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MAP EQUITY LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016



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GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

INTRODUCTION

All financial statements prepared on or after the 31 December 2013 are required by The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 to present at Strategic Report prepared by the board of directors. The Strategic Report covers the business review, principal risks and uncertainties, and financial key performance indicators.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of MAP Equity Ltd ('MEL') ('the Company') is that of an ultimate holding company for a Managing Agent at Lloyd's of London, Managing Agency Partners Ltd ("MAP"). The syndicates under management by MAP are Syndicates 2791 and 6103. Syndicate 6103 is a special purpose reinsurance syndicate hosted by Syndicate 2791.

The Group's turnover has fallen by 5.7% from £18,871,000 in 2015 to £17,804,000 in 2016. The profit after tax has increased, mainly due to foreign exchange gains, by 13.2% from £8,587,000 to £9,723,000.

The Group's net assets have increased by 3.8% from £25,938,000 to £26,928,000.

GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

PRINCIPAL RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The principal risk for the Company is a loss in the value of its investment in MAP and the principal risk for MAP is that Syndicate 2791 and Syndicate 6103 make losses preventing them from remitting profit commission to the Agency. The Group mitigates this risk by planning to at least break even in the event of no profit commission being received. The fortunes of the Company closely follow those of MAP and the risk disclosures below relate to the Group as a whole.

Credit risk

Financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalent type investments. To minimise any credit risk, the Company has an investment policy of only placing cash deposits with large institutions that have a low credit risk.

Liquidity risk

The Company actively manages its cash resources to maximise interest income and minimise interest expense, whilst ensuring that the Company has sufficient liquid resources to meet the operating needs of its business.

Foreign currency risk

The Company's reporting functional currency is Sterling. The principal foreign currency exposure arises from the receipt of profit commission in US Dollars from the syndicates. To minimise the exposure the profit pool liability is settled in the same currency in which it is received. The balance of undistributed US Dollars is monitored and, if appropriate, the exposure may be hedged to fix the monetary asset in Sterling. The hedging activity involves the use of foreign exchange forward rate contracts.

Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of potential adverse financial and reputational issues arising due to inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. The internal risk assessment process has been developed to assess the potential impact, and probability, of certain events and a system of internal controls has been implemented to mitigate the identified risks. These controls are monitored by Senior Management and the Board and the effectiveness is validated through both the ongoing risk assessment and the internal audit process.

Regulatory risk

The Company is required to comply with the requirements of the Prudential Regulation Authority and Lloyd's of London. Regulatory risk is the risk of financial and reputational loss owning to a breach of regulatory requirements or failure to respond to regulatory change. The Company has a Director of Risk and Assurance who monitors regulatory developments and assesses their impact on agency policy. They are supported by two assistants who carry out a compliance monitoring programme.

GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The following financial Key Performance Indicators ('KPI') relate to MAP, which determine the performance of the Group.

MAP measures its performance using two principal KPIs that together cover the vast proportion of turnover. The first KPI looks at the future underlying profitability of its two managed syndicates. The profit commission received from the syndicates is directly correlated to the profitability of these syndicates.

The second KPI looks at the amount of underwriting capacity on Syndicate 2791. MAP receives a yearly managing agency fee that is set as a percentage (0.55%) of capacity. The managing agency fee is calculated to at least cover the MAP element of all expenses and therefore ensure the Agency breaks even before profit commission.

Underlying profitability of syndicates

| | Syndicate 2791 | Syndicate 6103 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Year of Account | Forecast result % of capacity | Forecast result % of capacity |
| 2013 (closed) | 13.3 | 38.1 |
| 2014 (closed) | 13.7 | 27.3 |
| 2015 ¹ | 4.5 - 9.5 | 25.0 - 35.0 |
| 2016 ² | 3.7 | 9.8 |

¹ Open year, therefore result is only forecast as a range as at Q4 16

For each of the underwriting years of account an expected range for the result is calculated and updated each quarter until the anticipated closure date 36 months from inception. After the underwriting year of account has closed a final result is known. Profit commission is booked in line with the stated accounting policy (note 1). For the current reporting period the majority of MAPs' profit commission is derived from the 2014 underwriting year.

Both syndicates are forecasting profits in 2015 and 2016; therefore it is highly probable MAP will also be profitable over the year.

Underwriting capacity

The underwriting capacity for 2016 YOA and the expected capacity for 2017 YOA is as follows:

| | Year of A | Account |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2016 (£m) | 2017 (£m) |
| Syndicate 2791 | 399.1 | 400.0 |
| Syndicate 6103 | 13.9 | 16.0 |

Capacity varies each year due to the forecast rating environment in which the syndicates operate and it can be equated to the appetite of the syndicates to underwrite insurance. MAP receives fees from Syndicate 2791 and profit commission from both syndicates. Syndicate 6103 as a special purpose syndicate does not pay managing agency fees.

This report was approved by the board on 16 June 2017 and signed on its behalf.

P Langridge Secretary

² Business plan forecast at Q3 16 rates

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the Group strategic report, the Directors' report and the consolidated 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. 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 Group and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Group's financial statements 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group 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 the Group 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 the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of comprehensive income in these financial statements. The profit, after tax, of the parent Company for the year to 31 December 2016 was £8,779,000 (2015: £6,280,000).

On 24 March 2016 the directors made an interim dividend payment of £7,065,000 (2015: £5,974,000) to the ordinary shareholders of MAP Equity Limited in respect of the period ending 31 December 2016. A retained gain for the Group of £1,650,000 (2015: £1,605,000) has been transferred to reserves.

On 16 March 2017 the directors proposed an interim dividend of \$39.72 per ordinary 'A' and 'B' share. The dividend was paid on 11 April 2017.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the Group's issued share capital were:

| | • | A shares of £1 each | • | B shares of £1 each |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| | 31/12/16 | 1/1/16 | 31/12/16 | 1/1/16 |
| A Kong B S McAuley (appointed 6 December 2016) C J Smelt R K Trubshaw | 22,000 - 5,000 33,000 | 22,000 - 5,000 33.000 | 13,500 2,500 | - 13,500 2,500 - |

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The directors expect the general level of activity to continue in line with the activity of the two syndicates managed by MAP.

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 the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company and the Group's auditor is unaware, and
- the 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 and the Group's auditor is aware of that information.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 10 January 2017, MAP Ltd signed an intra company loan agreement with its ultimate parent, MAP Equity Ltd, in order to facilitate MAP Equity Ltd making a long to the Employee Share Ownership Trust ('ESOT') to allow the ESOT to purchase shares from retiring employees. The maximum value of the loan is the excess of net assets over the Lloyd's of London solvency requirements plus the share of net assets apportioned to the non-controlling interests.

On 20 January 2017, £4.15m was transferred to MAP Equity Ltd from MAP Ltd.

On 26 January 2017, £4.05m was transferred to ESOT from MAP Equity Ltd.

On 10 February 2017, the ESOT purchased 21,000 shares from retiring employees at a cost of £3.97m

On 10 February 2017, the ESOT gifted 7,775 shares to 22 employees of MAP Ltd.

On 11 May 2017, the ESOT repaid £1.16m (\$1.50m) of the loan to MAP Equity Ltd.

On 7 June 2017, the ESOT repaid £1.63m of the loan to MAP Equity Ltd.

AUDITOR

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Mazars LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditor 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

This report was approved by the board on 16 June 2017 and signed on its behalf.

P Langridge (Secretary

Fitzwilliam House 10 St. Mary Axe London EC3A 8EN

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAP EQUITY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of MAP Equity Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated and Parent Company Statement of Financial Position, the Consolidated and Parent Company Statement of Changes in Equity, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, and the related notes. 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, 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. 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.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's web-site at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

OPINION ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December
 2016 and of the group's 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, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAP EQUITY LIMITED

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company 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 Goldsworthy (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Mazars LLP

Tower Bridge House St Katharine's Way London E1W 1DD

20 June 2017

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

| | Note | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Turnover | 2 | 17,804 | 18,871 |
| Gross profit | - | 17,804 | 18,871 |
| Administrative expenses | | (6,619) | (8,013) |
| Share (impairment) / impairment reversal | | • | (105) |
| Operating profit | _ | 11,185 | 10,753 |
| Interest receivable and similar income | 5 | 28 | 25 |
| Interest payable and expenses | 4 | - | (1) |
| Profit before taxation | - | 11,213 | 10,777 |
| Tax on profit | 7 | (2,141) | (2,190) |
| Profit for the year | - | 9,072 | 8,587 |
| Investment in own shares | | - | 71 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | _ | • | 71 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 9,072 | 8,658 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to: | = | | |
| Non-controlling interests | | 794 | 1,004 |
| Owners of the parent Company | | 8,278 | 7,654 |
| | - | 9,072 | 8,658 |
| All amounts relate to continuing operations. | = | | |

MAP EQUITY LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 03985522

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

| | Note | | 2016 £000 | | 2015 £000 |
|---|------|--------------|--------------|---------|--------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 9 | | 227 | | 335 |
| | | _ | 227 | | 335 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 12 | 21,577 | | 24,936 | |
| Bank & cash balances | | 15,519 | | 12,929 | |
| | - | 37,096 | | 37,865 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | (8,372) | | (9,946) | |
| Net current assets | _ | | 28,724 | | 27,919 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 28,951 | _ | 28,254 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 14 | | (2,023) | | (2,316) |
| Net assets | | _ | 26,928 | | 25,938 |
| Capital and reserves | | _ | | | |
| Called up share capital | 16 | | 250 | | 250 |
| Investment in own shares | | | (2,379) | | (1,727) |
| Retained earnings | | | 26,470 | | 24,820 |
| Equity attributable to owners of the parent Company | | - | 24,341 | | 23,343 |
| Non-controlling Interests | | | 2,587 | | 2,595 |
| | | - | 26,928 | _ | 25,938 |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 16 June 2017.

R K Trubshaw Director

The notes on 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

MAP EQUITY LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 03985522

COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

| | Note | | 2016 £000 | | 2015 £000 |
|--|------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Fixed asset investments | 11 | | 2,693 | | 2,693 |
| | | | 2,693 | | 2,693 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 12 | 10 | | 2 | |
| Bank & cash balances | | 2,423 | | 1,328 | |
| | _ | 2,433 | | 1,330 | • |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | (59) | | (19) | |
| Net current assets | · - | | 2,374 | | 1,311 |
| Net assets | | - | 5,067 | _ | 4,004 |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 16 | | 250 | | 250 |
| Investment in own shares | | | (2,379) | | (1,727) |
| Share based payment reserve | | | 2,435 | | 2,435 |
| Retained earnings | | | 4,761 | | 3,046 |
| | | - | 5,067 | _ | 4,004 |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 16 June 2017.

R K Trübshaw

Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

| At 1 January 2016 | Called up share capital £000 250 | Investment in own shares £000 (1,727) | Retained earnings £000 24,820 | Equity attributable to owners of parent Company £000 23,343 | Non- controlling interests £000 2,595 | Total equity £000 25,938 |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Comprehensive income for the year | | | | | | |
| Profit for the year | - | - | 8,278 | 8,278 | 794 | 9,072 |
| NCI share of dividend waiver | - | - | (214) | (214) | 214 | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | | 8,064 | 8,064 | 1,008 | 9,072 |
| Contributions by and distributions to owners | | | | | | |
| Dividends | - | - | (7,065) | (7,065) | - | (7,065) |
| Dividends to NCI | - | - | - | - | (1,016) | (1,016) |
| Share impairment / (impairment reversal) | - | (651) | 651 | - | - | - |
| Own share purchase | - | (1) | - | (1) | - | (1) |
| Total transactions with owners | • | (652) | (6,414) | (7,066) | (1,016) | (8,082) |
| At 31 December 2016 | 250 | (2,379) | 26,470 | 24,341 | 2,587 | 26,928 |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

| | Called up share capital | Investment in own shares | Profit and loss account | Equity attributable to owners of parent Company | Non- controlling interests | Total equity |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| At 1 January 2015 | 250 | (1,798) | 23,211 | 21,663 | 2,450 | 24,113 |
| Comprehensive income for the year | | | | | | |
| Profit for the year | - | - | 7,764 | 7,764 | 823 | 8,587 |
| NCI share of dividend waiver | - | - | (181) | (181) | 181 | - |
| Own share purchase | - | (34) | - | (34) | | (34) |
| Share impairment / (impairment reversal) | - | 105 | - | 105 | - | 105 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 71 | 7,583 | 7,654 | 1,004 | 8,658 |
| Contributions by and distributions to owners | | | | | | |
| Dividends | - | - | (5,974) | (5,974) | - | (5,974) |
| Dividends to NCI | - | - | - | • | (859) | (859) |
| Total transactions with owners | - | - | (5,974) | (5,974) | (859) | (6,833) |
| At 31 December 2015 | 250 | (1,727) | 24,820 | 23,343 | 2,595 | 25,938 |

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

| At 1 January 2016 | Called up share capital £000 250 | Investment in own shares £000 (1,727) | Share based payment reserve £000 2,435 | _ | Total equity £000 4,004 |
|--|---|---|--|---------|-------------------------------|
| Comprehensive income for the year | | | | | |
| Profit for the year | - | • | - | 8,780 | 8,780 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | • | - | 8,780 | 8,780 |
| Dividends | - | - | - | (7,065) | (7,065) |
| Share impairment / (impairment reversal) | - | (651) | - | | (651) |
| Purchase of own shares | - | (1) | - | - | (1) |
| Total transactions with owners | | (652) | | (7,065) | (7,717) |
| At 31 December 2016 | 250 | (2,379) | 2,435 | 4,761 | 5,067 |

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

| At 1 January 2015 | Called up share capital £000 250 | Investment in own shares £000 (1,798) | Share based payment reserve £000 2,435 | Profit and loss account £000 2,740 | Total equity £000 3,627 |
|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| · | | (1,100) | 2,400 | 2, | 0,02. |
| Comprehensive income for the year | | | | | |
| Profit for the year | - | - | - | 6,280 | 6,280 |
| Purchase of own shares | • | (34) | - | - | (34) |
| Share impairment / (impairment reversal) | • | 105 | • | - | 105 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | - | 71 | - | 6,280 | 6,351 |
| Dividends | - | • | - | (5,974) | (5,974) |
| Total transactions with owners | - | - | • | (5,974) | (5,974) |
| At 31 December 2015 | 250 | (1,727) | 2,435 | 3,046 | 4,004 |
| | | | | | ======================================= |

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | £000 | £000 |
| Profit for the financial year | 9,072 | 8,587 |
| Adjustments for: | · | · |
| Depreciation of tangible assets | 131 | 161 |
| Interest paid | • | 1 |
| Interest received | (28) | (25) |
| Taxation charge | 2,141 | 2,190 |
| Decrease/(increase) in debtors | 3,323 | (1,417) |
| (Decrease)/increase in creditors | (1,953) | 981 |
| Share impairment / (impairment reversal) | • | 105 |
| Corporation tax (paid) | (2,020) | (2,223) |
| Net cash generated from operating activities | 10,666 | 8,360 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Purchase of intangible fixed assets | - | (318) |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | (23) | - |
| Interest received | 28 | 25 |
| Net cash from investing activities | 5 | (293) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Dividends paid | (7,065) | (5,974) |
| Interest paid | - | (1, |
| Dividends paid to non controlling interests | (1,016) | (859) |
| Purchase of own shares | - | (34) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (8,081) | (6,868) |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | 2,590 | 1,199 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 12,929 | 11,730 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year | 15,519 | 12,929 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise: | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 15,519 | 12,929 |
| | 15,519 | 12,929 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Group management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

1.2 Basis of consolidation

The Consolidated financial statements present the results of the Company and its own subsidiaries ('the Group') as they formed a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between Group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

1.3 Legal status

MAP Equity Limited is a private company limited by shares and registered in England and Wales. The registered office, which is also the principal place of business, can be found on the Company Information page at the front of these accounts.

1.4 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 consists principally of underwriting agency fees and profit commission from managed Lloyd's syndicates. Underwriting agency fees represent net fee income receivable from members participating on the Company's managed syndicates.

Profit commission is derived from the managed syndicates. The percentage applicable to the syndicates' profit varies by syndicate year of account (YOA) and is set out in MAP's managing agency agreement between it and each capital provider. Profit commission is payable by the syndicate capital providers when a YOA closes, most usually 36 months after inception. Until the year closes the final quantum of profit commission receivable by MAP is uncertain. The uncertainty in profit commission receivable is greatest the more immature a syndicate YOA is and it reduces as the year matures towards 36 months. The profit commission is recognised in these financial statements on a prudent basis in line with Application Note G of FRS5 – Reporting the Substance of Transactions. More specifically the accrual for each year is made as follows:

Year 1 - Currently 2016 YOA

The ultimate outcome has a very wide range of uncertainty – therefore no profit commission is accrued.

Year 2 - Currently 2015 YOA

There is less uncertainty as insurance policies come off risk and information on insurance reserves becomes clearer – therefore 50% of the profit commission reported in the last Lloyd's interim syndicate auditor reviewed half year return is used for the accrual.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Year 3 - Currently 2014 YOA

Where the final syndicate result is known full profit commission is accrued, based on the syndicate's financial statements. Where the final syndicate result is unknown, full profit commission is taken based on the latest mid point estimate of the syndicate result submitted to Lloyd's. Any changes to the profit commission mid point estimate, and the figure finally received on formal closure, is booked on the date the syndicate financial statements are approved by MAP.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The Group adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred, if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the Group. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

L/Term Leasehold Property - 20% straight line Fixtures & fittings - 20% straight line 50% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

1.6 Operating leases: the Group as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.7 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

Investments in own shares are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

1.9 Financial instruments

The Group only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Group would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

1.10 Employee Share Ownership Trust

The original cost of the Group's shares held by the Employee Share Ownership Trust ('ESOT') are deducted from retained earnings in the Group and Company balance sheets under the heading Investment in own Shares. Other assets and liabilities of the ESOT (including borrowings) are recognised as assets and liabilities of the Group.

The valuation of the shares is reviewed annually to determine whether the value of the Group's shares held by the ESOT have reduced below original cost. Movements in the value are reported within the Group and Company Statement of Changes in Equity. In 2015, the impairment to the Class A MAP Equity shares held by the ESOT was shown in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. Due to the immateriality of the amount (£105,000), the accounts have not been restated.

If, in a subsequent period, the amount of an impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be restated objectively to a change in future profit streams, the previously recognised impairment loss is reversed. The reversal shall not result in a carrying amount that exceeds original cost.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is Sterling.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

1.12 Share based payments

Where shares, or options, are awarded to employees, the fair value of the shares or options at the date of grant is charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the vesting period. Non-market vesting conditions are taken into account by adjusting the number of equity instruments expected to vest at each Statement of Financial Position date so that, ultimately, the cumulative amount recognised over the vesting period is based on the number of options that eventually vest. Market vesting conditions are factored into the fair value of the options granted. The cumulative expense is not adjusted for failure to achieve a market vesting condition.

The fair value of the award also takes into account non-vesting conditions. These are either factors beyond the control of either party (such as target based on an index) or factors which are within the control of one or other of the parties (such as the Group keeping the scheme open or the employee maintaining any contributions required by the scheme)

Where the terms and conditions of options are modified before they vest, the increase in the fair value of the options, measured immediately before and after the modification, is also charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the remaining vesting period.

Where equity instruments are granted to persons other than employees, the Statement of Comprehensive Income is charged with fair value of goods and services received.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.13 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Group operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Group has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Group in independently administered funds.

1.14 Interest receivable/payable

Interest receivable or payable is accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.15 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Consolidated statement of comprehensive income, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company and the Group operate and generate income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Statement of financial position date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits;
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met; and
- Where they relate to timing differences in respect of interests in subsidiaries, associates, branches and joint ventures and the Group can control the reversal of the timing differences and such reversal is not considered probable in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

2. TURNOVER

All turnover relates to the Group's principal acitivity and comprises underwriting agency fees, profit commission and management charges levied for administering MAP Capital Limited ('MCL'), a corporate underwriting member which participates on the managed Syndicates 2791 and 6103. Directors have interests in MCL (see note 20)

All turnover arose in the UK and the management charges were negotiated on arm's length basis.

| | | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
|----|--|--------------|--------------|
| | Breakdown of turnover: | | |
| | Underwriting fees | 2,287 | 2,333 |
| | 2014 YOA (2013 YOA) Profit commission | 11,789 | 12,384 |
| | 2015 YOA (2014 YOA) Profit commission | 3,648 | 4,079 |
| | Management charges | 80 | 75 |
| | | 17,804 | 18,871 |
| 3. | STAFF COSTS | 2016 | 2015 |
| | Details of staff costs are shown below: | 0003 | £000 |
| | | 4,772 | 4,379 |
| | Wages and salaries | 607 | 4,379 557 |
| | Social security costs | | |
| | Other pensions costs | 465 | 598 |
| | Other staff costs | 489 | 489 |
| | Profit related remuneration | 5,899 | 6,832 |
| | Social security costs on profit related remuneration | 814 | 943 |
| | | 13,046 | 13,798 |

Of the total staff costs of £13,046,000 (2015: £13,798,000) a total of £5,370,000 (2015: £5,165,000) was recharged to Syndicate 2791, which is under management by the Group's managing agency, MAP. Profit related remuneration relates wholly to MAP is not recharged to either managed syndicate.

Profit related remuneration and social security costs are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis as per accounting policy 1.4.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows: | | |
| Administration | 22 | 21 |
| Underwriting | 23 | 23 |
| Claims | 5 | 4 |
| | 50 | 48 |
| | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
| Included in gross staff costs are directors' emoluments as follows: | 2000 | 2000 |
| Salaries | 724 | 697 |
| Profit related remuneration | 2,485 | 3,034 |
| Company pension scheme contributions | 12 | 22 |
| Private health insurance | 8 | 6 |
| | 3,229 | 3,759 |

Of the total directors' emoluments, £2,485,000 (2015: £3,034,000) relates to profit related remuneration, of which £497,000 is not payable until the closure of 2015 syndicate year of account (2015: £645,000 in respect of the 2014 syndicate year of account). Of the balance of the total directors' emoluments, £655,000 (2015: £619,000) was recharged to Syndicate 2791. Profit related remuneration is not recharged to either managed syndicate.

During the year retirement benefits accrued to 1 director (2015 - 1) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

| | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|-------|-------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Included in the gross directors' emoluments above are amounts paid in respect of the highest paid director as follows: | | |
| Salary | 320 | 312 |
| Profit related remuneration | 1,507 | 1,902 |
| Medical healthcare policy | 3 | 2 |
| | 1,830 | 2,216 |
| | | |

Within the profit related remuneration of the highest paid director, £302,000 is not payable until the closure of the 2015 syndicate year of account (2015: £405,000 related to the 2014 syndicate year of account).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

| 4. | INTEREST PAYABLE | | |
|----|---|--------------|--------------|
| | | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
| | Other interest payable | - | 1 |
| | | - | 1 |
| 5. | INTEREST RECEIVABLE | | |
| | | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
| | Bank interest receivable | 28 | 25 |
| | - - | 28 | 25 |
| • | ODERATING RECEIT | | |
| 6. | OPERATING PROFIT | 2016 | 2015 |
| | The operating profit is stated after charging the following items | £000 | £000 |
| | Depreciation | 131 | 161 |
| | Operating lease rentals for land and buildings | 697 | 496 |
| | Hire of plant and equipment | 23 | 22 |
| | Foreign exchange (gain) | (1,445) | (965) |
| | Auditor's remuneration for: | | |
| | Current year audit for Company's annual accounts | 9 | 9 |
| | Current year audit for the Subsidiaries' annual accounts | 28 | 28 |
| | Prior year audit accrual adjustment for the Subsidiaries | 2 | - |
| | Current year audit by auditor's associate for the Employee Share Ownership Trust | - | 4 |

The above figures highlight the Group operating expenses that may be of interest. These amounts are incurred by the Group but some of the expenses are recharged to Syndicate 2791 on a cash basis. Only the element not recharged to the Syndicate forms part of the Group expenses in the Statement of comprehensive income.

A total of £118,000 (2015: £147,000) in respect of depreciation and £635,000 (2015: £419,000) in respect of operating lease rentals for land and buildings were recharged to Syndicate 2791. Services provided by BWCI Trust Company Limited in relation to the Employee Share Ownership Trust totalled £6,000 (2015: £6,000) for the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

| 7. | TAXATION | | |
|----|---|--------------------|---------------|
| | | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
| | Corporation tax | 2000 | 2000 |
| | Current tax on profits for the year | 2,105 | 1,966 |
| | | 2,105 | 1,966 |
| | Total current tax | 2,105 | 1,966 |
| | Deferred tax | | |
| | Origination and reversal of timing differences | 36 | 224 |
| | Total deferred tax | 36 | 224 |
| | Taxation on profit on ordinary activities | 2,141 | 2,190 |
| | Factors affecting tax charge for the year | | |
| | The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2015 - lower than) the standard UK of 20.00% (2015 - 20.25%). The differences are explained below: | rate of corporatio | on tax in the |
| | | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
| | Profit on ordinary activities before tax | 11,213 | 10,777 |
| | Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20.00% (2015 - 20.25%) | 2,242 | 2,182 |
| | Effects of: | | |
| | Capital allowances for year less than / (in excess of) depreciation | 12 | (4) |
| | Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods | (32) | - |
| | Current year expenses not deductible | 251 | 308 |
| | Prior year expenses now deductible | (303) | (514) |
| | Adjustment due to change in tax rate in period | (4) | (19) |
| | Adjustment due to differential in tax rate used by Employee Share Trust | (61) | 13 |
| | Origination and reversal of timing differences | 36 | 224 |
| | Total tax charge for the year | 2,141 | 2,190 |
| | | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

8. DIVIDENDS

| DIVIDENDO | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
| Interim dividend paid on 24 March 2016 \$49.87 and £1.25 per ordinary 'A' and 'B' share USD rate: 1.4087 | | |
| (2015: \$39.07 and £4.58 at USD rate: 1.4820) | 7,065 | 5,974 |
| | 7,065 | 5,974 |
| | | |

In accordance with FRS 102 Section 9, the Employee Share Trust is included in the consolidated financial statements and therefore the dividends paid to the Employee Share Trust are eliminated and only dividends paid externally to the Group are shown above.

During 2016 the trustee of the Employee Share Trust waived its right to £2,098,000 (2015: £1,762,000) of the dividend.

On 15 March 2017 the directors proposed an interim dividend of \$39.72 per ordinary 'A' and 'B' share. All dividends were paid on 11 April 2017. The trustee of the Employee Share Trust waived its rights to its entire dividend of \$2,811,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group

| | L/Term Leasehold Property £000 | Fixtures & fittings £000 | Office equipment £000 | Total £000 |
|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Cost or valuation | | | | |
| At 1 January 2016 | 207 | 310 | 1,517 | 2,034 |
| Additions | • | - | 23 | 23 |
| At 31 December 2016 | 207 | 310 | 1,540 | 2,057 |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 January 2016 | 35 | 239 | 1,425 | 1,699 |
| Charge for the period on owned assets | 41 | 17 | 73 | 131 |
| At 31 December 2016 | 76 | 256 | 1,498 | 1,830 |
| Net book value | | | | |
| At 31 December 2016 | 131 | 54 | 42 | 227 |
| At 31 December 2015 | 172 | 71 | 92 | 335 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

10. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

The Company is the largest company in the Group for which consolidated accounts are prepared. The Group structure can be summarised as follows:

| Company name | Country of incorporation | Percentage shareholding | Description |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Direct holdings | | | |
| Managing Agency Partners Holdings Limited | United Kingdom | 90% | Intermediate holding company |
| Indirect holdings | | | |
| Managing Agency Partners Limited | United Kingdom | 90% | Managing Agent at Lloyd's of London |

11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investments at the year end comprise an investment in a subsidiary, Managing Agency Partners Holdings Limited ('MHL'), a holding equivalent of circa 10% of both the issued share capital and the economic interest. In the year ended 31 December 2016, MHL made a profit after tax of £8,069,000 (2015: £6,855,000) with a retained loss, after dividends paid, of £3,000 (2015: £10,000). This resulted in an aggregate of capital and reserves of £2,861,000 (2015: 2,864,000) at the end of the year. The investment in MHL comprises 250,000 shares directly owned by the Company and 2,002 shares owned by the Employee Share Ownership Trust. MHL holds 100% of the shares in Managing Agency Partners Limited.

Company

| | Investments in subsidiary companies £000 |
|---------------------|--|
| Cost or valuation | |
| At 1 January 2016 | 2,693 |
| At 31 December 2016 | 2,693 |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 December 2016 | 2,693 |
| At 31 December 2015 | 2,693 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

| | DEBTORS | | | | |
|----|---|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | Group | Group | Company | Company |
| | | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| | | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| | Due after more than one year | | | | |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | 3,878 | 4,329 | • | - |
| | | 3,878 | 4,329 | - | - |
| | Due within one year | | | | |
| | Amounts owed by group undertakings | - | - | 8 | - |
| | Other debtors | 479 | 499 | - | - |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | 16,972 | 19,824 | 2 | 2 |
| | Deferred taxation | 248 | 284 | • | - |
| | | 21,577 | 24,936 | 10 | 2 |
| | | | | - | |
| 3. | CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within o | one year | | • | |
| | | Group | Group | Company | Company |
| | | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 | 2016 £000 | 2015 £000 |
| | Other creditors | 1 | 4 | £000 1 | 2000 |
| | Trade creditors | 28 | ** | • | 5 |
| | | 20 | • | • | - - |
| | Amounts owed to group undertakings | 4 205 | 4 244 | • | 4 |
| | Corporation tax | 1,395 190 | 1,311 178 | • | - |
| | Other taxation and social security | | | - | - |
| | Profit related remuneration | 5,724 | 7,368 | - | - |
| | Accruals and deferred income | 1,034 | 1,085 | | 11 |
| | | 8,372 | 9,946 | 59 | 19 |
| | | ======================================= | | | |
| 4. | CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after mo | ======================================= | | | |
| 4. | CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after mo | ore than one year Group | Group | Company | Company |
| ١. | CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after mo | ore than one year Group 2016 | Group 2015 | Company 2016 | Company 2015 |
| 1. | · | Group 2016 £000 | Group 2015 £000 | Company | Company 2015 |
| 1. | Other creditors | Group 2016 £000 | Group 2015 £000 15 | Company 2016 | Compan 201 |
| 1. | Other creditors Profit related remuneration | Group 2016 £000 30 1,333 | Group 2015 £000 15 1,612 | Company 2016 | Company 2015 |
| 4. | Other creditors | Group 2016 £000 | Group 2015 £000 15 | Company 2016 | Company |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

15. DEFERRED TAXATION

Group

| | | | 2016 £000 |
|-----|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | At beginning of year | | 284 |
| | Charged to the profit or loss | | (36) |
| | At end of year | | 248 |
| | The deferred tax asset is made up as follows: | | |
| | | Group 2016 £000 | Group 2015 £000 |
| | Accelerated capital allowances | (2) | (15) |
| | Profit related remuneration (2015 YOA payable in 2018) | 250 | - |
| | Profit related remuneration (2016 YOA payable in 2017) | - | 304 |
| | Adjustment for prior year tax rate change | - | (5) |
| | | 248 | 284 |
| 16. | SHARE CAPITAL | | |
| | | 2016 | 2015 |
| | | £000 | £000 |
| | Shares classified as equity | | |
| | Authorised | | |
| | 150,000 Ordinary A shares of £1 each | 150 | 150 |
| | 350,000 Ordinary B shares of £1 each | 350 | 350 |
| | | 500 | 500 |
| | Allotted, called up and fully paid | | |
| | 75,000 Ordinary A shares of £1 each | 75 | 75 |
| | 175,000 Ordinary B shares of £1 each | 175 | 175 |
| | | 250 | 250 |
| | | | |

[&]quot;A' shareholders are entitled to once vote per share. 'B' shareholders have no entitlement to vote. Both share classes have identical rights in respect of dividend payments.

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17. EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP TRUST

The Company is a party to an Employee Share Trust which, on 31 December 2016, held the following number of shares in MEL:

| Share class | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------|--------|--------|
| 'A' Shares | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 'B' Shares | 42,547 | 42,247 |
| | 57,547 | 57,247 |
| | ==== | |

The ESOT also holds 2,002 'C' Shares (2015: 2,002) in the subsidiary, Managing Agency Partners Holdings Limited. These shares are held for investment purposes.

During 2016 the ESOT purchased 300 'B' shares from a employee at a cost of £300 (£1 a share) in line with the shareholder agreement.

The distribution of shares held by the ESOT is at the discretion of the directors and all expenses of the trust are borne by the Company.

18. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the MAP Group Personal Pension scheme, for its directors and employees. The Group's contribution to the scheme for 2016 totalled £465,000 (2015: £598,000) of which £409,000 (2015: £526,000) was recharged to Syndicate 2791.

The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund.

19. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2016 the Group had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

| | Group | Group |
|--|-------|-------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| Not later than 1 year | 640 | 636 |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 1,118 | 1,663 |
| | 1,758 | 2,299 |
| | | |

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20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The directors of MEL provide underwriting capacity to the Group's managed Syndicates via an unaligned corporate vehicle, MAP Capital Limited ('MCL'), and a limited liability partnership, Nomina 208 LLP. The directors and their related party interests are as follows:

| | 2016 YOA MCL* voting rights % | 2016 Capacity on 2791 ** £000 | 2016 Capacity on 6103 ** £000 | 2015 YOA MCL* voting rights % | 2015 Capacity on 2791 ** £000 | 2015 Capacity on 6103 ** £000 |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| A Kong | 6 | 1,910 | 107 | 6 | 1,910 | 98 |
| B S McAuley# | 1 | 854 | 44 | 1 | 854 | 39 |
| C J Smelt | 2 | 1,553 | 104 | 2 | 1,553 | 83 |
| R K Trubshaw | 12 | 5,630 | 380 | 12 | 5,630 | 277 |

^{*}MCL is an unaligned corporate member that provides underwriting capacity to Syndicates 2791 and 6103.

All transactions between MAP Equity Group and the corporate capital vehicle, in which the directors and their related parties have an interest, are made on an arm's length basis. Profit commission and Managing Agent's fees are identical to all other capital providers.

^{**}Participation via Nomina 208 LLP and MCL, both unaligned corporate members.

[#]B S McAuley was appointed a director on 6 December 2016.