FOCUSRITE AUDIO ENGINEERING LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2012

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 August 2012

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2012

1 Principal activities

The company continues to develop, manufacture and market professional audio and electronic music products and also licences its intellectual property

2 Business review and future developments

Focusrite Audio Engineering Limited develops digital and analogue hardware and software products for the music and recording industry under the Focusrite and Novation brands and sells these products globally through a network of distributors. In the U.K. Focusrite also distributes some complementary third-party brands (loudspeakers, DJ products and software) to the retail channel.

The Company's turnover in the period increased by 25% to £25 2m EBITDA was £2,415,973 compared with £2,096,811 in the previous year whilst Company operating profit (before tax and dividends) was £2,149,246 compared with £1,904,660 in the previous year Sales in the United States increased by over 50% in the year to over \$15m as a result of the increased sales to its US distributor and marketing management provided by the company's wholly owned subsidiary, Focusrite Novation Inc

Company revenues are earned in U.S. Dollars, Euros and Pounds. Manufacturing is conducted by third-party contract manufacturers in China and the Company's products are distributed globally through national distributors to specialist retailers. Manufacturing costs are predominantly in US. Dollars providing a natural currency hedge.

Focusrite is one of the world's leading brands of audio interfaces with its Saffire and Scarlett ranges. These are used by musicians and recording engineers to connect Apple and PC computers (as recording media) to the analogue world, in other words providing inputs to and outputs from computers through high precision digital conversion processes and augmented with signal processing and mixing software.

Novation is one of the world's leading brands of MIDI controllers and Synthesizers. Launchpad is the most widely used controller for Ableton Live software and UltraNova has become one of the top three synthesizers in the market. The new Novation Impulse range of keyboard controllers looks set to become one of the top three keyboard controllers by revenue in the market.

In October 2011 Focusrite Audio Engineering Ltd achieved a top-three placing on the "Ones to Recognise" list in the Sunday Times TechTrack 100 survey of privately owned, fast growth, Technology (TMT) Companies as a result of achieving combined revenue growth of 124% over the last two years

Focusrite was also recognised in the Sunday Times Best Companies to Work For 2012 Awards. The company was a recipient of the 2012 Queen's Award for Enterprise, International Trade, in recognition of three years consistent growth of sales outside the UK

Forward expectations

The Board are confident that the business, which has no debt, will continue to grow strongly. This will be achieved by taking greater market share in the segments in which it already operates as well as moving into new sectors, with RedNet audio networking for recording, and post production studio, broadcast and live sound and audio interfaces for the iPad user who wishes to record music

Directors' Report (continued)

3 Dividends

During the year dividends of £537,207 (2011 £nil) were paid in respect of Ordinary Shares

4. Directors

The Directors who served during the year were as follows

P S Dudderidge

J A Duddendge

R D Jenkins

G Orford

D Hawley

M F Warriner

T J Dingley

C D W Smith

D Froker appointed on 27th March 2012

5 Disclosure of information to auditor

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

6 Auditor

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

Michael Warringt
Commercial Director

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

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- · make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

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

KPMG LLP

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Focusrite Audio Engineering Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Focusrite Audio Engineering Limited for the year ended 31 August 2012, set out on pages 6 to 17 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Sections 495 and 496 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

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

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at www frc org uk/apb/scope/private cfm

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 August 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- · have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

Independent auditor's report to the members of Focusrite Audio Engineering Limited (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

 adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or

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- 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

R A Stevenson (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 August 2012

		2012	2011
Note		£	£
2	Turnover	25,270,078	20,188,130
	Cost of sales	(15,632,078)	(11,981,189)
	Gross profit	9,638,000	8,206,941
	Administrative expenses	(7,555,194)	(6,368,721)
6	Other operating income	66,440	66,440
3-5	Operating profit	2,149,246	1,904,660
7	Interest receivable and similar income	134,718	2,979
8	Interest payable and similar charges	-	(27,793)
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2,283,964	1,879,846
9	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(183,932)	(281,994)
	Profit for the financial year	2,100,032	1,597,852

There are no gains or losses other than those reported above and as a result no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses is presented

All turnover and operating results reported above are derived from continuing operations

Balance sheet at 31 August 2012

Note	!		2012		2011
		£	£	£	£
	Fixed assets				
10	Tangible assets	516,580		547,394	
11	Intangible assets	477,444		506,861	
12	Investments	12,987		12,987	
			1,007,011		1,067,242
			1,007,011		1,001,242
	Current assets				
13	Stocks	3,547,358		2,700,452	
14	Debtors	4,511,262		3,312,976	
. ,	Cash at bank and in hand	2,281,046		2,443,514	
				-	
		10,339,666		8,456,942	
15	Creditors	(4.007.444)		(4 440 740)	
	Amounts falling due within one year	(4,367,111)		(4,110,719)	
	one year				
	Net current assets		5,972,555		4,346,223
	Net assets		6,979,566		5,413,465
	Capital and reserves				
16	Called Up Share Capital		48,837		48,477
19	Capital Redemption Reserve		1,116,250		1,116,250
19	Share Premium Reserve		102,358		99,442
19	Profit and Loss Account		5,712,121		4,149,296
18	Shareholders' funds		6,979,566		5,413,465

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on $\frac{19}{20.201}$ and signed on its behalf by

Philip Dudderidge

Director

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2012

	Note	2012 £	2011 £
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash			
flow from operating activities			
Operating profit		2,149,246	1,904,660
Depreciation		400,074	282,139
Amortisation		89,417	40,459
Loss on sale of fixed assets		416	-
Share capital adjustment		-	(44)
Share option charge		-	93,510
(Increase) in stocks		(846,906)	(880,961)
(Increase) in debtors		(1,172,475)	(778,449)
Increase in creditors		489,788	1,635,758
		1,109,560	2,297,072
Cash flow statement			
Cash flow from operating activities	_	1,109,560	2,297,072
Interest received	7	134,718	2,979
Taxation paid	_	(443,139)	(197,419)
Interest paid and similar charges	8	-	(27,793)
Capital expenditure	10	(369,676)	(478,367)
Intangible asset acquired	11	(60,000)	(100,000)
Equity dividends paid		(537,207)	•
Issue of share capital		3,276	-
Increase in cash in the period		(162,468)	1,496,472
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Movement in net funds in the period		(162,468)	1,496,472
Net funds at the start of the period		2,443,514	947,042
Net funds at the end of the period	24	2,281,046	2,443,514

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2012

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company has not prepared group accounts on the grounds of materiality.

13 Going concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.4 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets in use at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows -

Plant, equipment & tooling

Computer equipment

Fixtures & fittings

Leasehold improvements

Over 2-4 years

Over 2 years

Over 5 years

Over 5 years

15 Intangible Assets

Goodwill

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on business combinations is capitalised. Goodwill is amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life of twenty years.

Intellectual Property

Purchased intellectual property is amortised in equal instalments over two years

16 Stocks

Stock is stated at the lower of cost, replacement cost and net realisable value

17 Leases

Assets used by the company which have been funded by finance leases are capitalised and the resulting lease obligations are included in creditors net of finance charges. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they fall due

1.8 Taxation

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

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS19

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

19 Foreign currencies

Transactions during the period are translated at the rates of exchange in effect on the dates of the transaction. Translation differences are included in the results for the year. Foreign currency assets and liabilities are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

1.10 Pensions

The company operates a stakeholder pension scheme

1.11 Research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research and development is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred

1.12 Cash and liquid resources

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

Liquid resources are current asset investments which are disposable without curtailing or disrupting the business and are either readily convertible into known amounts of cash at or close to their carrying values or traded in an active market

2 Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced amount of goods and services excluding value added tax and is all derived from the principal activities of the company

3 Operating profit

2012	2011
£	£
400,074	282,139
89,416	40,459
17,765	17,765
5 ,9 2 5	500
132,888	132,888
465,300	365,142
	£ 400,074 89,416 17,765 5,925 132,888

4 Staff costs (including directors)

	2012 £	2011 £
Wages and salaries	3,079,801	3,013,345
Social security costs	348,248	264,650
Other pension costs	104,365	88,415
	3,532,414	3,366,410

The average number of employees during the year (excluding directors) was 69 (2011 54)

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

5	Directors emoluments		
		2012 £	2011 £
	Management remuneration and fees	977,413	696,718
	Pension contributions Benefits	35,450 4,288	26,277 4,625
		1,017,151	727,620
			
•	The aggregate of emoluments of the highest paid direct	tor was £168,000 (2 <i>011 £134,0</i>)50)
6	Other operating income		
		2012	2011
		£	£
	Rent received	66,440	66,440
7	Interest receivable and similar income		
		2012	2011
	Exchange gain	£ 121,263	3
	Bank interest	13,455	2,979
		134,718	2,979
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8	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2012	2011
	Bank interest	£	£
	Exchange loss	- -	6 27,787
	Exchange loss		
		-	27,793

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

9 Taxation

Analysis of charge in period	2012 £	2011 £
UK corporation tax Current tax on income for the period Deferred tax	209,743 (25,811)	266,139 15,855
Total tax charge for the period	183,932	281,994

Factors affecting the tax charge for the period

The current tax charge for the period is lower (2011 lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 26%/24% (2011 28%/27%) The differences are explained below

Current tax reconciliation

Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2,283,964	1,879,846
Current tax at 26%/24% (2011 28%/27%)	574,798	510,692
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	5,087	29,956
Depreciation greater (less)/ than capital allowances	37,174	(1,923)
Amortisation	22,503	10,991
Research and development credit	(429,819)	(283,577)
Total current tax charge (see above)	209,743	266,139

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

10	Tangible assets				
	rangible assets	Plant, Tooling Equipment & Motor Vehicles	Fixtures, fittings & leasehold improvements	Computer equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				_
	1 September 2011	1,350,638	352,602	483,596	2,186,836
	Additions	259,154	18,474	92,048	369,676
	Disposals	-	-	(832)	(832)
	31 August 2012	1,609,792	371,076	574,812	2,555,680
		-			
	Depreciation				
	1 September 2011	977,520	255,528	406,394	1,639,442
	Charge for the year	256,109	57,358	86,607	400,074
	Disposals	-	-	(416)	(416)
	31 August 2012	1,233,629	312,886	492,585	2,039,100
	Net book value				
	31 August 2012	376,163	58,190	82,227	516,580
	31 August 2011	373,118	97,074	77,202	547,394
11	Intangible fixed assets				
			Goodwill	Intellectual Property	Total
			£	£	£
	1 September 2011		419,361 ·	87,500	506,861
	Additions			60,000	60,000
	Charge for the Year		(27,958)	(61,459)	(89,417)
	31 August 2012		391,403	86,041	477,444

12 Investment in subsidiary

The company has a wholly owned subsidiary, Focusrite Novation Inc, a company incorporated in Delaware in the USA where it provides marketing services to Focusrite. The investment of £12,987 represents the cost of the entire issued share capital in Focusrite Novation Inc.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

13 Stocks

		2012	2011
		£	£
	Raw materials	288,733	274,163
	Finished goods	3,258,625	2,426,289
		3,547,358	2,700,452
			
14	Debtors		
		2012	2011
		£	3
	Trade debtors	4,300,983	3,074,992
	Deferred tax	57,525	31,714
	Other debtors	47,457	37,902
	Prepayments and accrued income	105,297	168,368
		4,511,262	3,312,976

Included in other debtors is a loan of £30,000 due from The Travelling Band of which J Dudderidge the son of director P Dudderidge is a member. This loan is at arms length with interest, being charged at market rate and is repayable by April 2013.

15 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2012	2011
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,024,273	2,759,840
Other taxes and social security costs	190,758	171,918
Corporation tax	40,110	273,506
Amount owed to group undertaking	1,581	67,566
Other creditors	10,997	11,511
Accruals and deferred income	1,099,392	826,378
	4,367,111	4,110,719
16 Share capital		····
•	2012	2011
	£	£
Allotted, called-up and fully-paid: Equity		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	48,837	48,477
	<u> </u>	

During the year 360 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were issued for £3,276 cash

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

17 Operating lease commitments

The company is committed to making annual payments in respect of operating leases

	2012	2011
Land and buildings lease which expires	£	£
within 5 years	166,100	166,100

18 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2012	2011
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	2,100,032	1,597,852
Ordinary share issue	360	-
Share premium	2,916	-
Dividends paid	(537,207)	-
Share capital adjustment	-	(44)
Share option credit	-	93,510
Net addition to shareholders' funds	1,566,101	1,691,318
Opening shareholders' funds	5,413,465	3,722,147
		
Closing shareholders' funds	6,979,566	5,413,465

19 Share capital and reserves

	Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Share premium	Capital redemption reserve	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 September 2011	48,477	4,149,296	99,442	1,116,250	5,413,465
Ordinary shares issued	360	-	2,916	-	3,276
Dividends	-	(537,207)	-	-	(537,207)
Profit for the financial year	-	2,100,032	-	-	2,100,032
					
At 31 August 2012	48,837	5,712,121	102,358	1,116,250	6,979,566
			-		

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

20 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments authorised or contracted for as at 31 August 2012

21 Dividends

	2012 £	2011 £
Dividends paid	537,207	-

22 Pension scheme

The company operates a stakeholder pension scheme. The pension charge for the period represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £104,365 (2011 £88,415)

23 Deferred tax asset

	£
At beginning of the year	31,714
Increase in the year	25,811
At end of the year	57,525

The amounts provided for deferred taxation and the amounts not provided are set out below

		2012			2011		
		Provided	Unprovided	Prov	rided L	Inprovided	
		£	£	:	£	£	
	Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances	57,525		31	I,714 		
24	Analysis of net funds	At begi	nning of year	Cash flow	At end of		
	Cash at bank and in hand	2,	£ 443,514	£ (162,468)	2,28	£ 1,046	
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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

25 Share Option Scheme

The company has an established Enterprise Management Incentive (EMI), under which 11,219 share options were outstanding at the beginning of the period

The options can be exercised from the date of grant and until the 10th anniversary of the date of grant. The directors estimate that the options are most likely to be exercised approximately eight years after the date of grant.

The following options have been issued under the EMI

Year ended 31 st August 2011	Number	Total weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the period	11,219	£37,78
Granted during the period	-	-
Forfeited during the period	603	
Exercised during the period	360	
Expired during the period	-	
Outstanding at the end of the period	10,256	£37 78
Exercisable at the end of the period	10,256	£37 78

No options were granted in the year to 31st August 2012

The total estimated value of the above options which had not been expensed at 31^{st} August 2012 was £nil (2011 £93,510)