

Pulse Home Products (Holdings) Limited

Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2012

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Pulse Home Products (Holdings) Limited

Directors and Advisors

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Pulse Home Products (Holdings) Limited

Directors' report

The Directors present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group and company for the year ended 31 March 2012

Principal activities of the company

The company is a holding company and did not trade in the year

Principal activities of the Group

The principal activity of the Group is the sale of small domestic appliances to customers both in the UK and also in mainland Europe

Key performance indicators and review of trading in the year

The Group's key financial and other performance indicators during the year (with comparatives) were as follows

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Turnover	65,265	66,275
EBITDAE*	5,186	5,203
Net cash inflow from operating activities	4,764	4,423
Gross Margin (%)	36.7	37.2
EBITDAE Margin (%)	7.9	7.9
Average number of employees during the year	136	147
Turnover per employee	480	451
EBITDAE per employee	38	35

* EBITDAE is the Group's Earnings before Interest, Taxation, Depreciation, Amortisation and Exceptional items. See note 2 to the financial statements for further details.

Despite continued challenging economic and market conditions, the focus of the Group continued to be to seek to maintain margins and to continue to invest in new product development. Breville, the Group's core brand, continued to perform well and hold high market share. The Group's haircare business, under the Nicky Clarke Electric brand, delivered good growth and gained market share. Other brands had more challenging market conditions, and as a result sales declined, in the face of strong competition from retailers' own label products at the value end of the market.

It is anticipated that tough conditions will prevail throughout 2012/13 but the Group is well positioned to deal with that scenario.

The Directors have reviewed the future trading forecasts of the Group to March 2013, including forecast compliance with banking covenants, and have concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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Directors' report (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board of Directors meets on a monthly basis and as part of their role considers the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group. These risks are broadly grouped as competitor risk, price risk, currency risk, credit risk and liquidity risk.

- **Competitor risk**

The Group competes with other well known high street brands and consequently looks to mitigate the risk of losing trade through constant innovation of its existing products, maintaining the high standard of goods sold and by bringing new products into the marketplace.

- **Price risk**

The Group is exposed to pricing volatility due to a mix of economic factors on products purchased from overseas. As a result, the Board maintain a close dialogue with its suppliers and monitors all economic fluctuations to mitigate this risk.

- **Currency risk**

The majority of the Group's purchases are in US dollars, and therefore there is a risk of currency losses should exchange rates move adversely through the year. The Board seeks to mitigate this through the use of forward contracts such that a high level of future purchases is hedged. Under UK GAAP, the fair value of these forward contracts as at the year-end is not included within the primary financial statements, although it is disclosed in note 27.

- **Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that a customer defaults on its payment to the Group. The Group mitigates this risk by the use of credit reports, and monitor trade debtors financial statements closely. The Group also maintains credit insurance on its debts. Details of the Group's trade debtors are shown in note 12 to the financial statements.

- **Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations created by its financial liabilities. The Group mitigates this risk through careful monitoring of daily cash balances and detailed cash forecasting processes, as well as by close control over all areas of working capital within the Group.

Results and dividends

The loss for the year after taxation was £7,542,000 (2011 £6,591,000) and this amount is to be transferred to reserves. No dividends were paid during the year (2011 £nil). The Directors recommend that no dividends are paid (2011 £nil) to the ordinary shareholders of the company.

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Directors' report (continued)

Directors and their interests

The Directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing of the financial statements are given below

Robert Leechman (Appointed 17/02/2012)
Michael Harris
David Allen
Mark Weems
Deborah Gough
David Wardrop

The Directors' interests in shares of the company at the end of the year were

	No. of ordinary 'B' shares	No. of ordinary 'C' shares	No of deferred shares
David Allen	140,000	-	15,162
Mark Weems	-	75,000	17,876
Deborah Gough	-	75,000	17,876

No other director holds any interest (2011 £nil) in the shares of the company at the end of the year, and there are no share options held by the Directors of the company

Directors' indemnities

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the Directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. The Company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its Directors.

Creditor payment policy

The Group's creditor payment policy is to pay suppliers in accordance with agreed terms of business. These terms are agreed with suppliers at the outset of each transaction and the Group adheres to these terms provided the supplier meets its obligations. The number of days' worth of purchases outstanding at the year end was 36 (2011 33).

Charitable and political contributions

During the year, the Group made charitable contributions of £2,000 (2011 £2,000). The Group made no political contributions in the year (2011 £nil).

Future developments

All divisions of the Group will continue to innovate and promote their products both in the UK and overseas.

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Directors' report (continued)

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 prepared the Group and parent company 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 Group and the company 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 and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements 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, 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 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.

Disclosure of Information to auditors

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' report confirms that

(a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and

(b) he / she has taken all the steps that he / she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself / herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

By order of the Board



Mark Weems
Secretary
6 July 2012

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Independent Auditors' report to the members of Pulse Home Products (Holdings) Limited

We have audited the Group and parent company financial statements (the "financial statements") of Pulse Home Products (Holdings) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2012 which comprise the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account, the Consolidated Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses, the Consolidated and Parent Company Balance Sheets, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement, the Accounting Policies 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).

Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities 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, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 Group's and parent 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 annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. 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 Group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 March 2012 and of the Group's loss and cash flows 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 matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

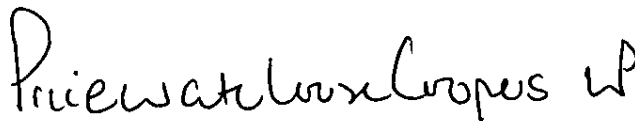
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Independent Auditors' report to the members of Pulse Home Products (Holdings) Limited (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PricewaterhouseCoopers W'.

Martin Heath (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Manchester
6 July 2012

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Consolidated Profit and Loss account for the year ended 31 March 2012

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Turnover	1	65,265	66,275
Cost of sales		(41,327)	(41,653)
Gross profit		23,938	24,622
Administrative expenses	2	(22,964)	(23,395)
Exceptional items	3	(207)	(316)
Operating profit		767	911
Interest received	7	3	2
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(8,582)	(7,763)
Loss on ordinary activities before tax		(7,812)	(6,850)
Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities	8	270	259
Loss for the financial year	19	(7,542)	(6,591)

The historical cost loss is identical to that disclosed above, and therefore no separate note of historical cost profits and losses has been presented

All operations are classed as continuing

Consolidated Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the year ended 31 March 2012

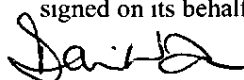
	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Loss for the financial year	(7,542)	(6,591)
Foreign exchange on retranslation of overseas operations	(42)	196
Total recognised losses relating to the financial year	(7,584)	(6,395)

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Balance Sheets as at 31 March 2012

	Notes	Group 2012 £'000	Group 2011 £'000	Company 2012 £'000	Company 2011 £'000
Fixed assets:					
Intangible assets	9	15,965	18,949	-	-
Tangible assets	10	1,529	1,527	-	-
Investments in subsidiaries	11	-	-	2,000	2,000
		17,494	20,476	2,000	2,000
Current assets:					
Stocks	12	8,061	7,893	-	-
Debtors	13	15,776	14,375	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		3,066	1,718	-	-
		26,903	23,986	-	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(8,505)	(7,298)	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15	(896)	(725)	-	-
Net current assets		17,502	15,963	-	-
Total assets less current liabilities		34,996	36,439	2,000	2,000
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year					
- Bank and other loans	16	17,911	18,014	-	-
- Unsecured shareholder loans	16	44,907	38,663	-	-
		62,818	56,677	-	-
Capital and reserves:					
Called up share capital	18	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Profit and loss account	19	(29,822)	(22,238)	-	-
Total shareholders' (deficit)/ funds	20	(27,822)	(20,238)	2,000	2,000
		34,996	36,439	2,000	2,000

The financial statements on pages 8 to 27 were approved by the board of Directors on 6 July 2012 and were signed on its behalf by



David Allen
Chief Executive



Mark Weems
Financial Director

Pulse Home Products (Holdings) Limited
Registered Number 06322952

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Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 March 2012

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	23	4,764	4,423
Return on investment and servicing of finance:			
Interest received	7	3	2
Interest paid		(1,398)	(1,455)
		(1,395)	(1,453)
Capital expenditure and financial investment:			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,230)	(964)
		(1,230)	(964)
Financing:			
Repayments of amounts borrowed	25	(791)	(3,187)
		(791)	(3,187)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash for the financial year	25	1,348	(1,181)

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Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and the Companies Act 2006. The Directors have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis after assessing the expected consolidated budget performance of the Group out to a period of no less than 12 months from the date on which these financial statements have been signed.

A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Basis of consolidation

The Group financial statements, which comprise a consolidation of the parent company and all its subsidiaries, have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom.

As permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the parent company has not presented its own profit and loss account.

Currency of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared and presented in UK Sterling, as the Directors consider this to be the currency in which the performance of the business is best measured. The financial statements of all of the company's subsidiaries are also presented in UK Sterling, with the exception of Pulse Home Products (Hong Kong) Limited whose financial statements are produced in HK Dollars and are translated into UK Sterling at the appropriate year-end rate in line with SSAP 20.

Acquisitions and goodwill

The results of businesses acquired are included in the Group profit and loss account and cash flows from the effective date of acquisition. The net assets of the acquired businesses are incorporated in the Group financial statements at their fair value to the Group, after making adjustments to reflect the alignment of the accounting policies of the acquired businesses with those of the Group. Acquisitions are accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting.

Goodwill arising on acquisition is capitalised and classified as an intangible asset on the balance sheet. The intangible asset is then amortised each month on a straight line basis over 10 years. This life is the Directors' best estimate of the asset's useful economic life. As per FRS11, the Directors will perform an impairment review to assess the carrying value of the goodwill at each balance sheet date, if any impairment triggers are identified.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at their purchase costs, together with any incidental costs of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the costs of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal lives used for this purpose are:

Computer equipment	4 years
Plant and machinery	4 years
Tooling equipment	2 years
Leasehold improvements	To the end of the lease

Investments

Investments are stated at cost, less any provision for impairment in value.

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Accounting policies (continued)

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost represents all expenditure to bring the stocks into their present location and condition. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks.

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold in the ordinary course of business. If collection of trade and other receivables is expected in one year or less they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost less provision for impairment if the Directors doubt the full recoverability of the debt.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

Trade and other payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade and other payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing bank loans and overdrafts are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are accounted for on an accruals basis through the Profit and Loss Account using the effective interest method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

Loan Issue costs

Issue costs associated with the Group's loans are capitalised and netted off against the loan amounts to which they relate. The costs are then amortised over the period of the loan to which they relate on a straight line basis, with the amortisation being classified as an interest cost.

Provisions for liabilities

A provision is recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

Provisions for the costs incurred with goods returned under warranty are charged against profits when products have been invoiced. Goods are sold with a warranty period of one year from the date of sale and therefore the provision for warranty returns has been classified within current liabilities. The methodology used in the calculation of the provision is shown in note 15.

The effect of the time value of money is not material and therefore no discount has been applied to the provision.

Turnover

Turnover which excludes value added tax and trade discounts, represents the invoice value of goods and services supplied during the year. Revenue is recognised on transfer of risk to the customer, which is normally the time of despatch.

Foreign Currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate prevailing at the transaction date. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date, or at an appropriate forward rate as permitted by SSAP 20. Exchange differences are included in the profit and loss account for the year.

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Accounting policies (continued)

Exceptional Costs

In line with FRS 3, the Directors make an assessment of any costs they deem to be outside of the underlying trading of the Group, including their size and nature, and account for them and make appropriate disclosures accordingly

Finance and operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Leasing agreements which transfer to the Group substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of an asset are treated as if the asset has been purchased outright. The assets are included in fixed assets and the capital element of the leasing commitment is shown as obligation under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged against profit in proportion to the reducing capital element outstanding.

Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and the useful lives of equivalent owned assets.

Pensions

The Group operates a defined contribution pension scheme, in both the UK and Hong Kong. All contributions made by the Group on behalf of the employees are charged to the Profit and Loss Account in the period in which they are incurred.

Taxation and deferred taxation

Current taxation is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is provided in full on all timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no binding contract to dispose of these assets.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

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

1 Turnover

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Turnover by destination can be split as follows		
United Kingdom	64,986	65,882
Rest of the World	279	393
	65,265	66,275

The Directors consider all trading to be within one business segment - the sale of small domestic appliances
The Directors consider that the Group operates in two geographical markets, the UK and Europe

2 Operating profit

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
The operating profit of £767,000 (2011 profit of £911,000) is stated after charging the following			
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10	1,228	992
Amortisation of goodwill	9	2,984	2,984
Employee costs	5	4,807	4,926
Exceptional items	3	207	316
Operating leases – plant and machinery	21	105	126
Operating leases – land and buildings	21	219	244
Auditors' remuneration for the audit (see next page)		78	66

The Group's EBITDAE as described within the Key Performance Indicators section of the financial statements (page 2) of £5,186,000 (2011 £5,203,000) is derived as follows

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Group operating profit		767	911
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10	1,228	992
Amortisation of goodwill	9	2,984	2,984
Exceptional items	3	207	316
Group EBITDAE		5,186	5,203

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 (continued)

Auditors' remuneration for the audit and other services

The remuneration of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Group's auditors, is analysed further as follows

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Fees payable to company auditor for the audit of the parent company and audit of the consolidated financial statements	10	10
The audit of the company's subsidiaries pursuant to legislation	68	56
Total auditors' remuneration for the audit	78	66
Other fees payable to the company's auditor		
Taxation compliance	32	24
Total remuneration paid to auditors	110	90

3 Exceptional items

The breakdown of exceptional costs incurred in the current and prior years is as follows

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Bad debt write off	207	-
Restructuring costs	-	316
Total exceptional costs	207	316

During the year, the Group wrote off £207,000 owed by T J Hughes as a result of the Company entering administration. Due to its size and one-off nature, this amount has been treated as an exceptional operating cost.

During the prior year, the Group restructured its European sales operation and its Hong Kong operation. Exceptional costs were incurred as part of this process relating to termination of the existing agreement and redundancy costs totalling £316,000.

4 Emoluments of Directors

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Aggregate emoluments	655	655
Contributions to money purchase schemes	80	80

Aggregate emoluments above does not include £159,731 (2011: £150,000) paid to 3rd parties for the services of non executive Directors.

No retirement benefits accrue to Directors under defined benefit schemes. The highest paid director received emoluments of £266,000 (2011: £266,000) and a pension contribution of £41,000 (2011: £41,000).

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 (continued)

5 Employee costs and staff numbers

Staff costs for the Group during the year were as follows

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Wages and salaries	4,212	4,337
Pension costs	203	207
Social security costs	392	382
	4,807	4,926

The average number of staff employed by the Group during the period was as follows

	2012	2011
Warranty and warehousing	37	42
Selling and distribution	27	29
Administration	43	44
Purchasing and quality control	29	32
	136	147

6 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the directors and employees. The assets in the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

The pension cost charge for the year to 31 March 2012 was £203,000 (2011 £207,000). At the end of the year, there was an accrual outstanding of £27,000 (2011 £26,000) in relation to such schemes.

7 Net interest payable and receivable

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts		2,189	2,206
Shareholder loans	25	6,112	5,276
Cost of interest rate hedge		-	-
Amortisation of loan costs	16	281	281
Total interest payable and similar charges		8,582	7,763
Interest receivable		(3)	(2)
Net interest payable		8,579	7,761

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 (continued)

8 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

(a) Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
The tax (credit)/ charge for the year comprises			
Current tax UK @ 26% (2011 28%)		-	-
Current tax Overseas @ 16.5%		(7)	27
Total (credit) / current tax charge		(7)	27
<i>Deferred Tax</i>			
Impact of rate changes	17	108	85
Accelerated Capital Allowances / other timing differences	17	(371)	(371)
Total tax (credit) as per the profit and loss account		(270)	(259)

The tax assessed for the year is different (2011 different) to the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26% (2011 28%) as explained below

	Note	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(7,812)	(6,850)
Expected tax credit on loss at 26% (2011: 28%)		(2,031)	(1,918)
Interest expense not deductible for taxation purposes		953	886
Amortisation of goodwill		631	914
Business expenses not deductible for taxation purposes		21	38
Accelerated capital allowances		178	241
Short term timing differences		292	148
Adjustment in respect of prior year		(27)	-
Deferred tax movement not recognised		-	(309)
Difference in overseas tax rate		(24)	27
Total current tax (credit) / charge	7(a)	(7)	27

(b) Factors which may affect future tax charges:

The Finance Act 2011 was substantively enacted on 29 March 2011 and included legislation to reduce the main rate of corporation tax from 28% to 26% from 1 April 2011. A further reduction to 25% from 1 April 2012 was substantively enacted by subsequent legislation on 5 July 2011. The deferred tax asset at 31 March 2012 has been re-measured accordingly.

Further reductions to the UK corporation tax rate were announced in the 2011 Budget on 23 March 2011, which proposed to reduce the rate by 1% per annum to 23% by 1 April 2014. However, a further announcement was made in the 2012 Budget on 21 March 2012, which will result in the rate reducing to 24% from 1 April 2012, with further 1% reductions per annum to 22% by 1 April 2014. The changes had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and therefore are not recognised in these financial statements.

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The overall effect of the further changes from 24% to 22%, if these applied to the deferred tax balance at the balance sheet date, is not expected to be material

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9 Intangible fixed assets

Group

	Notes	£'000
Cost at 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012		29,835
Accumulated amortisation at 1 April 2011		(10,886)
Amortisation provided in the year	2	(2,984)
Accumulated amortisation at 31 March 2012		(13,870)
Net book value at 31 March 2012		15,965
Net book value at 31 March 2011		18,949

Goodwill is being written off over 10 years. The Directors estimate this to be the period over which benefits may reasonably be expected to accrue.

The Directors have performed a full review of the carrying amount of the goodwill in line with FRS 11 and in light of the current economic conditions. In their opinion the carrying value is not less than the book value of the goodwill.

The Company has no intangible fixed assets. It does have an investment in a subsidiary undertaking, as disclosed in note 10.

10 Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Leasehold improvements £'000	Plant, Machinery and office equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost:			
At 1 April 2011	603	3,635	4,238
Additions	-	1,230	1,230
At 31 March 2012	603	4,865	5,468
Accumulated depreciation:			
At 1 April 2011	(381)	(2,330)	(2,711)
Charge for the year	(101)	(1,127)	(1,228)
At 31 March 2012	(482)	(3,457)	(3,939)
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2012	121	1,408	1,529
At 31 March 2011	222	1,305	1,527

The company is non-trading and therefore has no tangible fixed assets.

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11 Investments in subsidiaries

The company owns the entire share capital of Vine Mill Limited, a company registered in England and Wales
The investment is held at its cost of £2,000,000

The subsidiaries of Vine Mill Limited are listed in note 26 The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted in the formation of these Group financial statements

The Directors believe that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets

12 Stock

	Group 2012 £'000	Group 2011 £'000
Finished goods held for resale	7,984	7,827
Raw materials and consumables	77	66
	8,061	7,893

The replacement value of stocks does not exceed its current carrying value

The company does not own any stocks

13 Debtors

	Note	Group 2012 £'000	Group 2011 £'000
Trade debtors		12,827	11,093
Other debtors		455	855
Prepayments and accrued income		729	925
Deferred tax asset	17	1,765	1,502
		15,776	14,375

The company does not have any debtors

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2012 £'000	Group 2011 £'000
Bank loans	839	739
Trade creditors	3,973	3,583
Taxation and social security creditors	630	576
Corporation tax	20	27
Accruals and deferred income	3,043	2,373
	8,505	7,298

The company does not have any creditors, due either within 1 year or due after 1 year

15 Provisions for liabilities and charges

Provision for future returns of product under warranty

	£'000
At 1 April 2011	725
Utilised in the year	(5,120)
Additional charges in the year	5,291
At 31 March 2012	896

The Group's products are sold under warranty to its customers with a warranty period of 12 months from the date of sale. The provision is calculated using historical returns rates on a product by product basis.

The company is non trading so does not hold any warranty provision

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16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	Group 2012 £'000	Group 2011 £'000
Future instalments on bank and other loans	18,425	18,677
Brought forward loan issue costs	(663)	(812)
Amortisation of issue costs in the year	149	149
Total bank and other loans	17,911	18,014
Principal and accrued interest on shareholder loan notes	45,355	39,243
Brought forward loan issue costs	(580)	(712)
Amortisation of issue costs in the year	132	132
Total unsecured shareholder loans	44,907	38,663
	62,818	56,677

Borrowings are repayable as follows

Bank and shareholder loans		
- on demand or within one year	839	739
- between two and five years	5,821	3,944
- after five years	57,959	53,976
	64,619	58,659

The bank holds a fixed and floating charge over all property and assets, including goodwill, debtors and uncalled capital. The borrowings incurred interest at rates between 4.24% and 9.5% per annum as at 31 March 2012.

The shareholder loan notes bear interest at 15.53% and are repayable at the earlier of August 2018 or a change of ownership of the Group.

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17 Deferred taxation

The movement on the Group's deferred tax asset in the period is as follows

	Note	Accelerated capital allowances £'000	Other short term timing differences £'000	Total £'000
At 1 April 2011	12	612	890	1,502
Effect of changes in tax rates		(43)	(65)	(108)
Prior year adjustment		(64)	18	(46)
Origination and reversal of timing differences		164	253	417
At 31 March 2012	12	669	1,096	1,765

The above deferred tax asset relates to timing differences. The Directors expect to be corporation tax paying over the next two years in line with their budgets and consequently have recognised the element of the deferred tax balance that arises on tax deductions relating to interest accrued in prior years. In addition to the above, there is also an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £578,000 (2011 £626,000)

The company does not have any deferred tax balances

18 Called up share capital

	Group and Company 2011 and 2012 Number (‘000)	Group and Company 2011 and 2012 £'000
Authorised:		
Deferred £1 shares	60	60
‘A’ ordinary £1 shares	1,600	1,600
‘B’ ordinary £1 shares	140	140
‘C’ ordinary £1 shares	260	260
	2,060	2,060
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
Deferred £1 shares	60	60
‘A’ ordinary £1 shares	1,600	1,600
‘B’ ordinary £1 shares	140	140
‘C’ ordinary £1 shares	200	200
	2,000	2,000

The three classes of ordinary shares each carry the same rights to income, capital and rank parī passu in all respects, other than in voting rights, where following a default event ‘B’ and ‘C’ ordinary shares cease to hold voting rights. The deferred shares entitle the holder to a maximum of £1 on a return of capital, carry no voting rights and do not entitle the holder to receive any dividend.

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19 Profit and loss account

	Group £'000	Company £'000
Balance at 1 April 2011	(22,238)	-
Loss for the year	(7,542)	-
Foreign exchange on retranslation of overseas operations	(42)	-
Balance at 31 March 2012	(29,822)	-

The company had no profit or loss in the year (2011 £nil)

20 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' deficit

	Group £'000
At 1 April 2011	(20,238)
Loss for the year	(7,542)
Foreign exchange on retranslation of overseas operations	(42)
Closing shareholders' deficit	(27,822)

21 Operating leases

The minimum annual rentals under non-cancellable operating leases are expiring as follows

	Plant & machinery 2012 £'000	Plant & machinery 2011 £'000	Land and buildings 2012 £'000	Land and buildings 2011 £'000	Total 2012 £'000	Total 2011 £'000
Within one year	12	16	-	-	12	16
Between two and five years	39	83	219	219	258	302
Total	51	99	219	219	270	318

22 Related party transactions

Rutland Fund II ("the Fund"), a private equity fund comprising a series of UK limited partnerships, is the majority shareholder of the company. As part of the financing of the acquisition of Pulse Home Products, the Fund provided loan notes of £23,300,000. The annual interest charge on these notes is 15.53%.

The Manager of the Fund is Rutland Partners LLP, to whom the Group pays an annual management charge of £150,000 (2011 £150,000). The balance outstanding with Rutland Partners at 31 March 2012 was £37,500 (2011 £37,500) on the management fee and £45,355,000 (2011 £39,243,000) on the loan notes. The accrued interest charge on the loan notes since the acquisition is £22,055,000.

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The Directors also consider Chelgo Limited a related party Chelgo Limited provides the services of the Chairman to Pulse Home Products (Holdings) Limited During the year management fees of £9,731 (2011 £nil) were accrued to Chelgo The balance outstanding as at 31 March 2012 was £9,731 (2011 £nil)

There are no other parties which are considered to be related parties in line with FRS8

23 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Operating profit	2	767	911
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	10	1,228	992
Amortisation of goodwill	9	2,984	2,984
(Increase) in debtors	13	(1,401)	(1,442)
(Increase) / Decrease in stocks	12	(168)	162
Increase in other creditors and accruals		1,354	816
Total net cash inflow from operating activities (page 10)		4,764	4,423

24 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt

	Notes	£'000
Net cash flow in the year (page 10)		1,348
Increase in debt in period		(5,961)
Movement in net debt in the year		(4,613)
Opening net debt at 1 April 2011	25	(56,940)
Closing net debt at 31 March 2012	25	(61,553)

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25 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2011	Cash flows (page 10)	Exchange movements	Other non-cash movements	At 31 March 2012
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash at bank and in hand	1,718	1,348	-	-	3,066
Bank loans	(19,415)	791	-	(640)	(19,264)
Shareholder loans	(39,243)	-	-	(6,112)	(45,355)
Total net debt	(56,940)	2,139	-	(6,752)	(61,553)

Other non cash movements are the rolled up interest charge on a portion of the bank loans £640,000 (2011 £619,000) and the rolled up interest charge on the shareholder loan notes £6,112,000 (2011 £5,276,000)

26 Subsidiary undertakings

The Group has the following 100% owned and controlled subsidiaries (all of which are registered in England and Wales with the exception of Pulse Home Products (Hong Kong) Limited which is registered in Hong Kong)

	Principal activity
Vine Mill Limited	Intermediary holding company
Pulse Home Products Limited	Sale of small domestic appliances
Pulse Home Products (Hong Kong) Limited	Sale of small domestic appliances
Viva (Consumer Products) Limited	Semi-dormant
Hinan Limited	Dormant
Dirt Devil Limited	Dormant

27 Financial Instruments

Currency exposure

As explained in the Directors' report, the Group seeks to mitigate its exposure to fluctuations in exchange rates through the use of forward contracts. As at 31 March 2012, the Group had forward contracts with a total value of US\$39.75m which mature between 1 April 2012 and 31 March 2013.

The fair value of these contracts has been externally assessed as being £24.83m which represents a loss of £0.54m when the contracts are marked to market using the spot US Dollar rate at 31 March 2012.

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28 Commitments and contingencies

As at 31 March 2012, the Group had the following commitments and contingencies

- A memorandum of understanding with UPS Ltd to provide haulage and warehousing services for a three year period which expires on 31 March 2014
- The borrowings of a Group company, Vine Mill Limited, are secured on the assets of Pulse Home Products Limited, another Group company

The Directors have not identified any other commitments or contingencies as at 31 March 2012

29 Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The Directors believe the controlling party of the company to be Rutland Partners LLP, who own 80% of the ordinary share capital of the ultimate parent company as noted in note 21