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REECE GROUP LIMITED

Annual Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020



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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Introduction

Reece Group Limited is a privately-owned business and the holding company for a number of innovative engineering businesses, based in the North East, primarily operating in the defence markets.

The Group's strategy is the ownership and developing of a range of innovative engineering companies that operate globally, based firmly in engineering and operating from a world class manufacturing facility. In delivering this strategy, and growing the businesses, the group aims to achieve its vision of creating employment and wealth in the region in which it operates.

The group operates from Armstrong Works, a 32,000 sq. m manufacturing facility on the banks of the Tyne and the company's home since 2014. The facility provides a world class, state of the art manufacturing facility, offering the opportunity for the group's portfolio of innovative and award winning engineering companies to work together and collaborate but also gives the group and its companies the capacity and scope for significant future growth in a climate conducive to innovation and creativity.

Fair review of the business

The groups key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	Unit	2020	2019
Turnover	£	62,903	64,587
Gross profit	£	31,305	27,251
EBITDA pre exceptional costs	£	14,535	8,117
Exceptional costs	£	(510)	(487)
EBITDA	£	14,025	7,630
Net assets	£	132,148	119,904
Number of employees	#	389	408

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

The group's financial position remains strong with £131m of net assets including £62m of cash.

Pearson Engineering had a successful year, increasing turnover to £46.7m (2019: £41m) and profits to £15.7m (2019: £10.5m), driven by repeat orders and long-term projects reaching the series production phase. The company is engaged in contracts and opportunities globally and interest in its products remain very strong. The forward outlook is positive both for contracts under execution and further orders expected in 2021 and, to date, COVID-19 has had limited impact on the business prospects.

Responsive Engineering had a positive start to 2020, with the first four months of the year on plan and achieving positive cash generation as a result of the strategic review and actions taken in 2019. Revenues for the remainder of the year were significantly impacted by COVID-19 due to customers delaying orders and a reduction in sales enquiries from the oil & gas market. At the start of the Covid pandemic the business made the decision to trade through the crisis to ensure it could continue to support its customers, including Pearson Engineering. As a result, the business incurred a loss of £3.5m (2019: £2.1m) on a turnover of £12.7m (2019: £15.6m).

The Group remains strongly committed to supporting Responsive in its strategy development and is confident in its ability to return to profitability, particularly as the Defence market outlook is very strong and the business continues to focus on further cost saving programs, including strategic capital investments in new process technologies.

Velocity was impacted by Covid-19 in 2020 with a temporary reduction in demand across all business units. The company utilised government support to protect the workforce. In 2021 demand has returned to pre Covid-19 levels. The prospects for the business are good, following government commitment to increase funds available for pot-hole repair. The business achieved a profit of £0.1m (2019: £0.2m) on a turnover of £9.8m (2019: £12.2m).

The medium and long term future outlook for the Group remains strong with good growth prospects.

Research and development

The group remains committed to engineering research and development with the objective of developing the best products in the market place and creating a market for those products. To this end, the group continues to invest in research and development. The R&D programme is active and growing and includes traditional business areas as well as emerging technologies. The total internal R&D expenditure charged in the consolidated profit and loss accounts during the year was in excess of £1.6m (2019: £2m).

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

S172 Statement

The Board consider, both individually and collectively, that they have acted in a way that they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company and Group for the benefit of its members as a whole (having regard to the stakeholders and matters set out in s.172 (a-f) of the Companies Act 2006) in the decisions taken during the year ended 31st December 2020.

Material decisions taken in the year include approval of the subsidiary budgets and strategies, including but not limited to the approval of Pearson's R&D programmes and the continued turnaround strategy for Responsive. In addition, the Board approved capital expenditure investment for both Responsive Engineering and Velocity and took the decision at the beginning of 2020 to no longer financially support Reece Innovation which led to its closure in July 2020.

Collaboration with group companies has also been a priority, particularly for Pearson Engineering and Responsive Engineering who have focussed on continuing to develop relationships and combining to jointly bid for major defence manufacturing projects. This work has now started to achieve important contract wins and will help to secure employment and retention of key skills across the companies and throughout our supply chains, whilst simultaneously leveraging the inherent capability of the Armstrong Works facility.

Our growth strategy is designed to have a long term beneficial impact on all of our stakeholders: it is customer focused and also provides security and development opportunities for our employees, effective management of our supply chain and enables us to deliver shareholder value whilst contributing and supporting our North East industry and communities.

In approving the decision to close Reece Innovation, the Board recognised the potential impact of this decision on the business' employees, customers and supply chain and took steps to mitigate the impact on those stakeholders.

Engagement with employees

Our employees are our greatest asset and our success relies on the application of their knowledge and skills. We aim to be a responsible employer in our approach to pay and benefits, and the health, safety and well-being of our employees is always a primary consideration.

We communicate with employees through a variety of channels including meetings, emails and our regular group newsletter The Works.

The company is committed to the development of employee consultation and thereby to the greater involvement of employees in the company's operations and future strategy. Consultation is achieved on both a formal and an informal basis through work committees, briefing sessions and discussions with groups of employees.

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Employment of disabled persons

It is the group's policy to work towards true equality of opportunity for employees and applicants for employment regardless of race, nationality, ethnic origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation or marital status. Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully and fairly considered, having regard to the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the group continues and the appropriate training is arranged.

Engagement with suppliers, customers and other relationships

Meeting the needs of customers now and developing our offering so that we can continue to meet their needs into the future, requires a closeness to, and engagement with, customers. Customer requirements are always taken into consideration during new product development, with customer needs driving the design and development of products.

We expect our suppliers to operate ethically, taking due consideration for the safety and well-being of their workers while minimising their environmental impacts. By working closely with and setting high standards for our suppliers, we reduce operating and reputational risk and promote the long-term success of the Company.

STEM and charitable activities

The group is a strong supporter of STEM initiatives promoting engineering as a career. The Board of Directors is also proud to support the wider projects of Reece Foundation, a charitable Trust created in 2007 which aims to support the improvement of education in relation to STEM, as well as the promotion of engineering and manufacturing.

Furthermore, following relocation to the Armstrong Works facility on Scotswood Road, the group has actively supported the regeneration of the West End of Newcastle, and has funded a number of local charity projects; with a total of £1m having been donated to good causes.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company and how they might affect its performance, position or future prospects are set out below:

COVID-19

The safety of our staff is our key priority and we have adapted our working practices – a significant number of staff have been able to work from home and we have made considerable adjustments to meet social distancing guidelines where working from home is not possible. We have a regular and ongoing dialogue with our staff to support them through this unprecedented period. The company continues to closely monitor developments and adapt its plans. The company has a strong balance sheet and robust underlying business and, in the Board's view, is well positioned to weather any further disruption caused by COVID-19.

Credit risk

The majority of group debtors relate to amounts owed as set out in agreed legal contracts, and many of the customers are government-related bodies. Historically, the group has not considered there to be a significant credit risk - however, this is evaluated on a contract by contract basis and credit insurance is taken if considered necessary.

Foreign currency risk

The group has significant trade in foreign currencies with its customers. To protect the business against movements in exchange rates between the date of order acceptance and payment of the debt the group takes out forward exchange contracts. In order to be able to provide forward exchange rate contracts, the banks may seek to mitigate their default risk by requesting cash deposits as security. To manage this situation, group companies ring fences an appropriate proportion of its cash reserves for this purpose.

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Liquidity risk

The group aims to mitigate liquidity risk by managing cash generated by its operations in the most effective manner. It is group policy to invoice amounts due on contracts as soon as possible; all amounts owed by customers are collected promptly, and all major capital expenditure must be approved by the directors.

Working capital

The group will seek to establish terms which minimise working capital requirements. However, it is inevitable that under some contracts the group will be required to provide finance for the initial stock and debtors before payments from the customer commence.

Bank risk

The group continuously monitors the position of all UK banks where it holds funds. The group reduces potential exposure by spreading funds across a number of banks where credit rating and other available financial information indicates risk is low.

Interest rate risk

All cash is invested in interest bearing bank accounts at either a variable or fixed rate. Therefore, whilst financial assets, liabilities, interest charges and interest income and cash flows can be affected by movements in interest rates, these are managed by continually reviewing where cash is held and moving funds as appropriate.

Risks arising from "Brexit"

The group is monitoring developments in the Brexit process closely, although the lack of certainty makes contingency planning difficult. Tenders and new business contracts seek to protect the group from potential negative changes in trading legislation, for business both within and outside the EU.

The main risks and uncertainties relate to impact of tariffs on competitiveness, increases in supply chain prices, delays in the supply chain and loss of existing free trade agreements.

Approved by the Board on 20/09/21... and signed on its behalf by:

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The directors present their report and the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Directors of the group

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

A D Reece

J P Reece

C A Johnstone (resigned 31 July 2020)

R D Lamb

C Priday

A J Wilkinson

The following directors were appointed after the year end:

C J Gill (appointed 1 January 2021)

G MacDonald (appointed 1 January 2021)

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The group finances its activities using its cash and short term deposits. Other financial assets and laibilities, such as trade debtors and trade creditors, arise directly from the groups operating activities. The group also enters into derivative transactions, prinicipally forward currency contracts. The purpose is to manage currency risks arising from the groups operations and its sources of finance.

Price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk

See disclosures in the Strategic Report in respect of the financial risk management of the group.

Future developments

See disclosures within the Strategic Report regarding future developments of the group.

Research and development

See disclosures within the Strategic Report regarding research and development of the group.

Environmental report

We have considered the recommendations of the Financial Stability Board's Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) when preparing this report. These recommendations encourage businesses to increase disclosure of climate-related information, with an emphasis on financial disclosure. Reece Group Limited supports these recommendations and are committed to disclosing the relevant information which can be found below.

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Governance

The UK Government's Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) policy was implemented on 1 April 2019, this is the Group's first time adoption of disclosures on energy and carbon. Within the group there is one large subsidiary company which the disclosure requirements apply. The other subsidiaries within the group are not required to report their own energy and carbon information due to their individual company size. Reece Group Limited itself does not consume in excess of 44,000Kwh of energy. The group will look to voluntary adopt further disclosure in future reporting and are committed to behaving responsibly and at high standard.

The table below represents Pearson Engineering Limited's energy use and associated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from electricity and fuel in the UK for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Scope 1 consumption and emissions relate to direct combustion of natural gas, and fuels utilised for transportation operations, such as company vehicle fleets.

Scope 2 consumption and emissions relate to indirect emissions relating to the consumption of purchased electricity in day-to-day business operations.

Scope 3 consumption and emissions relate to emissions resulting from sources not directly owned by the reporting company. For Pearson Engineering Limited, this is related to grey fleet (business travel undertaken in employee-owned vehicles) only.

Emissions and energy consumption

Summary of scope 1 (direct) greenhouse gas emissions for the year ended 31 December 2020:

Climate related category	2020 tCO2e
Gaseous and other fuels	71
	71

Summary of scope 2 (indirect) greenhouse gas emissions for the year ended 31 December 2020:

Climate related	
category	2020 tCO2e
Grid	
supplied electricity	275

Summary of scope 3 (other indirect) greenhouse gas emissions for the year ended 31 December 2020:

Climate	
related	
category	2020
	tCO2e
Transportation	7

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

Pearson Engineering' Scope 1 and 3 direct emissions (combustion of natural gas and transportation fuels) for this first year of reporting are 78.66 tCO2, resulting from the direct combustion of 418,731 KWh of fuel.

Scope 2 indirect emissions (purchased electricity) for this first year of reporting are 274.93 tC)2e, resulting from the consumption of 1,179,258 kWh of consumption of 1,179,258 kWh of electricity purchased and consumed in day-to-day business operations

Intensity ratio

Pearson Engineering

The intensity metric is per kgC02e per sq ft gross internal area for this reporting. During the year ended 31 December 2020 this was 4.03%.

Going concern

The group meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash generated from operations and return on investments.

At the time of signing the financial statements there has been no unmanageable impact of COVID-19 on the group's main income streams, suppliers or employees.

The group's forecasts and projections for the next twelve months show that the group should be able to continue in operational existence for that period, taking into account possible changes in trading performance.

Having considered the current cash forecasts of the group the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. The group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditors

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution for the re-appointment of MHA Tait Walker as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Beard on 29/09/21... and signed on its behalf by:

Director

J Gill

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and parent 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 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 group and parent company will continue in business.

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

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Reece Group Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Reece Group Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which comprise the Consolidated Income Statement, Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Position, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Changes in Equity, Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 December 2020 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.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Reece Group Limited (continued)

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matter 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 Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our 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 and 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.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities [set out on page 10], the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Reece Group Limited (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff in tax and compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations
- Reading correspondence with regulators including the Health and Safety Executive;
- · Reviewing the safety compliance action plan which is prepared and reviewed by a third party;
- · Reviewing board minutes;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates;
- Review financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Because of the field in which the client operates, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have a material impact on the financial statements: Health and Safety; employment law (including the Working Time Directive); and compliance with the UK Companies Act.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Reece Group Limited (continued)

Use of our report

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

Brian Laidlaw BA CA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of MHA Tait Walker

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Date: 23rd September 2021

MHA Tait Walker is a trading name of Tait Walker LLP.

Consolidated Income Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Turnover	3	62,903	64,587
Cost of sales		(31,598)	(37,336)
Gross profit		31,305	27,251
Distribution costs		(1,347)	(1,850)
Administrative expenses		(18,976)	(20,279)
Exceptional expenses	5	(510)	(487)
Other operating income	. 4	1,151	972
Operating profit Change in fair value of current asset investments Change in fair value of investment properties Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar expenses	5 6 7	11,623 2,923 (1,949) 682 (77)	5,607 3,396 - 1,088 (17)
Profit before tax		13,202	10,074
Taxation	11	(45)	(246)
Profit for the financial year	:	13,157	9,828
Profit/(loss) attributable to: Owners of the company Non controlling interests	_	13,157	9,912 (84)
	=	13,157	9,828

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Profit for the year	13,157	9,828
Unrealised gain/(loss) on cash flow hedges	(214)	744
Foreign currency translation gains/(losses)	26	(170)
	(188)	574
Total comprehensive income for the year	12,969	10,402
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Owners of the company	12,969	10,486
Non controlling interests		(84)
	12,969	10,402

The notes on pages 22 to 52 form an integral part of these financial statements.

(Registration number: 07630662) Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	12	170	225
Tangible assets	13	14,957	15,043
Investment property	14	6,315	9,664
		21,442	24,932
Current assets			
Stocks	17	8,450	8,001
Debtors	18	12,738	15,428
Investments Other financial assets	19 16	37,329 315	41,404 565
Cash at bank and in hand	10	62,080	38,434
		120,912	103,832
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	20	(8,760)	(7,958)
Net current assets		112,152	95,874
Total assets less current liabilities		133,594	120,806
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(176)	(248)
Provisions for liabilities	22	(1,271)	(652)
Net assets		132,147	119,906
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	24	<u>.</u>	- ·
Fair value reserve - investment properties	25	-	612
Cash flow hedge reserve Profit and loss account	25 25	255 131,892	469 119,049
	25		
Equity attributable to owners of the company		132,147	120,130
Non controlling interests		-	(224)
Total equity		132,147	119,906

Approved and authorised by the Board on 20/09/21.... and signed on its behalf by:

R D Lamb Director

The notes on pages 22 to 52 form an integral part of these financial statements.

(Registration number: 07630662) Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	156	13
Investments	15	10,252	10,252
		10,408	10,265
Current assets			
Debtors	18	75,761	47,210
Cash at bank and in hand		5,892	3,911
		81,653	51,121
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	20	(392)	(81)
Net current assets		81,261	51,040
Net assets		91,669	61,305
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital		-	<u>-</u>
Profit and loss account		91,669	61,305
Total equity		91,669	61,305

The company made a profit after tax for the financial year of £31,088,570 (2019 - loss of £1,183,532).

Approved and authorised by the Board on 20/09/21... and signed on its behalf by:

R D Lamb Director

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 Equity attributable to the parent company

At 1 January 2019 Profit/(loss) for the year Other comprehensive income	Share capital £ 000	Fair value reserve - investment properties £ 000 598	Cash flow hedge reserve £ 000 (275)	Profit and loss account £ 000 123,437 9,912 (170)	Total £ 000 123,760 9,912 574	Non- controlling interests £ 000 (140) (84)	Total equity £ 000 123,620 9,828 574
Total comprehensive income Dividends Transfers	- - -	 - 14	744 - -	9,742 (14,116) (14)	10,486 (14,116)	(84) - -	10,402 (14,116)
At 31 December 2019		612	469	119,049	120,130	(224)	119,906
At 1 January 2020 Profit for the year	Share capital £ 000 - -	Fair value reserve - investment properties £ 000 612	Cash flow hedge reserve £ 000 469	Profit and loss account £ 000 119,047 13,157	Total £ 000 120,128 13,157	Non- controlling interests £ 000 (224)	Total equity £ 000 119,904 13,157
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(214)	26	(188)		(188)
Total comprehensive income Dividends Transfers Increase in ownership interests in subsidiaries	- - - -	(612)	(214)	13,183 (726) 612 (224)	12,969 (726) - (224)	- - - 224	12,969 (726) - -
At 31 December 2020	-	_	255	131,892	132,147	_	132,147

The notes on pages 22 to 52 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

At 1 January 2019 Loss for the year	Share capital £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000 76,605 (1,184)	Total £ 000 76,605 (1,184)
Total comprehensive income Dividends	<u>-</u>	(1,184) (14,116)	(1,184) (14,116)
At 31 December 2019		61,305	61,305
	Share capital £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 January 2020 Profit for the year	<u> </u>	61,305 31,089	61,305 31,089
Total comprehensive income Dividends	·	31,089 (725)	31,089 (725)
At 31 December 2020	-	91,669	91,669

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

December 2020			
	Note	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit for the year Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items		13,157	9,828
Depreciation and amortisation Impairments of tangible assets	5	1,887	2,025 34
Changes in fair value of current asset investments Changes in fair value of investment property	14	(2,923) 1,949	(3,396)
Profit on disposal of tangible assets Profit from sales of investment properties		(107) (1,750)	(748)
Finance income	6	(682)	(1,088)
Finance costs	7	77 45	17
Income tax expense	11 -		246
Working capital adjustments		11,653	6,918
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	17	(449)	309
Decrease/(increase) in debtors Increase in creditors	18 20	2,631 882	(1,526) 422
Increase in provisions	22	186	320
Cash generated from operations	-	14,903	6,443
Income taxes received	11	407	781
Net cash flow from operating activities	_	15,310	7,224
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		203	382
Acquisitions of tangible assets Proceeds from sale of tangible assets		(1,811) 169	(933) 2,444
Acquisition of intangible assets	12	-	(9)
Proceeds from sale of investment properties		3,150 483	- 661
Dividend income Acquisition of short term listed investments	15	(13,338)	(12,602)
Proceeds from disposal of short term listed investments		20,336	12,194
Fixed term cash deposits	-	<u> </u>	(48)
Net cash flows from investing activities	-	9,192	2,089
Cash flows from financing activities	_		
Interest paid Repayment of other borrowing	7	(77)	(17) (1,363)
Payments to finance lease creditors		(82)	(80)
Dividends paid	_	(726)	(14,116)
Net cash flows from financing activities	-	(885)	(15,576)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		23,617	(6,263)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		38,434	44,721
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	-	29	(24)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	=	62,080	38,434

The notes on pages 22 to 52 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England & Wales.

The address of its registered office is Armstrong Works, Scotswood Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 6UX.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

These financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity, and rounded to the nearest £000.

Summary of disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.
- (c) No disclosure has been given for the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel.

The parent company has applied the exemption contained in section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its individual statement of comprehensive income.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption available under paragraph 33.1A of FRS 102 and does not disclose related party transactions with members of the same group that are wholly owned.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 December 2020.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is achieved where the company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the Income Statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate. Where necessary, adjustments are made to the financial statements of subsidiaries to bring their accounting policies into line with those used by the group.

The purchase method of accounting is used to account for business combinations that result in the acquisition of subsidiaries by the group. The cost of a business combination is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus costs directly attributable to the business combination. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. Any excess of the cost of the business combination over the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognised is recorded as goodwill.

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between the company and its subsidiaries, which are related parties, are eliminated in full.

Intra-group losses are also eliminated but may indicate an impairment that requires recognition in the consolidated financial statements.

Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the group. Non-controlling interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the group's equity therein. Non-controlling interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the non-controlling shareholder's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination.

Non-controlling interests

Minority interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Group's equity. Minority interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the minority's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination.

The proportions of profit or loss and changes in equity allocated to the owners of the parent and to the minority interests are determined on the basis of existing ownership interests and do not reflect the possible exercise or conversion of options or convertible instruments.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

The group meets its day to day working capital requirements through cash generated from operations and return on investments.

At the time of signing the financial statements there has been no unmanageable impact of COVID-19 on the group's main income streams, suppliers or employees.

The group's forecasts and projections for the next twelve months show that the group should be able to continue in operational existence for that period, taking into account possible changes in trading performance.

Having considered the current cash forecasts of the group the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. The group therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Judgements

The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are as follows:

Revenue recognition - Judgement is required to determine whether to apply construction contract accounting (and recognise revenue as work progresses) or to only recognise revenue when an order is fully complete and delivered to the customer. When making this judgement, management consider factors such as the nature and duration of a contract and its significance to the activities of the company as a whole.

Carrying value of investments and intercompany receivables - In the company balance sheet, management must be satisfied that the carrying value of investments in subsidiaries, and any loans receivable from those subsidiaries, do not exceed their recoverable amount. This involves consideration of the most recent trading performance and financial position of the subsidiary, and also forecasts for future trading. The forward looking element of the assessment is inherently subject to uncertainty.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows:

Useful economic lives of tangible assets - The annual depreciation charge is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful lives of the assets. The useful economic lives are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, future investments and economic utilisation. The carrying amount is £14,957,000 (2019 - £15,042,000).

Valuation of work in progress - It is necessary to consider whether the accumulated cost of work in progress is ultimately recoverable, or whether a provision is required. When determining the need for provision, management considers the level of risk inherent in each project (which tends to be greater for more complex, unique or first in class projects and those of longer duration) and apply their best estimate of future time and material requirements. The carrying amount is £6,462,000 (2019 - £6,239,000).

Impairment of debtors - The group estimates the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, management consider factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing profile and historical experience. The carrying amount is £152,000 (2019 - £18,000).

Provisions - Provision is made for product rectification costs under warranty and onerous leases, including dilapidation costs under those leases. These provisions require management's best estimate of the costs that will be incurred, based on contractual requirements and historical experience. The carrying amount is £483,000 (2019 - £431,000).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the group's activities. Turnover is shown net of value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts and after eliminating sales within the company.

Sale of goods

Unless construction contract accounting is applied, turnover is recognised either when the goods are physically delivered to the customer or when customer is notified that the goods are ready for collection, depending on the agreed terms of sale. Payments received and amounts invoiced to customers in advance of goods being delivered are included in creditors as deferred income, and revenue recognised in advance of invoicing is shown as accrued income, within debtors.

When construction contract accounting is applied, if the outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably, revenue and costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the reporting date. This is normally measured by the proportion that contract costs incurred for work performed to date bear to the estimated total contract costs.

When the outcome of a contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognised to the extent of contract costs incurred where it is probable they will be recoverable. Contract costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract revenue, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Rendering of services

Revenue is recognised as services are provided. Where a contract has only been partially completed at the balance sheet date, turnover represents the fair value of the service provided to date based on the stage of completion of the contract activity at the balance sheet date. Where payments are received from customers in advance of services provided, the amounts are recorded as deferred income and included as part of creditors due within one year.

Rental income

Rental income is recognised on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Dividend and interest income

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established. Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grant will be received.

Government grants relating to turnover are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. Grants relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the assets's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the assets's carrying amount.

Government grants included within other operating income includes the UK Government assistance provided through Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Foreign currency transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded at the functional currency rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated into the respective functional currency of the entity at the rates prevailing on the reporting period date. Non-monetary items carried at fair value that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate on the date when the fair value is re-measured.

Non-monetary items measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except that a charge attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income is also recognised directly in other comprehensive income.

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 group operates and generates taxable income.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences between taxable profits and profits reported in the consolidated financial statements. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised when it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the statement of financial position at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Asset class

Freehold property
Long leaseholder property
Leasehold improvements
Plant and machinery
Motor vehicles
Fixtures and fittings
Office and computer equipment

Lease term
5 to 10 years straight line
4 to 7 years straight line
2 to 8 years straight line
3 years straight line

40 to 50 years straight line

50 years straight line

Depreciation method and rate

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the company are assigned to those units.

Investment property

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values at acquisition date of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the group in exchange for control of the acquired, plus any costs directly attributable to the business combination. When a business combination agreement provides for an adjustment to the cost of the combination contingent on future events, the group includes the estimated amount of that adjustment in the cost of the combination at the acquisition date if the adjustment is probable and can be measured reliably.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of an entity represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the entity recognised at the date of acquisition. Goodwill is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is held in the currency of the acquired entity and revalued to the closing rate at each reporting period date. Goodwill is amortised over its useful life, which shall not exceed ten years if a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made.

Intangible assets

Separately acquired trademarks and licences are shown at historical cost.

Trademarks, licences (including software) and customer-related intangible assets acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date.

Trademarks, licences and customer-related intangible assets have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation

Amortisation is provided on intangible assets so as to write off the cost, less any estimated residual value, over their useful life as follows:

Asset class

Goodwill
Patents
Computer software

Amortisation method and rate

10% straight line 10% - 20% straight line 33% straight line

Investments

Investments in equity shares which are publicly traded or where the fair value can be measured reliably are initially measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Investments in equity shares which are not publicly traded and where fair value cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment. Interest income on debt securities, where applicable, is recognised in income using the effective interest method. Dividends on equity securities are recognised in income when receivable.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Inventories

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all direct costs and, for manufactured stocks and work in progress, an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads (based on normal operating capacity). Cost is determined using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method.

Provision is made as necessary for damaged, obsolete or slow-moving items.

Creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the group does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the group has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the group will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised at the lower of their fair value at inception of the lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments. These assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and the lease term. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the Statement of Financial Position as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance costs in the Income Statement and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Dividends

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the reporting period in which the dividends are declared.

Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the group has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging

Derivatives

Derivative financial instruments, comprising forward currency contracts, are initially recognised at fair value at the date the contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in the profit and loss account unless they are part of a hedging arrangement.

Hedging

The company applies hedge accounting for transactions entered into to manage the cash flow exposure of sales contracts denominated in foreign currencies. Forward currency contracts are held to manage the foreign exchange exposures and are designated as cash flow hedges of highly probable forecast sales transactions.

Changes in the fair values of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges are recognised in other comprehensive income as either a gain or a loss. Any ineffectiveness in the hedging relationship (being the excess of the cumulative change in fair value of the hedging instrument since the inception of the hedge over the cumulative change in fair value of the hedged item since inception of the hedge) is recognised in the profit and loss account.

The gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to the profit and loss account when the hedge relationship ends. Hedge accounting is discontinued on expiry or termination of the hedging instrument, the hedging instrument no longer meets the hedging criteria or the forecast transaction is no longer highly probable.

Exceptional items

Certain one-off charges or credits that have a material impact on the financial results are classified as 'exceptional items'. These are disclosed separately to provide further understanding of the financial performance of the group.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

3 Revenue

The analysis of the group's revenue for the year from continuing operations is as follows:

Sale of goods Rendering of services	2020 £ 000 53,120 9,783	2019 £ 000 53,703 10,884
Rendering of services	62,903	64,587
The analysis of the group's turnover for the year by market is as follows:		
UK Europe Rest of world	2020 £ 000 18,259 548 44,096	2019 £ 000 25,076 904 38,607
·	62,903	64,587

4 Other operating income

The analysis of the group's other operating income for the year is as follows:

	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Grants	350	60
Miscellaneous other operating income	168	87
Rental income	633	825
	1,151	972

The group received government grant assistance during the year via the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme of £323,868, which is included in Grants income above.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

5 Operating profit

Arrived at after charging/(crediting)

	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Depreciation expense	1,832	1,971
Amortisation expense	55	54
Impairment loss	-	34
Research and development cost	2,062	1,695
Foreign exchange losses/(gains)	110	(187)
Operating lease expenses	567	513
Profit on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(107)	(748)
Exceptional expenses	510	487

During the year the group incurred exceptional expenses comprising redundancy costs of £497,000 and other one-off net expenses of £13,000.

In 2019 the exceptional expenses comprised of redundancy costs of £466,000 and other one-off net expenses of £21,000.

6 Other interest receivable and similar income

	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Interest income on investments	9	16
Interest income on bank deposits	158	316
Dividend income	479	706
Other finance income	36	50
	682	1,088
7 Interest payable and similar expenses		
	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Interest on bank overdrafts and borrowings Interest on obligations under finance leases and hire purchase	58	5
contracts	19	12
	<u>77</u>	17

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs (including directors' remuneration) were as for	llows:	
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs, defined contribution scheme	2020 £ 000 18,413 1,984 649 21,046	2019 £ 000 20,180 2,057 627 22,864
The average number of persons employed by the group (including analysed by category was as follows:	directors) during	g the year,
	2020	2019
	No.	No.
Production	240	263
Administration and support	76	113
Management	27	13
Apprentices	46	19
	389	408
9 Directors' remuneration		
The directors' remuneration for the year was as follows:		
	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Remuneration	765	729
Contributions paid to money purchase schemes	6	9
	771	738

	2020	2019
	No.	No.
Accruing benefits under money purchase pension scheme	1	2

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

9 Directors' remuneration (continued)

In respect of the highest paid director:

Remuneration	2020 £ 000 459	2019 £ 000 371
10 Auditors' remuneration		
Audit of these financial statements	2020 £ 000 7	2019 £ 000 8
Audit of the financial statements of subsidiaries of the company pursuant to legislation	67	68_
	74	76
11 Taxation Tax charged/(credited) in the income statement	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Current taxation UK corporation tax	51	119
UK corporation tax adjustment to prior periods	(474)	(227)
	(423)	(108)
Deferred taxation Arising from origination and reversal of timing differences Arising from changes in tax rates and laws	454 14	289 65
Total deferred taxation	468	354
Tax expense in the income statement	45	246

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

11 Taxation (continued)

The tax on profit before tax for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2019 - lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK) of 19% (2019 - 19%).

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The differences are reconciled below:

	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Profit before tax	13,202	10,074
Corporation tax at standard rate Decrease from effect of different UK tax rates on some earnings	2,508	1,914 (99)
Effect of revenues exempt from taxation	(26)	(216)
Effect of expense not deductible in determining taxable profit (tax loss) Effect of tax losses	309 -	94 (516)
Deferred tax expense relating to changes in tax rates or laws Deferred tax credit from unrecognised tax loss or credit	14 (247)	65 (817)
Decrease in UK and foreign current tax from adjustment for prior periods Tax decrease from effect of adjustment in research and development	(474)	(163)
tax credit	(686)	-
Tax (decrease)/increase from effect of indexation allowance on capital gains Tax decrease from effect of rollover relief on profit on disposal of fixed	(26)	13
assets	(308)	-
Other tax effects for reconciliation between accounting profit and tax expense (income)	(1,019)	(29)
Total tax charge	45	246

At the balance sheet date, the group had unutilised tax losses of approximately £12,440,000 (2019 - £18,598,000) available to carry forward against future taxable profits.

There exists an unrecognised deferred tax asset of approximately £1,820,000 (2019 - £2,726,000) in respect of these losses, which the directors have not recognised until such time as their recovery can be expected with reasonable certainty. The unrecognised deferred tax asset has been calculated based on tax rates substantively enacted by the balance sheet date, being 19% (2019 - 17%), that are expected to apply when the asset is recovered.

In the Spring Budget 2021 the government announced that the main rate of UK corporation tax will increase to 25% from 1 April 2023. However this proposed rate change had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, so its effects are not included in these financial statements. If closing deferred taxation had been calculated based on a rate of 25%, the deferred tax liability provided as at 31 December 2020 would have been £860,000 (ie £206,000 higher) and the unrecognised deferred tax asset would have been £2,395,000 (ie £575,000 higher).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

11 Taxation (continued)

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Deferred tax assets and liabilities		
2020		Liability £ 000
Fixed assets timing differences Short-term timing differences Tax losses carried forward		316 815 (477)
	=	654
2019		Liability £ 000
Fixed assets timing differences Short-term timing differences Tax losses carried forward	_	157 501 (436)
	=	222
Tax relating to items recognised in other comprehensive income or e	quity - group	
	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Deferred tax related to items recognised as items of other comprehensive income	(36)	(152)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

12 Intangible assets

Group

	Goodwill £ 000	Trademarks, patents and licenses £ 000	Computer software £ 000	Total £ 000
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2020 Disposals	20,108	317 (2)	89	20,514 (2)
At 31 December 2020	20,108	315	89	20,512
Amortisation At 1 January 2020 Amortisation charge Amortisation eliminated on disposals	20,108	129 33 (2)	52 22 	20,289 55 (2)
At 31 December 2020	20,108	160	74	20,342
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2020	-	155	15	170
At 31 December 2019	-	188	37	225

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

13 Tangible assets

Group

Long leasehold land and buildings £ 000	Fixtures and fittings £ 000	Plant and machinery £ 000	Motor vehicles £ 000	Total £ 000
11,422 - (7) -	3,338 376 (158) 51	14,753 1,051 (2,452) 1,532 (13)	248 384 (126) 22	29,761 1,811 (2,743) 1,605 (13)
11,415	3,607	14,871	528	30,421
1,716 224 (3) -	2,962 229 (135) 4	9,922 1,332 (1,970) 1,086 (10)	118 47 (65) 7	14,718 1,832 (2,173) 1,097 (10)
1,937	3,060	10,360	107	15,464
9,478	547	4,511	421	14,957
9,706	376	4,831	130	15,043
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Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

The net carrying amount of tangible assets includes the following amounts in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts:

	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Plant and machinery	369	424

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13 Tangible assets (continued)

Company

	Fixtures and fittings £ 000	Plant and machinery £ 000	Office equipment £ 000	Motor vehicles £ 000	Total £ 000
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2020 Additions	9	12 	55 6	- 151	76 157
At 31 December 2020	9	12	61	151	233
Depreciation At 1 January 2020 Charge for the year	. 9 	10 2	44 8	- 4	63 14
At 31 December 2020	9	12	52	4	77
Carrying amount		•			
At 31 December 2020	-		9	147	156
At 31 December 2019		2	11	-	13

14 Investment properties

Group

At 1 January	£ 000 9,664
Disposals	(1,400)
Fair value adjustments	(1,949)
At 31 December	6,315

2020

The investment properties comprise of £3,380,000 of freehold property and £2,935,000 long leasehold properties.

During the year both the investment properties held were reduced to their external valuations as made by BNP Paribas, on an open market value basis.

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15 Investments

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Investments in subsidiaries	2020 £ 000 10,252	2019 £ 000 10,252
Subsidiaries		£ 000
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2020 Additions Disposals		49,432 1 (4,806)
At 31 December 2020		44,627
Provision At 1 January 2020 Provision Eliminated on disposals		39,180 1 (4,806)
At 31 December 2020		34,375
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2020		10,252
At 31 December 2019		10,252

Details of undertakings

Details of the investments (including principal place of business of unincorporated entities) in which the company holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Registered office	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held 2020 2019	
Subsidiary undertakir	gs			
Pearson Engineering Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Pearson Engineering Inc ·	87 Amlajack Way Newnan GA 30265 USA		100%	100%

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15 Investments (continued)

Undertaking	Registered office	Holding	Proportion or rights and s	
Responsive Engineering (Holdings) Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	
Responsive Engineering Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Rapid Manufacturing Services Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Velocity Works Limited .	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Velocity UK Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Velocity Road Solutions Inc	87 Amlajack Way Newnan GA 30265 USA		100%	100%
Velocity Patching Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Velocity Transport Solutions Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Reece Treasury Management Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

15 Investments (continued)

Undertaking Reece Property Limited	Registered office Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Holding Ordinary	Proportion or rights and s 100%	
Reece Innovation Centre Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Jayauto Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Reece Dormco Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	75%
Omnium Sensing Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%
Tellus Utilities Limited	Armstrong Works Scotswood Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6UX England & Wales	Ordinary	100%	100%

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15 Investments (continued)

Subsidiary undertakings

- Pearson Engineering Limited Combat engineering equipment
- · Pearson Engineering Inc Combat engineering equipment
- Responsive Engineering (Holdings) Limited Intermediate holding company
- Responsive Engineering Limited Sub-contract manufacturing services
- Rapid Manufacturing Services Limited Sub-contract manufacturing services
- Velocity Works Limited Intermediate holding company
- · Velocity UK Limited Road repair services
- Velocity Road Solutions Inc Road repair services
- · Velocity Patching Limited Dormant
- Velocity Transport Solutions Limited Vehicle and driver hire services
- Reece Treasury Management Limited Group treasury function
- Reece Property Limited Group property function
- Reece Innovation Centre Limited Research and development
- · Jayauto Limited Dormant
- Reece Dormco Limited Dormant
- Omnium Sensing Limited Dormant
- Tellus Utilities Limited Dormant

All subsidiaries are held directly, except for Pearson Engineering Inc which is the subsidiary of Pearson Engineering Limited. Responsive Engineering Limited which is the subsidiary of Responsive Engineering (Holdings) Limited. Rapid Manufacturing Services Limited which are the subsidiaries of Responsive Engineering Limited. Velocity UK Limited which is the subsidiary of Velocity Works Limited. Velocity Patching Limited, Velocity Road Solutions Inc and Velocity Transport Solutions which are the subsidiaries of Velocity UK Limited.

Pearson Real Estate LLP, Exact Machining (Holdings) Limited, Exact Machining UK Limited and Pressex UK Limited were all dissolved during the year.

Since the year end Reece Dormco Limited, Omnium Sensing Limited and Tellus Utilities Limited have been dissolved.

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16 Other financial assets

Group

	Unlisted investments £ 000
Non-current financial assets	
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2020	10
At 31 December 2020	10
Impairment At 1 January 2020	10
At 31 December 2020	10_
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	-
At 31 December 2019	

The group has an indirect investment in a 50% Joint Venture, Velocity Global Limited. Velocity Global Limited is incorporated in the UK. The group also has an indirect 20% in Green Patcher Colombia SAS. This company is incorporated in Colombia.

Both of these investments are considered to be immaterial and not significant to the group and therefore have not been equity accounted in line with FRS 102.

	Derivatives used for hedging £ 000
Current financial assets	
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2020 Fair value adjustments	565 (250)
At 31 December 2020	315
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	315
At 31 December 2019	565

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

16 Other financial assets (continued)

Company

					Financial assets at cost less impairment £ 000
Non-current financial assets					
Cost or valuation At 1 January 2020					10
At 31 December 2020					10
Impairment At 1 January 2020					10
At 31 December 2020					10
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2020					
At 31 December 2019					-
17 Stocks Raw materials and consumables Work in progress Finished goods and goods for res	ale	2020 £ 000 1,988 6,462	Group 2019 £ 000 1,748 6,239 14	2020 £ 000 - -	Company 2019 £ 000 - -
		8,450	8,001	-	-
18 Debtors			Group		Company
	Note	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000	2020 £ 000	2019 £ 000
Trade debtors Amounts owed by related parties Other debtors Prepayments	30	6,218 125 554 1,203	12,357 90 574 967	75,534 13 10	46,990 11 26
Accrued income Deferred tax assets Corporation tax asset	11 11	4,451 187	1,200 - 240	204	183
		12,738	15,428	75,761	47,210
Less non-current portion	•			(7,345)	(2,504)
		12,738	15,428	68,416	44,706

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020 (continued)

18 Debtors (continued)

Details of non-current trade and other debtors

Company

£2,534,669 (2019 - £2,504,404) of Amounts owed by related parties is classified as non current.

19 Current asset investments

		Group		Company
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000
Listed investments	37,329	36,279	-	· <u>-</u>
Fixed term cash deposits	<u> </u>	5,125		
	37,329	41,404		-

See note 32 for post balance sheet events relating to the market value of investments post year end.

20 Creditors

			Group		Company
		2020	2019	2020	2019
	Note	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000
Due within one year					
Loans and borrowings	21	75	85	-	-
Trade creditors		2,185	2,368	23	19
Amounts due to related parties	30	-	-	-	8
Social security and other taxes		1,453	1,254	54	31
Other creditors		46	39	3	3
Accruals		4,326	3,820	312	20
Corporation tax liability	11	50	120	-	-
Gross amount due to customers					
for contract work		625	272		
		8,760	7,958	392	81
Due after one year					
,	21	176	248	-	_
Loans and borrowings	21	110	210		

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21 Loans and borrowings

Comment leave and housewises	2020 £ 000	Group 2019 £ 000	2020 £ 000	Company 2019 £ 000
Current loans and borrowings Hire purchase and finance lease liabilities	75	85	-	-
	2020 £ 000	Group 2019 £ 000	2020 £ 000	Company 2019 £ 000
Non-current loans and borrowings Hire purchase contracts	176	248	_	-

Hire purchase contract liabilities are secured against the assets to which they relate.

22 Provisions for liabilities

Group

	Warranties £ 000	Onerous contracts £ 000	Deferred tax £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 January 2020	231	200	221	652
Additional provisions Increase (decrease) in existing	374	-	-	374
provisions	-	(66)	433	367
Provisions used	(122)		_	(122)
At 31 December 2020	483	134	654	1,271

The warranty provision reflects an estimate of the future warranty costs arising on sales made in the year, and is expected to be utilised within the next financial year.

The onerous contract provision reflects the remaining value of a lease entered into less any guaranteed income to be received on the property.

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23 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the group to the scheme and amounted to £648,480 (2019 - £627,536).

Contributions totalling £6,555 (2019 - £5,422) were payable to the scheme at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

24 Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

		2020		
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary A shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary B shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary C shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary D shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary E shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary F shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	. 8
Ordinary G shares of £0.10 each	80	8	80	8
Ordinary H shares of £0.10 each	147	15	147	15
Ordinary I shares of £0.10 each	147	15	147	15
Ordinary J shares of £0.10 each	146	15	146	15
	1,000	100	1,000	100

All classes of ordinary share rank pari passu in all respects, other than no dividend is payable on the J Ordinary shares until an aggregate threshold for dividends paid across all other classes of Ordinary shares is exceeded.

Dividends paid on one class of share may differ from those paid on another class of share as the directors decide.

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25 Reserves

Group

Called up share capital

This represents the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Revaluation reserve

Fair value gains on investment property recognised in the profit and loss account, together with any associated deferred tax, are transferred from the profit and loss reserve to an investment property fair value reserves, as the gains not distributable until they are realised on disposal of the property.

Profit and loss account

The profit and loss reserve is the group's / company's cumulative profits and losses, net of cumulative dividends paid and other adjustments. Fair value gains on investment property recognised in the profit and loss account, together with any associated deferred tax, are transferred from the profit and loss reserve to an investment property fair value reserves, as the gains not distributable until they are realised on disposal of the property.

Cash flow hedge reserve

This reserve records gains and losses arising from the company's hedging arrangements.

26 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts

Group

Finance leases

The total of future minimum lease payments is as follows:

Not later than one year Later than one year and not later than five years	2020 £ 000 75 176	2019 £ 000 85 248
	251	333
Operating leases The total of future minimum lease payments is as follows:		
	2020	2019
Not leter then one year	£ 000 181	£ 000 177
Not later than one year Later than one year and not later than five years	334	324
	515	501

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26 Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts (continued)

Operating leases - lessor

The total of future minimum lease payments is as follows:

	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Not later than one year	688	735
Later than one year and not later than five years	2,205	2,940
Later than five years	266	1,414
	3,159	5,089

27 Dividends

·	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Interim dividend of £725 (2019 - £141,165) per ordinary share	725	14,117

28 Contingent liabilities

Group

From time to time, the group provides bank guarantees to its customers. At the balance sheet date, guarantees were in place amounting to £3,885,000 (2019 - £2,361,000).

29 Analysis of changes in net debt

Group

-7-2 4	At 1 January 2020 £ 000	Financing cash flows £ 000	Foreign exchange movements £ 000	At 31 December 2020 £ 000
Cash and cash equivalents Cash	38,434	23,617	29	62,080
Borrowings Lease liabilities	(333)	82_		(251)
	38,101	23,699	29	61,829

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30 Related party transactions

Group

Key management compensation

	2020	2019
	£ 000	£ 000
Salaries and other short term employee benefits	1,111	1,008

During the year, Reece Property Limited charged rent to Benbecula Group, a company which J P Reece is a director and shareholder, of £14,863 (2019 - £61,534), recharged utility costs of £10,754 (2019 - £23,223) and was recharged repair costs of £59,286 (2019 - £Nil). At the balance sheet date the amount due from Benbecula Group was £Nil (2019 - £116,848).

During the year, Velocity UK Limited made sales to Velocity Global Limited, a company with a common shareholder of £28,209 (2019 - £32,394). At the balance sheet date the amount due from Velocity Global Limited was £124,928 (2019 - £90,458).

31 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate controlling party is the Trustees of the Dr Reece Will Trust, as a body.