Registered number: 03881238

# **A-Belco Limited**

Directors' report and financial statements

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L Billings (appointed 1 October 2013)

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## Strategic report Year ended 31 March 2014

#### Principal activities

The principal activities of the company during the year were the manufacture of explosion proof electrical equipment enclosures, control stations and lighting; British Standard industrial plugs, sockets and combination units for the control and distribution of electrical power; electrical equipment switchgear for industrial, rail, and infrastructure applications. The company also produces innovative LED and industrial lighting products, with a range of products specified for use in Zone 1 hazardous areas.

## Business review & key performance indicators

2014 has been another good year for the company with core sales rising by another 30%. Project sales have however been subject to client delays, resulting in an overall sales decline of 12%. Excluding the effect of project sales, export sales have grown again by 43% and margins remain relatively stable.

Distribution costs have risen as a result of the appointment of additional UK, UAE and US Sales Representatives and the establishment of branch offices in Houston, Texas, and Ras al Khaimah, in anticipation of aggressive growth plans for 2015-2017. The company continues to invest in its people and will look to further strengthen the management team in line with growth expectations.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The group's activities to which this company belongs expose it to a number of financial risks including cash flow risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

#### Cash flow risk

The group's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of slow payment from trade receivables. In order to mitigate these risks the group uses invoice discounting to expedite receipts from sales.

#### Credit risk

The company's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables and stock and work in progress. The group's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful debts. The company has credit insurance in place which provides a level of comfort in respect of this risk.

#### Liquidity risk

The company uses short and long term forecasting to identify future cash requirements including any peaks. Procurement procedures are designed to ensure sales orders can be met without liquidity issues and stock levels are closely monitored. The company has good credit facilities with suppliers and works closely with them to maintain this.

This report was approved by the board on 1 September 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

**B I Trench**Director

## Directors' report Year ended 31 March 2014

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014.

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £683,250 (2013 - £1,482,097).

Particulars of dividends paid are detailed in note 16 to the financial statements.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

R G Scott

B I Trench

L Billings (appointed 1 October 2013)

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### Auditor

The auditor, UNW LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 1 September 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

**BITrench** 

Director

#### Directors' responsibilities statement Year ended 31 March 2014

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 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 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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



### Independent auditor's report to the members of A-Belco Limited

We have audited the financial statements of A-Belco Limited for the year ended 31 March 2014, set out on pages 6 to 17. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in 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, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the strategic report and the directors' report 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 March 2014 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

In our opinion 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.



## Independent auditor's report to the members of A-Belco Limited

### 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.

Andrew Wilson BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of UNW LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants Newcastle upon Tyne

1 September 2014

## Profit and loss account Year ended 31 March 2014

	Note	2014 £	2013 £
Turnover	2	9,277,015	10,589,824
Cost of sales		(5,355,235)	(5,976,716)
Gross profit	•	3,921,780	4,613,108
Distribution costs	,	(513,846)	(228,721)
Administrative expenses		(2,647,821)	(2,590,666)
Operating profit	3	760,113	1,793,721
Interest receivable and similar income		52	7
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(19,644)	(14,509)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		740,521	1,779,219
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(57,271)	(297,122)
Profit for the financial year	14	683,250	1,482,097

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2014 or 2013 other than those included in the Profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance sheet At 31 March 2014

•	Note	£	2014 £	£	2013 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		603,188		356,176
Current assets					
Stocks	9	1,170,172		956,376	
Debtors	10	2,044,635		1,824,293	
Cash at bank and in hand		229,384		938,146	
		3,444,191		3,718,815	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(2,468,763)		(1,752,542)	
Net current assets			975,428		1,966,273
Total assets less current liabilities			1,578,616		2,322,449
<b>Creditors:</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(12,071)		(23,154)
Net assets			1,566,545		2,299,295
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	13		80,000		80,000
Profit and loss account	14		1,486,545		2,219,295
Shareholders' funds	15		1,566,545		2,299,295

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board on 1 September 2014 and were signed on its behalf by:

**B I Trench** Director

Company registration number: 03881238

The notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 March 2014

#### 1. Accounting policies

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

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

Turnover in respect of long term contracts and contracts for on-going services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion and represents the value of work done in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced.

### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery
Motor vehicles
Fixtures and fittings

5% to 33% straight line 10% to 33% straight line 5% to 33% straight line

#### 1.4 Finance leases

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

## 1.5 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

## Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 March 2014

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.6 Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

#### 1.7 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### 1.8 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Profit and loss account.

#### 1.9 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.	Turnover			
	The whole of the turnover is attributable to the one principal activ	ity of the company.		
	A geographical analysis of turnover is as follows:			
		2014 £	2013 £	
	United Kingdom Rest of world	5,601,391 3,675,624	4,650,561 5,939,263	
		9,277,015	10,589,824	
3.	Notes to the profit and loss account			
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging	g/(crediting):		
		2014 £	2013 £	
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: -owned by the company - held under hire purchase agreements (Profit) / loss on disposal of fixed assets	111,512 12,573 (2,379)	87,158 12,573 2,701	
	Auditor's remuneration Audit of these financial statements	6,100	6,100	
	Amounts receivable by the auditors and their associates in respect of:			
	Other services relating to taxation	1,900	1,900	

	Staff costs		
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:		
		2014	2013
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	1,574,240	1,668,453
	Social security costs	146,057	146,100
	Other pension costs	31,657	25,358
		1,751,954	1,839,911
	The average monthly number of employees, including the directors,	during the year was a	as follows:
		2014	2013
		No.	No.
		<del></del>	61
i <b>.</b>	Directors' remuneration		
	•	2014	2013
		£	£
	Remuneration	262,369	401,690
	Company pension contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	6,222	4,550
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	During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 2 director contribution pension schemes.	rs (2013 - 1) in res	spect of define
	The highest paid director received remuneration of £148,202 (2013	- £267,510).	
)•	Interest payable		
•	Interest payable	2014 £	2013 £
•	On bank loans and overdrafts	£ 14,167	£
•		£	

## Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 March 2014

7.	Taxation		
		2014	2013
		£	£
	Analysis of tax charge in the year		
	UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	60,590	297,122
	Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(3,319)	-
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	57,271	297,122

## a) Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2013 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23% (2013 - 24%). The differences are explained below:

	2014 £	2013 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	740,521	1,779,219
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23% (2013 - 24%))	170,320	427,013
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill		
amortisation and impairment	48,861	45,033
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	(60,824)	(37,210)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(3,319)	(38,657)
Marginal relief	(1,718)	-
Effect of change in closing deferred tax rate	6,813	5,893
R & D tax relief	(102,862)	(104,950)
Current tax charge for the year (see note above)	57,271	297,122

## b) Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has trading losses carried forward as at 31 March 2014 of approximately £490,000 (2013: £571,000) available for offset against future profits of the same trade. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in relation to these losses due to restrictions over their use and therefore uncertainty as to the timing of any utilisation.

8.	Tangible fixed assets				
		Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles £	Total £
	Cost				
	At 1 April 2013 Additions Disposals	641,779 27,080 (6,942)	664,437 292,954 -	118,495 57,183 (13,991)	1,424,711 377,217 (20,933)
	At 31 March 2014	661,917	957,391	161,687	1,780,995
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2013 Charge for the year On disposals	560,747 33,463 (6,943)	473,584 56,964	34,204 33,658 (7,870)	1,068,535 124,085 (14,813)
	At 31 March 2014	587,267	530,548	59,992	1,177,807
	Net book value				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	At 31 March 2014	74,650	426,843	101,695	603,188
	At 31 March 2013	81,032	190,853	84,291	356,176
	The net book value of assets held under fina follows:	nce leases or hire p	ourchase contra	acts, included	above, are as
				2014	2013
				£	£
	Motor vehicles		=====	<del>2,816</del> =	35,390
9.	Stocks				
				2014	2013
			•	£	£
	Raw materials			8,009	728,003
	Work in progress Finished goods and goods for resale			6,596 5,567	156,577 71,796
			1 17		956,376
					750,570

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## **A-Belco Limited**

## Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 March 2014

Debtors		
	2014	2013
	£	£
Trade debtors	1.824.011	1,580,046
		69,768
Directors current accounts	<b>-</b>	25,000
Corporation tax	64,113	
VAT	36,584	-
Other debtors	5,898	72,509
Prepayments and accrued income	98,884	76,970
	2,044,635	1,824,293
Amounts falling due within one year	2014	2013
	£	£
Invoice discounting facility	994,955	-
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	11,083	9,804
Trade creditors	1,175,161	1,234,615
Amounts owed to group undertakings	162,563	-
Corporation tax	-	90,243
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	,	117,678
Accruals and deferred income	29,712	251,876
	2,468,763	1,752,542
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings Directors current accounts Corporation tax VAT Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income  Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year  Invoice discounting facility Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings	Trade debtors 1,824,011 Amounts owed by group undertakings 15,145 Directors current accounts Corporation tax 64,113 VAT 36,584 Other debtors 5,898 Prepayments and accrued income 98,884  Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year  Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year  2014 £ Invoice discounting facility 994,955 Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts 11,083 Trade creditors 1,175,161 Amounts owed to group undertakings 162,653 Corporation tax Other taxation and social security 58,443 Other creditors 36,846 Accruals and deferred income 29,712

The invoice discounting facility is secured by a debenture over all the company's assets in favour of Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance dated 30 April 2009. An omnibus guarantee dated 6 March 2014 was entered into by the company and MEP Solutions Limited where each party cross guarantees the others' debts to Lloyds Bank PLC.

## 12. Creditors:

Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2014	2013
	£	£
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	12,071	23,154



12.	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)		
	Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts, included	l above, are payab	le as follows:
		2014	2013
	Between one and five years	£ 12,071	23,154
	Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are so relate.	ecured on the asso	ets to which the
13.	Share capital		•
		2014 £	2013 £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	æ.	£
	40,000 'A' ordinary shares of £1 each 40,000 'B' ordinary shares of £1 each	40,000 40,000	40,000 40,000
		80,000	80,000
l <b>4.</b>	Reserves		
			Profit and loss account
	At 1 April 2013 Profit for the financial year Dividends: Equity capital		2,219,295 683,250 (1,416,000)
	At 31 March 2014		1,486,545

## Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 March 2014

15.	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds		
		2014	2013
		£	£
	Opening shareholders' funds	2,299,295	1,511,774
	Profit for the financial year	683,250	1,482,097
	Dividends (Note 16)	(1,416,000)	(774,576)
	Shares issued during the year		80,000
	Closing shareholders' funds	1,566,545	2,299,295
16.	Dividends		
		2014	2013
		£	£
	Dividends paid on equity capital	1,416,000	774,576

## 17. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £31,657 (2013: £25,358). Contributions totalling £4,850 (2013: £3,316) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

### 18. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2014 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	511	-
Between 2 and 5 years	910	-
After more than 5 years	238,500	216,000

## Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 March 2014

#### 19. Ultimate controlling party

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of A-Belco (Holdings) Limited, incorporated in England. The ultimate parent company at the balance sheet date is A-Belco Property Limited, incorporated in England. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by A-Belco (Holdings) Limited. The largest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by A-Belco Property Limited.

The consolidated financial statements of A-Belco (Holdings) Limited and A-Belco Property Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from Jubilee Industrial Estate, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 8UG.

The directors consider the ultimate controlling parties to be G Kelly and A W Kelly.

Subsequent to year end, A-Belco Property Limited's shareholding in A-Belco (Holdings) Limited was acquired by Kelly Group Ventures Limited, wholly owned by G Kelly and A W Kelly.

#### 20. Related party disclosures

During the year the company made various recharges in respect of administrative expenses to and from MEP Solutions Limited, a company which is under common control of A-Belco (Holdings) Limited. At the year end there is a balance of £15,142 (2013: £1,427) included within debtors.

On 6 March 2014, the company entered into an omnibus guarantee in favour of Lloyds Bank PLC cross guaranteeing the debts of MEP Solutions Limited.

During the year A-Belco Property Limited, the ultimate parent company, charged A-Belco Limited £227,250 (2013: £133,548) for the rental of a property. At the year end there is a balance of £162,563 due to A-Belco Property Limited, included within creditors (2013: £68,341 due from A-Belco Property Limited, included within debtors).

During the year the company paid £3,009 interest (2013 - £nil) on a loan from A-Belco Property Limited

During the year fees totalling £39,780 (2013: £81,524) have been paid to C Change Consultancy Limited, a company of which B I Trench is a director. At the year end there is a balance of £1,080 (2013: £720) due to C Change Consultancy Limited which is included within creditors.

During the year fees totalling £69,647 (2013: £nil) have been paid to A Kelly Consultancy Limited, a company wholly owned by A Kelly, a director of A-Belco Property Limited.

At 31 March 2014 B I Trench owed £nil (2013: £25,000).