# Annual Report and Financial Statements

LucasVarity

For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

# Officers and professional advisors

**Company registration number** 

3207774

**Directors** 

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# Strategic report (continued)

# The Automotive Industry Climate:

The global economy continued to develop positively in 2015, despite a low global growth rate of 3.1% coupled with low energy and raw material prices. The global economy has not seen such low growth levels since the 2009 economic slump. The United Kingdom posted growth of 2.5% in 2015 whilst the Eurozone area reported a 1.5% increase in economic activity last year. The indicators of growth ticked up in the fourth quarter in particular boosted by strong private consumption in the sector.

The production of cars and light commercial vehicles worldwide rose marginally by 1% last year, with Western Europe (without Germany) up 6%, Germany up 3%, whilst South America, Russia, and Japan came under fierce pressure. Overall positive momentum in one market is being offset by negative developments in other markets, and predictions for the year ahead are in the main suggesting downward pressures on growth rates in all areas of the global economy.

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# Report of the directors

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £413.0 million (2014 – loss of £30).

A dividend of £413.0 million was declared and paid during the year, this was satisfied via a distribution in specie of an inter-company receivable (2014 - £ nil).

### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year and up to the date of approval of these financial statements were as follows:

SM Batterbee

(appointed 1 January 2015)

F Chittka

(appointed 14 May 2015)

MC Furber

MD Gwozdz

(appointed 1 January 2015)

MW Jankowski

(appointed 30 September 2015)

R Lechner

(resigned 30 June 2015)

PR Rapin

(resigned 30 September 2015)

DE Shattock MJ Way (appointed 14 May 2015)

# **Directors' interests**

None of the directors had any declarable interests in shares of any group companies in the United Kingdom at 31 December 2015.

### **Directors' indemnities**

During the year an indemnity from the company was available to the directors against liabilities incurred by them in defending proceedings against them in relation to the affairs of the company. The indemnity is subject to the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 and is set out in the Articles of Association.

### **Future Events**

The company intends to continue as an investment holding company for the foreseeable future.

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# Report of the directors (continued)

### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

As of 31 December 2015, Lucas Varity had net assets of £694.0 million. This business is an intermediate holding company will have minimal trading activity for the foreseeable future.

### Directors' statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the directors who were members of the board at the time of approving this directors' report confirm that:

- to the best of their knowledge and belief, there is no relevant audit information to the preparation of their report of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

# Disclosure of requirement to appoint auditors

The auditors Ernst & Young LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

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# Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 judgments 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;

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.

# Report of the independent auditor to the members of LucasVarity

We have audited the financial statements of Lucas Varity for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the Income Statement, Statement of Change in Equity, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes 1 to 10. 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) including Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

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

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 8, 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 Report and Financial Statements 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 2015 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

# Report of the independent auditor to the members of Lucas Varity (continued)

# Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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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Helen Hemming (senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor Birmingham

22 August 2016

# Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

# Income statement

	Note	2015 £000	2014 £000
Other operating expense		_	_
Income from investments	8	412,990	
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		412,990	
Taxation	4	_	
Profit for the financial year		412,990	

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The company has not presented a statement of comprehensive income as it has no other gains or losses other than the profit and loss results for the years as set out above.

# Statement of changes in equity

	Called-up equity share capital	Other reserves	Total share- holders' funds £000
At 1 January 2014	1	634,037	634,038
Shares issued	60,000		60,000
Loss for the year	· _	com:	_
At 31 December 2014 and 1 January			
2015	60,001	634,037	694,038
Profit for the year	_	412,990	412,990
Dividend paid in the year (note 8)	_	(412,990)	(412,990)
At 31 December 2015	60,001	634,037	694,038

# Balance sheet

	Note	2015 £000	2014 £000
Fixed assets Investments	5	694,038	694,038
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	_	_
Net current liabilities			
Total assets less current liabilities		694,038	694,038
Net assets		694,038	694,038
Capital and reserves			
Called-up equity share capital	7	60,001	60,001
Other reserve		634,037	634,037
Equity shareholders' funds		694,038	694,038

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 4 August 2016, and are signed on their behalf by

SM Batterbee Director LucasVarity 14

# Notes to the financial statements

# Authorisation of financial statements and statement of Compliance with FRS101

The financial statements of Lucas Varity for the year ended 31 December 2015 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on 4 August 2016 and signed by SM Batterbee, and the balance sheet was signed on the board's behalf by SM Batterbee. Lucas Varity is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial reporting 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The company's financial statements are presented in Sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds (£000) except where otherwise indicated.

Consolidated accounts have not been prepared because the company has taken advantage of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 which exempts the company from the obligation to prepare and deliver group financial statements as it is included in the consolidated accounts of ZF Friedrichshafen AG, a company registered in Germany. These accounts present information about the company and not about its group. The consolidated financial statements of ZF Friedrichshafen AG may be obtained from ZF Friedrichshafen AG, 88038 Friedrichshafen, Germany.

The principal accounting policies adopted by the company are set out in note 2.

### **Accounting policies** 2

# **Accounting convention**

The company has adopted FRS 101 for the period beginning on or after 1 January 2015 with comparatives required for 1 January 2014 onwards. The company has transitioned from previously extant UK GAAP to FRS 101 for all the periods presented. No transition reconciliations have been disclosed as there have been no transitional adjustments in this period.

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions available under FRS 101:

- (a) the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- (b) the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures; and
- (c) the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary undertaking which is party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member.
- (d) The requirements of IAS 8 disclosures in respect of new standards and interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective; and
- (e) Roll-forward reconciliations in respect of share capital (IAS 1), property, plant and equipment (IAS 16) and intangible assets (IAS 38).

# **Going concern**

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# 2 Accounting policies (continued)

### **Fixed asset investments**

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are held at historical cost, less any applicable provision for impairment.

### **Income taxes**

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates and laws that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is recognised on all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, with the following exceptions:

Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carried forward tax credits or tax losses can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the related asset is realised or liability is settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset, only if a legally enforcement right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities, the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxation authority and that authority permits the company to make a single net payment.

Income tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income if it relates to items that are charged or credited to other comprehensive income. Similarly, income tax is charged or credited directly to equity if it relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity. Otherwise income tax is recognised in the income statement.

# **Dividends**

Revenue is recognised when the company's right to receive payment is established.

# 3 Information regarding directors, employees and auditors

Directors emoluments are borne by other entities in the group. In any given year the directors do not spend a significant portion of their time on the activities of the company, and therefore the proportion of the charge that relates to the company in any given year is not considered to be significant.

The company had no employees during the year (2014 - nil).

The auditors' remuneration for 2015 was borne by another group undertaking (2014 - f.nil).

# 4 Taxation on ordinary activities

	2015 £000	2014 £000
Current tax United Kingdom corporation tax based on the results for the year Foreign withholding taxes		
Total tax charge on profit/(loss) on continuing operations for the year		_
Tax reconciliation		
Factors affecting current tax charge		
	2015 £000	2014 £000
Profit on continuing operations before taxation	412,990	
Tax calculated at United Kingdom standard rate of corporation tax $20.25\%$ ( $2014-21.5\%$ ) Income not taxable	83,630 (83,630)	
Total tax		

The company incurred no expenses in 2015 (2014 – £121).

The above disclosure note has been calculated using the corporation tax rate of 20.25% which was the rate enacted at the balance sheet date.

# Factors that may affect future tax charges

The changes to the main rate of corporation tax for UK companies announced in the Summer Finance Bill 2015 were substantively enacted for financial reporting purposes on 26 October 2015. The main changes in corporation tax rates, that will have accounting implications for deferred tax, are as follows:

- The main rate of corporation tax reduced from 20% to 19% from 1 April 2017.
- The main rate of corporation tax will further reduce to 18% from 1 April 2020.

The company considers that the temporary differences in deferred tax will for the most part reverse after 1 April 2020 and therefore the deferred tax assets and liabilities have been measured at 18%.

An announcement to reduce the main rate of corporation tax to 17% has been announced but not yet substantively enacted and accordingly has not been applied at the balance sheet date.

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# Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015

# 5 Investments

	£000
Shares in subsidiary undertakings at cost	
At 1 January and 31 December 2015	694,038
Net book value At 31 December 2015	694,038
At 31 December 2014 ·	694,038

The directors are of the opinion that the appropriate allocation of the total investment value of £694.0 million is as follows; TRW Lucas Varity Limited £63.0 million; Lucas Industries Limited £631.0 million.

# 5 Investments (continued)

All undertakings are wholly owned, except where stated, and the company's interests are in ordinary shares or their equivalent. Interests in undertakings marked\* are held by intermediate undertakings. The nature of the business, the place of incorporation, and countries of operation are as shown below.

	•	Country of	Percentage
	Nature of	registration or	of ordinary
Name of company	business	incorporation	shares held
Lucas Industries Limited	Holding Co.	England and Wales	100%
TRW Lucas Varity Limited	Holding Co.	England and Wales	100%
·	Automotive	-	
	Component		
TRW Limited*	Supplier	England and Wales	100%
	Automotive		
	Component		
Autocruise SAS*	Supplier	France	100%
•	Automotive		
	Components		
Lucas Varity Langzhong Brake Company Limited*	Supplier	China	70%
•	Automotive		
	Components		
LucasVarity (M) SDN BHD*	Supplier	Malaysia	99.99%
	Automotive		
	Components		
Lucas Automotive SDN BHD*	Supplier	Malaysia	100%
Autocruise Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Bryce Berger Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Girling Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Joseph Lucas Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Lucas Automotive Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Lucas Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
TRW Employees' Benefit Trust Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	•
Lucas Export Services Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
TRW Investment Management Company Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Lucas Support Services Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Lucas Service UK Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Lucas Investments Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Cityday Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
Les Minquiers Limited*	Dormant	Guernsey	100%
ID Information Systems Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
TRW Lucas Varity Electric Steering Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
TRW Pension Trust Limited*	Dormant	England and Wales	100%
TRW UK Limited*	Holding Co.	England and Wales	100%
	Automotive		
	Component		
TRW Systems Limited *	Supplier	England and Wales	100%
TRW Steering Systems Limited *	Dormant	England and Wales	100%

# 6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2014	2013
	£000	£000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	_	_
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At 31 December 2015 the company has an intercompany balance payable to a fellow group undertaking for £399 (2014 - £399), this amount is non interest bearing and is repayable on demand.

# 7 Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

2015	2014
£000	£000
3,000,050 ordinary shares of £20 each 60,001	60,001

# 8 Dividends

On 23 April 2015 the company received a dividend from its subsidiary undertaking Lucas Industries Limited totalling £412,989,571 which was satisfied by the distribution in specie of four inter-company receivables. On the same day the directors of the company declared and paid a dividend of £412,989,571 to its parent undertaking Automotive Holdings (UK) Limited which was satisfied by the distribution in specie of two inter-company receivables. No dividends were declared or paid in 2014.

# 9 Ultimate parent undertaking

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Automotive Holdings (UK) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

At 31 December 2015 the company's ultimate undertaking and controlling party is ZF Friedrichshafen AG, a company registered in the Federal Republic of Germany. This is the smallest and largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated and copies of the consolidated accounts of the company may be obtained from ZF Friedrichshafen AG, 88038 Friedrichshafen, Germany.

# 10 Transition to FRS 101

For all the periods up until 31 December 2014 the company prepared its financial statements in accordance with previously extant United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice (UK GAAP). These financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 are the first the company has prepared in accordance with FRS 101. Accordingly, the company has prepared the financial statements which comply with FRS 101 applicable for periods beginning on or after 1 January 2014 and the significant accounting policies meeting those requirements are described in the relevant notes.

In preparing these financial statements, the company has started with an opening balance sheet dated 1 January 2014, the company's date of transition to FRS 101, and made those changes in accounting policies and other restatements required for the first time adoption of FRS 101. No adjustments were required to be made by the company.