financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 5th December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

tim Barber

T Barber
Director

Company registered number: 01872622

Statement of changes in equity
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Share capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
At 1 January 2021	7	20,525	20,532
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	34,114	34,114
Profit for the year	-	34,114	34,114
Other changes to comprehensive income	-	-	-
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	-	1,407	1,407
Equity-settled share based payment transactions	-	-	-
Dividends	-	-	-
		1,407	1,407
At 1 January 2022	7	56,046	56,053
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	13,561	13,561
Profit for the year	-	13,561	13,561
Other changes to comprehensive income	-	-	-
Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity	-	1,755	1,755
Equity-settled share based payment transactions	-	(20,000)	(20,000)
Dividends	-	-	-
		(18,245)	(18,245)
At 31 December 2022	7	51,362	51,369

Notes on pages 14 to 25 form part of the financial statements.

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

Expeditors International (UK) Ltd (the “Company”) is a company limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard* applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (“FRS 102”). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Company’s ultimate parent undertaking, Expeditors International of Washington Inc, includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) and are available to the public and may be obtained from www.expd.com. In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of FRS 102) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to end of the period
- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation

As the consolidated financial statements of Expeditors International of Washington Inc include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- Certain disclosures required by FRS 102.26 *Share Based Payments*; and,
- The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 *Basic Financial Instruments* and FRS 102.12 *Other Financial Instrument Issues* in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

There are no estimates or judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that have significant effect on the financial statements and no estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year.

Going concern

The company has traded profitably during the year and since the year end, the directors expect this to continue. The company has net current assets and net assets. Cash has reduced significantly post year end due to dividends paid to the parent company Expeditors International of Washington Inc, however the Company has received a letter of financial support from Expeditors International of Washington Inc, whereby the necessary financial support will be provided to the Company if required for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. As stated in note 13, the company has a parent company loan which is repayable on demand. However, the directors have agreed with the parent undertaking that it will not seek repayment of the loan prior to 31 December 2024, so long as the company maintains an interest in the property for which the loan was made.

After taking into account the above factors, the directors believe that the company can manage its business risks successfully and are satisfied that the company has sufficient financial resources to enable it to continue operating in the foreseeable future. The directors therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the directors’ report and financial statements.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Where parts of an item of tangible fixed assets have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of tangible fixed assets, for example land is treated separately from buildings.

The company assesses at each reporting date whether tangible fixed assets (including those leased under a finance lease) are impaired.

Depreciation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of tangible fixed assets. Land is not depreciated. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Freehold buildings	40 years
Leasehold improvements	life of lease
Office furniture, fittings and equipment	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % per annum
Warehouse equipment	20% per annum
Computer equipment	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % per annum

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed if there is an indication of a significant change since last annual reporting date in the pattern by which the company expects to consume an asset's future economic benefits. This judgement takes account of technology innovations and maintenance.

Impairment

Financial assets (including trade and other debtors)

A financial asset not carried at fair value through profit or loss is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset that can be estimated reliably.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. For financial instruments measured at cost less impairment an impairment is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. When a subsequent event causes the amount of impairment loss to decrease, the decrease in impairment loss is reversed through profit or loss.

Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the company's non-financial assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. For the purpose of impairment testing, assets that cannot be tested individually are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets (the "cash-generating unit").

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGUs are allocated to reduce the carrying amounts of the assets in the unit (group of units) on a *pro rata* basis.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment (continued)

An impairment loss is reversed if and only if the reasons for the impairment have ceased to apply. Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the company's functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

Turnover and revenue recognition

Turnover represents charges made to customers for freight services carried out during the year, after deduction of credit notes and VAT.

The company derives its revenues from three principal sources: 1) airfreight services, 2) ocean freight and ocean services, and 3) customs brokerage and other services.

As a non-asset based carrier, the company does not own transportation assets. Rather, the company generates the major portion of its air and ocean freight revenues by purchasing transportation services from direct (asset-based) carriers and reselling those services to its customers, acting as an indirect carrier. By consolidating shipments from multiple customers and concentrating its buying power, the company is able to negotiate favourable buy rates from direct carriers, while at the same time offering lower sell rates than customers would otherwise be able to negotiate themselves.

When acting as an indirect carrier, the company will issue a House Airway Bill (HAWB) or a House Ocean Bill of Lading (HOBL) to customers as the contract of carriage. In turn, when the freight is physically tendered to a direct carrier, the company receives a contract of carriage known as a Master Airway Bill for airfreight shipments and a Master Ocean Bill of Lading for ocean shipments. At this point, the risk of loss passes to the carrier, however, in order to claim for any such loss, the customer is first obligated to pay the freight charges. Based upon terms in the contract of carriage, revenues related to shipments where the company issues a HAWB or a HOBL are recognized at the time the freight is tendered to the direct carrier at origin.

Customs brokerage and other services involves providing services at destination, such as helping customers clear shipments through customs by preparing required documentation, calculating and providing for payment of duties and other taxes on behalf of the customers and arranging for delivery. Revenues related to customs brokerage and other services are recognized upon completion of the services.

Operating leases

Leases in which the Company assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset are classified as finance leases. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Payments (excluding costs for services and insurance) made under operating leases are recognised in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease unless the payments to the lessor are structured to increase in line with expected general inflation; in which case the payments related to the structured increases are recognised as incurred. Lease incentives received are recognised in profit and loss over the term of the lease as an integral part of the total lease expense.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Basic financial instruments

Trade and other debtors / creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors.

Interest-bearing borrowings classified as basic financial instruments

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Provisions

A provision is recognised in the balance sheet when the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, that can be reliably measured and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are recognised at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

Provisions – Dilapidations

Where the company has a legal obligation, a dilapidations provision is created on inception of a lease. These provisions are a best estimate of the cost required to return leased properties to their original condition upon termination of the lease. Uncertainty regarding likely damage and cost is assessed with reference to third party quotes and likely damage requiring rectification. When the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount of the provision is recognised as the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation. The provision is discounted at a rate that reflects the current market assessment of the time value of money and risks specific to the liability.

Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Share-based payment transactions.

The company is part of group share-based payment plans and it recognises and measures its share-based payment expense on the basis of a reasonable allocation of the expense recognised for the group. The allocation is based on fair value of share-based payments received by employees of the company.

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.

Reserves

The company reserves are as follows:

- Called up share capital reserve represents the nominal value of the shares issued.
- Profit and loss account represents cumulative profits and losses, net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

Notes (continued)

2 Analysis of turnover

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

	2022 £000	2021 £000
<i>By geographical market</i>		
United Kingdom	170,849	162,759
Rest of European Union	52,496	17,586
Rest of World	110,753	125,910
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Total	334,098	306,255
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3 Operating profit

This is arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Audit of these financial statements	51	42
Amount receivable by the company's auditor in respect of: Tax compliance services	38	6
Depreciation	1,862	1,563
Operating Lease Expense	2,512	1,463
Share based payment expense	1,755	1,407
Foreign Exchange (gains)/losses	4,075	476
Business License Royalty Fee	26,693	-
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4 Remuneration of director

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Emoluments	4,851	3,780
Pension contributions	-	-
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	4,851	3,780
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Retirement benefits are accruing to 1 director (2021: 1 director) under money purchase schemes.

Share options were exercised by 3 director (2021: 3 directors).

Notes (continued)

5 Staff numbers and costs

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

	Number of employees	
	2022	2021
Operations	637	563
Administration and finance	210	191
Sales	49	48
	<u>896</u>	<u>802</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	57,979	56,178
Share based payments (see note 19)	1,755	1,407
Social security costs	8,170	7,929
Other pension costs (see note 18)	2,631	1,842
	<u>70,535</u>	<u>67,356</u>

6 Interest receivable and similar income

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Interest Receivable	50	5
Gain on foreign currency translation – amounts owed to group undertaking	-	-
Forex Gains	-	-
	<u>50</u>	<u>5</u>

7 Interest payable and similar charges

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Interest Payable	2	3
Payable to group undertakings	1,394	479
Loss on foreign currency translation – amounts owed to group undertaking	4,075	476
	<u>5,471</u>	<u>958</u>

Notes (continued)

8 Taxation

	2022 £000	2022 £000	2021 £000	2021 £000
<i>UK corporation tax</i>				
Current tax on income for the period	2,268		7,025	
Total current tax		2,268		7,025
<i>Deferred tax</i>				
Origination/reversal of timing differences	1,015		120	
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-		-	
Effect of tax rate change on opening balance	-		(74)	
Total deferred tax		1,015		46
Tax charge/(credit) on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities		3,283		7,071

Reconciliation of effective tax rate

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Profit/(loss) for the year	13,561	34,114
Total tax expense/(credit)	3,283	7,071
Profit/(loss) excluding taxation	16,844	41,185
Tax using the UK corporation tax rate of 19.00%	3,200	7,825
Fixed Asset Differences	(138)	63
Non-deductible expenses	409	289
Other Permanent differences	(379)	(1,245)
Adjustments to tax charge relating to previous periods – deferred tax	-	(74)
Timing differences not recognised in the computation	(54)	213
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rate	245	-
Effect of changes in tax rates	-	-
Total tax expense included in profit or loss	3,283	7,071

Notes (continued)

9 Dividends

The aggregate amount of dividends comprises:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Interim dividends paid of £3,030 (2021: £0) per share	20,000	-

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold buildings	Land	Leasehold improvements	Office furniture fittings & equipment	Warehouse equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost							
At beginning of year	20,071	37,755	4,594	1,381	4,041	3,970	71,812
Additions	561	-	4,847	463	2,361	622	8,854
Disposals	-	-	(386)	(59)	(157)	(10)	(612)
At end of year	20,632	37,755	9,055	1,785	6,245	4,582	80,054
Depreciation							
At beginning of year	5,343	-	3,363	1,298	3,121	3,515	16,640
Charge for year	516	-	346	89	538	373	1,862
On disposals	-	-	(386)	(58)	(157)	(12)	(613)
At end of year	5,859	-	3,323	1,329	3,502	3,876	17,889
Net book value							
At 31 December 2022	14,773	37,755	5,732	456	2,743	706	62,165
At 31 December 2021	14,728	37,755	1,231	83	920	455	55,172

11 Debtors

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Trade debtors	60,604	125,649
Amounts owed by parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	4,613	7,313
Other debtors	2,340	1,987
Prepayments and accrued income	748	722
Taxation and social security	4,681	-
Deferred Tax (Note 15)	-	187
Deferred Costs	3,830	5,190
	76,816	141,048

Notes *(continued)*

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Trade creditors	42,868	87,781
Amounts owed to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	2,617	7,920
Taxation and social security	-	1,995
Other creditors	4,457	5,230
Accruals	5,082	3,409
Deferred Revenue	5,025	7,585
	<u>60,049</u>	<u>113,920</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Amount owed to group undertaking	<u>50,684</u>	<u>46,398</u>

Interest is payable at LIBOR +1%.

The loan is denominated in USD and is repayable on demand. However, prior to 31 December 2020, the directors agreed with their parent undertaking that it would not seek repayment of the loan during the period to the 31 December 2024, so long as the company maintains an interest in the property for which the loan was made and thus the loan is classified as due after more than one year.

14 Provisions for liabilities

	Repair obligation £000	Total £000
At beginning of the year	2,313	2,313
Additions / Movements	831	831
	<u>3,144</u>	<u>3,144</u>
At end of the year	<u>3,144</u>	<u>3,144</u>

The company has various property leases which require the company to return the property to the landlord at the end of the tenancy in a specified condition. The above provision is recognised as the estimated cost of returning these premises to the condition specified in the leases. The cash outflows are expected in 2022 – 2032.

Notes (continued)

15 Deferred tax

The elements of deferred taxation are as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances	(1,916)	(629)
Estimated future deduction for share based payments	1,088	816
	<u>(828)</u>	<u>187</u>

Deferred tax asset / (liability)

	2022 £000	2021 £000
At the start of the year	187	233
Deferred tax charge in the profit and loss account	(1,015)	(46)
	<u>(828)</u>	<u>187</u>

16 Called up share capital

	2022 £000	2021 £000
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
6,600 Ordinary shares of £1 each	7	7

17 Commitments

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

	2022 £000	2021 £000
Less than one year	3,104	1,185
Between one and five years	12,774	3,752
More than five years	11,349	2,187
	<u>27,227</u>	<u>7,124</u>

18 Pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £2,631,000 (2021: £1,842,000). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

19 Share based payments

Employees of the company receive stock awards and restricted stock units under stock plans of Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. the sole shareholder of the company. At 31 December 2022, Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. has one stock plan (Amended 2017 Plan") for employees under which its Board of Directors may grant officers and key employees share awards. Under the stock plan, restricted stock units generally vest annually over 3 years based on continued employment. The company does not incur any obligation as a result of the grant of stock awards by Expeditors International of Washington, Inc. to its employees and does not issue any share nor any cash settlement upon exercise of the options by its employees.

Also, employees of the company may participate to Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("2002 Plan"), which became effective 1 August 2002. The 2002 Plan provides for shares of Expeditors International of Washington, Inc.'s common stock to be reserved for issuance upon exercise of purchase rights granted to employees who elect to participate through regular payroll deductions beginning 1 August of each year. The purchase rights are exercisable on 31 July of the following year at a price equal to the lesser of (1) 85% of the fair market value of the company's stock on 31 July or (2) 85% of the fair market value of the company's stock on the preceding 1 August. The company does not issue any share nor any cash settlement upon exercise of the purchase rights by its employees.

The fair value of services received in return for share based payments is measured by reference to an estimate of the fair value of options awarded under Expeditors International of Washington Inc.'s fixed stock option or employee stock purchase rights plans.

20 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under paragraph 33.1A of the Financial Reporting Standard 102 not to disclose transactions with other wholly owned members of the group.

21 Ultimate holding company

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Expeditors International of Washington Incorporated, incorporated in the state of Washington, United States of America, which is also the company's ultimate controlling party.

The only group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Expeditors International of Washington Incorporated. The consolidated financial statements are available to the public and may be obtained from:

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