

**VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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## VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED

### STRATEGIC REPORT

The Directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### Principal activities

The Company acts as an investment holding company of other Vitec Group companies. The Directors do not envisage any change to the business of the Company in the foreseeable future.

#### Business review

The profit for the year transferred to reserves amounted to £4,949,000 (2018: £429,000). The net assets at 31 December 2019 were £1,237,000 (2018: liabilities £3,712,000).

On 22 January 2019 the Company acquired 100% of the issued share capital of Syrp Ltd ("Syrp"), a company based in New Zealand, for cash consideration of NZ\$4.5 million (£2.4 million).

Following a restructure of certain subsidiaries, on 26 September 2019 100% of the issued share capital of Rycote Microphone Windshields Limited was transferred to the Company from Rycote Partnership Limited, a previous subsidiary, which was struck off on 7 January 2020.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The risks below are deemed to be the principal risks for the Company:

##### *Recoverability of intercompany receivables*

Where amounts are due from group companies with net current liabilities, the ultimate parent company, The Vitec Group plc, commits to providing the debtor company with funds as required to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

##### *Valuation of investments in subsidiaries*

The impairment of the value of the Company's investments in subsidiaries is a key risk for holding companies. The carrying value of the Company's investments are reviewed at each Balance Sheet date to determine if any impairment provision is required against the value of the investment.

#### Directors' statement of compliance with Section 172 of the UK Companies Act

Under The Companies (Miscellaneous Reporting) Regulations 2018 there is a requirement for the Directors to understand the views of the Company's key stakeholders and to describe how those interests and the matters set out in Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 have been considered in Board discussions and decision-making. Throughout the year, while discharging their section 172 duty, the Directors have acted in a way that they considered, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its shareholder. The Directors also considered the interests of a wider set of stakeholders including its subsidiary undertakings.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Vitec Group plc and details of how the Directors of The Vitec Group plc discharged their section 172 duties when taking principal decisions during the year are set out in The Vitec Group plc 2019 Annual Report on pages 72 and 73, a copy of which can be obtained as disclosed in Note 17.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board



Jonathan Bolton  
Director

17 November 2020

## VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED

### DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and the audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The particulars of any important events which have occurred since the end of the financial year are detailed in Note 16. An indication of likely future developments of the business have been included within the Principal activities section of the Strategic Report.

#### Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend and no final dividend is proposed (2018: nil).

#### Financial instruments

The Company's operations and financing expose it to a variety of financial risks. In the course of its business, the Company is exposed to liquidity risk, credit risk and foreign currency risk. Financial risk management policies are set by the Directors. These policies are implemented by a central treasury department that has formal procedures to manage risk. The Company has clearly defined authority and approval limits built into these procedures.

##### *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

##### *Credit risk*

Credit risk arises because a counterparty may fail to meet its obligations. The Company is exposed to credit risk on financial assets such as trade receivables and cash balances. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the Company Balance Sheet.

##### *Foreign exchange risk*

The company has foreign exchange exposure relating to amounts receivable and payable which are denominated in non-functional currencies.

#### Directors

The Directors of the Company in the year under review and to the date of this report were:

Jonathan Bolton  
Martin Green  
Kath Kearney-Croft (resigned 13 September 2019)

All Directors' remuneration is borne by the ultimate parent company and no allocation is made to the Company. During the year one (2018: one) Director exercised share options in the ultimate parent company.

The ultimate parent company has granted indemnities to some of the Company's Directors to the extent permitted by law. Qualifying third party indemnity provisions (as defined in Section 324 of the Companies Act 2006) have been adopted for some Directors and indemnify in relation to certain losses and liabilities which the Directors may incur to third parties in the course of acting as Directors of the Company.

#### Statement regarding fostering relationships with suppliers, customers and others

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Vitec Group plc. Its key stakeholders are its parent and subsidiary companies. The relationships that its ultimate parent company, The Vitec Group plc, has fostered with suppliers, customers and others is set out in The Vitec Group plc 2019 Annual Report on pages 72 and 73, a copy of which can be obtained as disclosed in Note 17.

#### Disclosure of information to the 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 (as defined in section 418(2) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

**Auditor**

Deloitte LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office. Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be re-appointed and Deloitte LLP will therefore continue in office.

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board



Jonathan Bolton  
Director

17 November 2020

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## **VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

### **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, 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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework".

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 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 are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and 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.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

**Report on the audit of the financial statements**

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of Vitec Investments Limited (the "Company"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the profit and loss account and other comprehensive income;
- the balance sheet;
- the statement of changes in equity;
- the statement of accounting policies; and
- the related notes 1 to 17.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework".

**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 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 Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

**Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 respect of these matters.

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, 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.

## VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED (continued)

#### Responsibilities of directors (continued)

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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

##### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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 any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

#### 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.



David Halstead FCA (Senior statutory auditor)  
For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
St Albans  
United Kingdom  
17 November 2020

**VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
for the year ended 31 December 2019**

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Administrative expenses		(2,978)	(1,039)
Net income from shares in group undertakings	5	9,276	8,535
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>6,298</b>	<b>7,496</b>
Interest receivable and similar income	6	3,727	637
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(5,180)	(7,704)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		<b>4,845</b>	<b>429</b>
Tax on profit	8	104	-
<b>Profit after taxation</b>		<b>4,949</b>	<b>429</b>

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

**VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET  
as at 31 December 2019**

	Notes	31 Dec 2019 £'000	31 Dec 2018 £'000	01 Jan 2018 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Investments	9	118,836	117,787	109,920
Loans to group undertakings <sup>1</sup>		17,004	14,055	13,049
		<u>135,840</u>	<u>131,842</u>	<u>122,969</u>
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors – amounts falling due within one year	10	767	1,307	1,147
		<u>767</u>	<u>1,307</u>	<u>1,147</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	11	(26,349)	(6,199)	(53,884)
Provisions		-	-	(250)
<b>Net current (liabilities)/assets</b>		<u>(25,582)</u>	<u>(4,892)</u>	<u>(52,987)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>110,258</u>	<u>126,950</u>	<u>69,982</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(109,021)	(130,662)	(74,123)
<b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>1,237</u>	<u>(3,712)</u>	<u>(4,141)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>				
Called up share capital	13	30,001	30,001	30,001
Share premium	14	73,907	73,907	73,907
Other reserves		1,932	1,932	1,932
Profit and loss account		(104,603)	(109,552)	(109,981)
<b>Shareholder's funds</b>		<u>1,237</u>	<u>(3,712)</u>	<u>(4,141)</u>

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

The Financial Statements on pages 7 to 19 were approved by the Board of Directors on 17 November 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



Martin Green  
Director  
Registered in England no 03618239  
Vitec Investments Limited is a private company limited by shares.

<sup>1</sup> Following a review of intra-group loan documentation, the 2018 Balance Sheet has been restated. Previously reported debtors – amounts falling due within one year have been reclassified to Loans to group undertakings within Fixed assets. There was no impact on the net assets of the Company.

**VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED****STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	<b>Called up share capital £'000</b>	<b>Share premium £'000</b>	<b>Other reserves<sup>2</sup> £'000</b>	<b>Profit and loss account £'000</b>	<b>Total equity £'000</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2019</b>	<b>30,001</b>	<b>73,907</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>(109,552)</b>	<b>(3,712)</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	-	4,949	4,949
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,949</b>	<b>4,949</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>30,001</b>	<b>73,907</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>(104,603)</b>	<b>1,237</b>
<b>Balance at 1 January 2018</b>	<b>30,001</b>	<b>73,907</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>(109,981)</b>	<b>(4,141)</b>
Profit for the year	-	-	-	429	429
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>429</b>
<b>Balance at 31 December 2018</b>	<b>30,001</b>	<b>73,907</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>(109,552)</b>	<b>(3,712)</b>

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

<sup>2</sup> Other reserves relate to the excess of the value of investments previously acquired by issuances of share capital where the value of the investment obtained was greater than the share capital and share premium required to be recognised.

## VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Basis of preparation

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework* ("FRS 101").

In preparing these Financial Statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU ("EU Adopted IFRSs"), but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Companies Act 2006, and has set out below where advantage of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions have been taken.

The Company is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of The Vitec Group plc and is included in the consolidated Financial Statements of The Vitec Group plc, which are publicly available. The Company is therefore exempt by virtue of Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group Financial Statements. These Financial Statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### 2. Exemptions taken by the Company under FRS 101

The Company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow statement and related notes;
- Comparative period reconciliations for share capital;
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries which form part of the Group;
- Disclosures in respect of capital management;
- The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs; and
- Disclosures in respect of the compensation of Key Management Personnel.

As the consolidated Financial Statements of the ultimate parent company include equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instrument Disclosures.

#### 3. Accounting policies

##### Impact of adoption of new accounting standards

Interpretation 23, "Uncertainty over Income Tax Treatments" – The interpretation explains how to recognise and measure deferred and current income tax assets and liabilities where there is uncertainty over a tax treatment. The interpretation was adopted on 1 January 2019.

There has been no material impact on the financial statements of adopting the Interpretation.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Financial Statements.

##### a) Going concern

The Company's assets are primarily equity investments in other Group companies and as such the performance of those investments supports the continued operations of the Company. As part of the Company's Directors' consideration of the appropriateness of adopting the going concern basis in preparing the Company's financial statements, a range of scenarios for the Group, which includes the Company's investments, have been modelled through to the end of 2021. While the Group's trading performance continues to improve following the easing of restrictions imposed by governments around the world in response to COVID-19, the rate of recovery is difficult to predict. Modelling of a recovery is impacted by a number of factors including assumptions around the overall global economic environment, how long it takes for our end markets to resume creation of original content, and continued actions that governments might take in relation to controlling the pandemic.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**3. Accounting policies (continued)**

**a) Going concern (continued)**

The Company's Directors have reviewed the scenarios modelled and are satisfied that the Group, which includes the Company's investments, has access to adequate cash resources to settle obligations as they fall due within twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. They also consider that the current operations provide sufficient financial sustainability to generate positive cash flows for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Company's Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

**b) Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate on that day. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the year-end exchange rate. Where there is a movement in the exchange rate between the date of the transaction and the year end, a currency translation gain or loss may arise. Any such differences are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account.

**c) Investments**

The Company's investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less, where appropriate, provisions for impairment. The carrying value of the Company's investments are reviewed at each Balance Sheet date to determine if any impairment provision is required against the value of the investment.

**d) Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes account of taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax is recognised on an undiscounted basis 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 where there is an obligation to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, in the future.

**e) Financial assets classification and measurement**

The Company classifies its financial instruments depending on the business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flows. Loans to group undertakings are measured at amortised cost.

**f) Debtors - loans to group undertakings**

Loans are recognised initially at fair value, and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment. The Company recognises expected credit losses which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance for all debt investments unless the asset is considered to have low credit risk, in which case the loss allowance recognised is limited to 12 months' expected losses.

**g) Interest payable**

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these transaction costs are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account over the term of the related borrowings.

**h) Dividends received**

Dividends received and receivable are credited to the Company's Profit and Loss Account.

**i) Accounting estimates and judgments**

There are no significant estimates or judgments contained in the Financial Statements.

**4. Operating result**

Auditor remuneration: Audit of Company's annual accounts of £5,000 (2018: £5,000) are borne by the ultimate parent company.

The company has no employees.

## VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 5. Net income from shares in group undertakings

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Dividends received	9,287	9,158
Provision for investment in subsidiary undertaking (see note 9)	(11)	(623)
Net income from shares in group undertakings	<u>9,276</u>	<u>8,535</u>

On 29 March 2019 the Company received a dividend of £28,749 from its subsidiary RT Motion Systems Ltd (subsequently struck off on 24 September 2019).

On 30 April 2019 the Company received a dividend of £547,516 from its subsidiary RT Motion Systems Ltd (subsequently struck off on 24 September 2019).

On 29 May 2019 the Company received a distribution of £83,118 (€91,712) from its subsidiary Anton/Bauer Europe BV (subsequently dissolved on 29 May 2019).

On 31 December 2019 the Company received a dividend of £8,541,898 (€10,000,000) from its subsidiary Vitecgroup Italia Spa.

On 31 December 2019 the Company received a dividend of £85,419 (€100,000) from its subsidiary Vitec Imaging Distribution Benelux B.V.

#### 6. Interest receivable and similar income

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest receivable from group undertakings	841	637
Net currency translation gains	2,886	-
	<u>3,727</u>	<u>637</u>

#### 7. Interest payable and similar charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable to other group undertakings	5,180	3,963
Net currency translation losses	-	3,741
	<u>5,180</u>	<u>7,704</u>

#### 8. Tax on profit

(a) Tax credited in the profit and loss account:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
<i>Current tax:</i>		
<i>Current year UK corporation tax</i>	-	-
<i>Prior year UK corporation tax</i>	(104)	-
	<u>(104)</u>	<u>-</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## 8. Tax on profit (continued)

*Deferred tax:*

Origination and reversal of timing differences	(146)	-
Effect of rate change	15	-
Prior year adjustment	131	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Tax credit on profit before tax	<u>(104)</u>	<u>-</u>

## (b) Factors affecting total tax credit

The tax assessed on the profit before tax for the year is lower (2018: lower) than the effective rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018: 19%). The differences are reconciled below:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Profit before tax	<u>4,845</u>	<u>429</u>
Profit at the UK statutory rate of 19.00% (2018: 19.00%)	921	82
<i>Effects of:</i>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	267	901
Non-taxable income	(2,297)	(1,740)
Prior year adjustment	131	-
Effect of rate change	15	-
Withholding Tax	(104)	-
Group relief surrendered free of charge	963	757
Total tax credit	<u>(104)</u>	<u>-</u>

The UK tax rate for the year ended 31 December 2019 is 19%.

Further reductions to 17% to be effective 1 April 2020 were enacted as part of the Finance Act 2017 on 27 April 2017. A further change to the UK tax rate was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020 reversing the reductions to 17% meaning the applicable rate from 1 April 2020 now remains at 19%. As this change was substantively enacted after the balance sheet date the tax rate used for deferred tax purposes is 17%.

The Company has £1,189,000 of unused tax losses for which no deferred tax asset is recognised.

## VITEC INVESTMENTS LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 9. Fixed asset investments

	2019 £'000	Restated <sup>3</sup> 2018 £'000
<b>Cost</b>		
At beginning of year	523,441	514,951
Additions	2,382	8,490
Disposals	(11)	-
At end of year	<u>525,812</u>	<u>523,441</u>
<b>Provision for impairment</b>		
At beginning of year	(405,654)	(405,031)
Created in the year	(1,322)	(623)
At end of year	<u>(406,976)</u>	<u>(405,654)</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 December	<u>118,836</u>	<u>117,787</u>

#### Additions:

On 23 January 2019 the Company acquired 100% of the issued share capital of Syrp Ltd ("Syrp"), a New Zealand incorporated company, for cash consideration of NZ\$4.5 million (£2.4 million).

#### Disposals:

During the year the Company liquidated its investments in Anton/Bauer Europe BV and RT Motion Systems Ltd.

#### Provision:

The Company holds an investment in Vitec Holdings Limited, which is a holding company for its investments in several wholly owned US entities. At December 2019, Vitec Group US Holdings Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Vitec Holdings Limited, had a loan payable of \$250m to another entity which is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Vitec Group plc, but not of the Company. At 1 January 2018 the loan payable by Vitec Group US Holdings Inc. was \$195m. In previous years when the Company prepared its impairment review in respect of its investment in Vitec Holdings Limited this loan was not taken into consideration. The amount of the impairment at 1 January 2018 and at 31 December 2019 is £117.2m, being a reduction of the Company's fixed asset investments by that amount.

The Company also has an investment in LCB Beteiligungs GmbH which holds the Company's German businesses. At both December 2019 and 1 January 2018, LCB Beteiligungs GmbH had a loan payable of €30m to another entity which is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Vitec Group plc, but not of the Company. In previous years when the Company prepared its impairment review in respect of its investment in LCB Beteiligungs GmbH this loan was not taken into consideration. The amount of the impairment at 1 January 2018 was £18.7m, being a reduction of the Company's fixed asset investment by that amount.

These errors have been corrected in the current year by restating the prior period balance sheet and providing an opening balance sheet for the comparative period which reflects the correction. The total amount of the correction at 1 January 2018 is a reduction in the Company's investments and a decrease of retained earnings in the Statement of Changes in Equity, as a result of the increase in the impairment charge in the period prior to 2018 of £135.9m.

The Company made a provision of £1.3m against its investment in Vizua Limited, a holding company for its investment in Autoscript Limited.

<sup>3</sup> A review of opening investments at 2018 showed £42.3m cost and provision for investments which had been previously disposed of were included in the opening cost and provision balance. This adjustment has been reflected in the table above.

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**9. Fixed asset investments (continued)**

The Company's investments in subsidiaries as at 31 December 2019 are as follows:

	<b>Country of incorporation</b>	<b>Class of shares held</b>	<b>Percentage of shares held</b>
Amimon Inc	United States <sup>(1)</sup>	Ordinary shares of NPV	100%*
Amimon Japan Co. Ltd	Japan <sup>(2)</sup>	Ordinary shares of 10,000 JPY each	100%*
Amimon Ltd	Israel <sup>(3)</sup>	Ordinary shares of NIS 0.01 each	100%*
Autocue LLC	United States <sup>(4)</sup>	Membership units of NPV	100%*
Autoscript Limited	England & Wales <sup>(5)</sup>	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100%*
BRCT Holdings Limited	New Zealand <sup>(6)</sup>	Ordinary shares of NZD1.00	100%*
Camera Corps, Inc.	United States <sup>(7)</sup>	Ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each	100%*
Camera Corps Ltd	England & Wales <sup>(5)</sup>	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100%
Camera Dynamics sari	France <sup>(8)</sup>	Ordinary shares of NPV	100%*
Colorama Photodisplay Holdings Limited	England & Wales <sup>(5)</sup>	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100%*
Chalfont Investments Inc	United States <sup>(9)</sup>	Ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each	100%*
Gitzo S.A.	France <sup>(10)</sup>	Ordinary shares of NPV	100%*
JOBY Technology (Shenzhen) Co. Limited	China <sup>(11)</sup>	Ordinary shares of RMB1,814,855 each	100%*
LCB Beteiligungs GmbH	Germany <sup>(12)</sup>	Ordinary shares of €25,000 each	100%
Litepanels Ltd	England & Wales <sup>(5)</sup>	Ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100%
Lowepro Huizhou Trading Co Ltd (formerly Lowepro Dongguan Trading Co., Ltd)	China <sup>(13)</sup>	Ordinary shares of HK\$3,000,000 each	100%*
Manfrotto Bags Ltd	Israel <sup>(14)</sup>	Ordinary shares of ILS1 each	100%
Mount Olive 2016, LLC	United States <sup>(15)</sup>	Membership units of NPV	100%*
Offhollywood, LLC	United States <sup>(16)</sup>	Membership units of NPV	100%*
Petrol Bags Limited	Israel <sup>(17)</sup>	Ordinary shares of ILS1 each	100%
RECO Srl	Italy <sup>(18)</sup>	Shares of NPV	100%*
Rycote Microphone Windshields Ltd	England & Wales <sup>(5)</sup>	Ordinary shares of £1 each and Deferred shares of £1 each	100%

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#### 9. Fixed asset investments (continued)

	Country of incorporation	Class of shares held	Percentage of shares held
SmallHD LLC	United States <sup>(19)</sup>	Membership units of NPV	100%*
Syrp, Inc	United States <sup>(20)</sup>	Common stock of US\$0.10 each	100%*
Syrp Limited	New Zealand <sup>(21)</sup>	Ordinary shares of NZD1.00	100%
Teradek Ukraine LLC	Ukraine <sup>(22)</sup>	Membership interests of NPV	100%*
Teradek, LLC	United States <sup>(23)</sup>	Membership units of NPV	100%*
Vitec Creative Solutions UK Limited	England & Wales <sup>(5)</sup>	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100%
Vitecgroup Italia spa	Italy <sup>(24)</sup>	Ordinary shares of €1,000 each	100%
Vitec Group US Holdings, Inc.	United States <sup>(9)</sup>	Ordinary shares of US\$0.01 each	100%*
Vitec Holdings Italia Srl	Italy <sup>(18)</sup>	Ordinary share of €10,000 each	100%*
Vitec Holdings Limited	Guernsey <sup>(25)</sup>	Ordinary shares of £0.10 each	100%*
Vitec Imaging Distribution Australia Pty Ltd	Australia <sup>(26)</sup>	Ordinary shares of AUD1 each	100%*
Vitec Imaging Distribution Benelux B.V.	Netherlands <sup>(27)</sup>	Ordinary shares of €454 each	100%
Vitec Imaging Distribution GmbH	Germany <sup>(28)</sup>	Shares of €25,000 each	100%*
Vitec Imaging Distribution HK Ltd	Hong Kong <sup>(29)</sup>	Shares of HK\$1 each	100%
Vitec Imaging Distribution Inc	United States <sup>(30)</sup>	Ordinary shares of NPV	100%
Vitec Imaging Distribution Shanghai Limited	China <sup>(31)</sup>	Ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100%*
Vitec Imaging Solutions HK Ltd	Hong Kong <sup>(32)</sup>	Shares of HK\$1 each	100%*
Vitec Imaging Solutions UK Ltd	England & Wales <sup>(5)</sup>	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100%
Vitec Production Solutions GmbH	Germany <sup>(12)</sup>	Ordinary share of DEM50,000 each	100%*
Vitec Production Solutions Limitada	Costa Rica <sup>(33)</sup>	Shares of CRC50 each	100%
Vizua Limited (formerly ALC Broadcast Limited)	England & Wales <sup>(5)</sup>	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100%
WHDI LLC	United States <sup>(1)</sup>	Single Member Limited Liability Company	100%*
Wooden Camera, Inc.	United States <sup>(34)</sup>	Ordinary shares of NPV	100%*

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9. Fixed asset investments (continued)

The ordinary capital of these companies was owned by a subsidiary of Vitec Investments Limited at 31 December 2019.

The registered addresses of the above companies are listed below:

- (1) 2025 Gateway Place, Suite 450, San Jose, CA 95110, United States
- (2) 701 A105 Gotanda Building, 1-10-7 Higashi Gotanda, Shinagawa-Ku, Tokyo, Japan
- (3) Zarhin26, POB 2308, Ra'anana 4366250, Israel
- (4) 124 West 30th Street, Suite 312, New York, NY 10001, United States
- (5) Bridge House, Heron Square, Richmond, TW9 1EN, United Kingdom
- (6) 32 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland, 1021, New Zealand
- (7) Corporate Service Company, 251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington, County of New Castle, DE, 19808, United States
- (8) 171 avenue des Grésillons, 92635 Gennevilliers cedex, France
- (9) Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road - Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19808, United States
- (10) Parc Tertiaire Silic, 44 Rue De La Couture, 94150 Rungis, France
- (11) Suite 916, Office Tower, Shun Hing Square, Di Wang Commercial Centre, 5002 Shen Nan Dong Road, Shenzhen, 518008, China
- (12) Parking 29, 85748 Garching, Germany
- (13) No. 1101, Office Building, Block B, Zhixing Commercial Building, Banshi Village, Changping Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province, China
- (14) Abraham & Bachar cp., Keren Hayesod 36, Jerusalem, Israel
- (15) Corporation Service Company, 2595 Interstate Drive – Suite 103, Harrisburg, PA 17110, United States
- (16) Corporation Service Center, 2711 Centerville Road – Suite 440, Wilmington, New Castle County DE 19808, United States
- (17) Abraham & Bachar cp., Keren Hayesod 36, Jerusalem, Israel
- (18) Via Valsugana 100, 36022 Cassola VI, Italy
- (19) Corporation Service Company, 327 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27603, United States
- (20) Princeton South Corporate Center, Suite 160, 100 Charles Ewing Boulevard, Ewing, NJ 08628, United States
- (21) 32 Crummer Road, Grey Lynn, Auckland, 1021, New Zealand
- (22) Uspenskaya 2, Odeśsa, 65014, Ukraine
- (23) CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service, 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive – Suite 150N, Sacramento, CA 95833-3505, United States
- (24) Via Monte Rosa, 91, 20149 Milano, Italy
- (25) Mont Crevelt House, Bulwer Avenue, St. Sampson, GY2 4LH, Guernsey
- (26) 2 Baldwin Road, Altona North VIC 2025, Australia
- (27) J.P. Poelstraat 5, 1483 GC De Rijp, Netherlands
- (28) Ferdinand-Porsche-Strasse 19, 41149 Cologne, Germany
- (29) Unit No.03, 3/F, Tower 3, Phase 1, Enterprise Square, No.9 Sheung Yuet Road, Kowloon Bay, Hong Kong
- (30) Corporation Service Company, 830 Bear Tavern Road, West Trenton, NJ 08628, United States
- (31) Room 2704-05, Shanghai Mart Tower, No.2299, Yan'an Road (West), Shanghai, 200336, China
- (32) Unit 901-2, 9/F, Metroplaza Tower 2, No. 223 Hing Fong Road, Kwai Fong, N.T. Hong Kong
- (33) Parque Industrial de Cartago, Edificio Numero 68, Cartago, Costa Rica
- (34) 1826 West Commerce Street, Dallas TX 75208, United States

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**10. Debtors – amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2019</b>	2018
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	37	181
Current tax asset	662	558
Other debtors	68	568
<b>Total debtors</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>1,307</b>

**11. Creditors – amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2019</b>	2018
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings <sup>(1)</sup>	24,696	5,449
Other Creditors	16	-
Deferred payment creditor <sup>(2)</sup>	1,637	750
	<b>26,349</b>	<b>6,199</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and due within one year.

<sup>(2)</sup> Under the terms of the acquisitions of RT Motion and Rycote, amounts of £500,000 and £1,137,000 respectively have been charged in respect of non-financial targets having been met in 2019.

**12. Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2019</b>	2018
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Deferred payment creditor <sup>(1)</sup>	324	356
Amounts owed to group undertakings	108,697	130,306
	<b>109,021</b>	<b>130,662</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Under the terms of the acquisition of Rycote an amount of £324,000 is payable in respect of 2019 non-financial targets that are expected to be met during 2020.

**13. Share capital**

	<b>2019</b>	2018
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Issued, allotted, called up and fully paid:		
Closing balance: 30,001,400 (2018: 30,001,400) Ordinary shares of £1 each	<b>30,001</b>	30,001

**14. Share premium**

	<b>2019</b>	2018
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
At 1 January and 31 December	<b>73,907</b>	73,907

The share premium reserve contains the premium arising on issue of equity shares, net of issue expenses.

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**15. Contingent liabilities**

The Company is a guarantor to a £150 million Multicurrency Revolving Credit Facility Agreement. The agreement is between The Vitec Group plc, several of its subsidiaries and five banks.

This guarantee is considered to be an inter group insurance arrangement and in accordance with IFRS 4 is accounted for as a contingent liability.

Details of the financing facility can be found in the Annual Report & Accounts 2019 of The Vitec Group plc.

**16. Post balance sheet events**

The period between the end of the reporting period and the date these financial statements are authorised for issue saw the outbreak of COVID-19. This has been treated as a non-adjusting event in these financial statements but has been considered when preparing these financial statements on a going concern basis, as set out in Note 3a. The extent and duration of the economic impact are highly uncertain and as such it is not possible to provide an estimate of the financial effect on the Company

On 14 February 2020 the Multicurrency Revolving Credit Facility Agreement to which the Company is a guarantor increased from £150 million to £165 million and was extended for five years (with two optional one-year extensions). This facility will expire on 14 February 2025 without the utilisation of the extensions.

On 23 April 2020 the Company entered into an agreement between various parties, including The Vitec Group plc, to act as a guarantor to a Euro Commercial Paper Programme, set up to access the Bank of England's Covid Corporate Finance Facility scheme (the "CCFF"). To date, £50,000,000 has been drawn down under the CCFF.

There were no other material adjusting or non-adjusting events that require disclosure between the Balance Sheet date and the date of this report.

**17. Ultimate parent company**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Vitec Group Holdings Limited, and of its ultimate parent, The Vitec Group plc. The ultimate parent undertaking and the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements is The Vitec Group plc, a company which is registered in England and Wales. Copies of the Annual Report & Financial Statements 2019 of The Vitec Group plc are available from the Company Secretary, Bridge House, Heron Square, Richmond, TW9 1EN.