# Company Registration No. 09659859

Stemcor London Trading Limited
Report and Financial Statements
31 December 2019



# Stemcor London Trading Limited

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# Stemcor London Trading Limited

# **Corporate information**

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# Strategic report

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

#### **Review of the business**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Stemcor Global Holdings Limited ("the Group") and operates as an international trading business.

The principal activities of the Company are trading in steel products and in raw materials for the production of steel.

The Group manages its operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

#### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

The Company's principal risk is that the Group fails to comply with its covenanted obligations under the terms of its financing agreements. A covenant breach could lead to a default, which in turn could impact trade finance funding to the Group.

#### COVID-19

The rapid spread of the COVID-19 outbreak on a global scale has resulted in the worldwide threat to health, the subsequent restrictions on travel and the disruption of many supply chains. There are therefore risks that the Company may experience resulting from the impact on people and counterparties. The outbreak of COVID-19 is also likely to have a negative impact in 2020 on the global economy and therefore might impact worldwide steel demand.

Given the dynamic nature of this outbreak, however, the extent to which COVID-19 impacts the Company's results will depend on future developments, which remain highly uncertain. However, as noted within the going concern section within Note 1 on pages 14 and 15, the directors have reviewed various downside scenarios in relation to potential COVID-19 risks.

With regards to the operations of the Company, in line with local government guidelines, the vast majority of employees have been transitioned to working from home arrangements, successfully supported by a robust IT infrastructure, with employees accessing Company systems through a secure virtual desktop infrastructure.

The Company continues to maintain its robust internal governance and risk management structures, with linkage through to the SGHL Group's Trading Management Team meeting weekly with its focus on COVID-19 response activities. The meeting frequency and reporting of the Groups' other risk management related teams has also increased during this period.

The Company, along with the wider SGHL Group, is also working closely with lenders and credit insurers to ensure additional flexibility is secured to support customers and suppliers in managing ongoing trade flows through potential supply chain disruptions (although only if any such issues arise). In addition, the Company has applied further focus on cost control across the business (building on the multi-year initiatives from 2015 cost levels).

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# Strategic report (continued)

The operating, financial and strategic risks, which affect the Company, are discussed in the Stemcor Global Holdings Limited's Annual Report and Financial Statements, which does not form part of this report.

By Order of the Board

J Verden

Director

12 May 2020

# Directors' report

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

#### **Directors of the Company**

The current directors are shown on page 3.

#### **Directors' indemnities**

The Company's articles of association provide, subject to the provisions of local legislation, that the Company may indemnify any director or former director of the Company in respect of any losses or liabilities he or she may incur in connection with any proven or alleged negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company (including by funding any expenditure incurred or to be incurred by him or her). In addition, directors and officers of the Company and its subsidiaries are covered by Directors' & Officers liability insurance.

#### **Dividends**

No dividends were paid during the year and no dividend is proposed in relation to 2019 (2018 \$nil).

#### Results

The results for the year are set out on page 12.

#### **Future developments**

The directors aim is to continue the trading strategy of the Group focussing on governance, risk and cost structure.

# **Events since the balance sheet date**

There were no events that occurred between the end of the reporting period and the date when the financial statements were authorised for issue that affect the accounts as at 31 December 2019 other than;

- The current COVID-19 crisis is a significant non-adjusting post balance sheet event, the Company has, however, outlined its considerations of the impact of this crisis within the Principal risks and uncertainties section on page 4 and also within the going concern section within Note 1 on pages 14 and 15.
- Following the successful conclusion of the process of evaluating the next ownership structure for the Stemcor Group, a Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) was entered into on 23 December 2019 with the Cedar Industrial Group. Transitioning to a long-term strategic shareholder is the natural next step for the Stemcor Group and progress continues to be made on the steps required in relation to the completion of the SPA, with a target date during Summer 2020.

#### **Going Concern**

After having considered the disclosures in Note 1, the directors believe that the Group has an expectation of managing these risks. As a result, the Directors have continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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# Directors' report (continued)

#### **Political donations**

No political donations were made during the year.

#### **Disabled employees**

The Stemcor Group takes seriously its legal and moral responsibilities in relation to employees who are disabled or who become disabled whilst employed by us. We understand our requirements to make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants to the Company. Employees who become disabled whilst working for us are given practical assistance with adapting to their new situation and we work with them to identify and provide reasonable adjustments to enable them to continue to be employed by us as far as possible. We are committed that disabled employees are assisted in training, career development and promotion opportunities so that their disabilities do not disadvantage them in accessing those opportunities.

#### **Employee involvement**

The Stemcor Group understands that its success is dependent on the motivation and engagement of its employees. Communication and consultation are at the heart of engagement and this is delivered principally within each subsidiary unit of Stemcor through both formal and informal staff information and consultation methods. At a Group level, the global internal communications portal provides access to relevant communication about Company performance, business information and community news.

#### Disclosure of information to the auditors

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the group's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

By Order of the Board

J Verden

Director

12 May 2020

# , Directors' responsibility statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

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

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Stemcor London Trading Limited

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Stemcor London Trading Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Financial Position and the related notes 1 to 16, 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 FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with 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 below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the 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.

#### **Emphasis of matter**

We draw attention to Note 14 of the financial statements, which describes the economic and social consequences the Company is facing as a result of COVID-19, which is impacting supply chains, consumer demand, financial markets, commodity prices, personnel available for work and being able to access offices.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

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

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Stemcor London Trading Limited (continued)

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this 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 of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and 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 the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or directors' report.

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 8, 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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Stemcor London Trading 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.

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

#### 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.

William Binns (Senior Statutory Auditor)

Ernst & found LLP

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP

London

13 May 2020

# **Income Statement**

For the year ended 31 December 2019

,	Notes	2019 USD'000	2018 USD'000
Turnover		493,613	452,467
Cost of sales		(483,475)	(442,646)
Gross profit		10,138	9,821
Administrative expenses		(4,984)	(5,243)
Operating profit	2	5,154	4,578
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(1,652)	(1,952)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		3,502	2,626
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(16)	411
Profit for the financial year		3,486_	3,037

The results above are derived solely from continuing operations.

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of the annual accounts.

# **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Profit for the financial year	3,486	3,037
Movement in cash flow hedging position	55_	
Total comprehensive profit for the financial year	3,541	3,037

# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Share capital	Share premium	Hedging reserve	Profit and loss account	Equity shareholder (deficit)/funds
	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000	USD'000
At 1 January 2018	-	12,659		(6,148)	6,511
Profit for the year				3,037	3,037
At 31 December 2018	-	12,659	-	(3,111)	9,548
Profit for the year	-	-	-	3,486	3,486
Hedging reserve			55	-	55
At 31 December 2019	-	12,659	55	375	13,089

# **Statement of Financial Position**

At 31 December 2019

		2019	2018
	Notes	USD'000	USD'000
Current assets			
Stock	7	34,840	12,549
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	22,985	40,269
Cash at bank and in hand	9	17,990	2,027_
		75,815	54,845
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(62,726)	(45,297)
Net assets		13,089	9,548
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	11	-	-
Share premium		12,659	12,659
Profit and loss account	٠.	375	(3,111)
Hedging reserve		55_	
Shareholder funds		13,089	9,548

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of the annual accounts.

The financial statements of Stemcor London Trading Limited (registered number 09659859) were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 12 May 2020.

A Checketts

Director

#### 1. Accounting policies

Stemcor London Trading Limited (the Company) is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales. The Registered Office is Longbow House, 4th Floor, 14-20 Chiswell Street, London EC1Y 4TW.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS102 as it applies to financial statements of companies for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of Stemcor London Trading Limited were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 12 May 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The financial statements are prepared in USD which is the functional currency of the Company and rounded to the nearest USD'000.

#### **Exemptions**

As permitted by FRS 102 Section 1.12, the company has taken advantage of the exemptions available under that standard in relation to presentation of cash flow statement and the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel. Where required equivalent disclosures are given in the consolidated financial statements of Stemcor Global Holdings Limited.

#### Going concern

Stemcor London Trading Limited is a subsidiary of Stemcor Global Holdings Limited ("SGHL" or "the Group"). From a financing perspective a number of key facilities are guaranteed at a Group level.

The directors have reviewed current trading, cash flow projections, business forecasts and the Company's financing facilities as part of their assessment of the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. In light of the COVID-19 crisis this has also included reverse stress testing of the Company's financial projections, while also assessing the impacts on working capital and liquidity within the Company if it was to experience significant market downside volatility / market shocks, lower trade receivable recoveries and customer contractual non-performance.

The directors have worked with senior management within the Company and developed business plans that forecast trading through to the end of December 2021. This business plan (and the downside scenarios reflecting COVID-19 risks) has been used as the basis for the going concern assessment and other estimates made during the financial year. The business plan and related scenarios contain the most up-to-date management information and provide sufficient level of detail to support these assessments.

The directors consider that with the majority of the Company's trading transactions being short term in nature, they can reasonably forecast the results of the Company's operating model. The business plan includes analysis of the income statement, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, KPIs and also performance against the covenants within its various financing facilities over the forecast period.

The directors are aware of the following uncertainties facing the industry in which the business operates:

- The impact of the current COVID-19 crisis (as outlined in the Principal Risks section on page 4);
- The commodities market is subject to a degree of volatility which could result in unforeseen market shocks or loss of key customers;
- There is continued over-capacity in global steel markets which could lead to lower volumes and pricing.

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Going Concern (continued)

These uncertainties, and any issues with the continued availability of appropriate financing lines, may prevent the Company from performing in accordance with its business plan, from meeting its forecasts and from complying with its covenants. As noted above, and where appropriate, the business plan has been subjected to sensitivity testing which involves flexing a number of the main underlying assumptions and evaluating the potential impact of the Company's principal risks occurring, and considering the mitigating actions available to the Company over the relevant timeframe, if such risks did arise.

The Directors believe that the Company's market and financing risks are mitigated by:

- the wider Stemcor Group's historic track record of refinancing its working capital facilities, including the \$860m Trade Finance and Borrowing Base facilities across 2018 and 2019, the SEBB between 2018 and 2020 and the successful implementation of c.\$960m of new working capital financing across all of the Group's invoicing units;
- the diverse range of the Stemcor Group's financing facilities across multiple lenders, with varying levels of utilisation, headroom and renewal dates ensuring the Group is not reliant on any one facility or lender to maintain financing continuity;
- the remote nature of any risks that would give rise to scenarios where the Company's working capital would be impaired to levels at which liquidity / covenant compliance would be an issue over the forecast period;
- limited covenant requirements within its facilities; and
- a supportive lender group.

The directors believe that the Company has a track record of managing remaining risks, based on its robust finance model, appropriate scale, a streamlined and efficient cost base, a clear trading strategy and strong corporate governance. In light of the guarantees provided by the Stemcor Group in relation to the Company's financing arrangements, the directors have also reviewed the going concern assessment undertaken at a Group level.

After making reasonable enquiries and having carefully considered the matters described above, the directors believe that the Company is a sustainable business, will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due and will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements of Stemcor London Limited.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the Statement of Financial Position date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the entity's functional currency by applying the spot exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of the exchange ruling at the Statement of Financial Position date. All differences are taken to the Income Statement.

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Derivative instruments**

The Company uses forward foreign currency contracts to reduce exposure to foreign exchange rates and commodity contracts to cover exposure to commodity price risk. The Company also uses commodity contracts to profit from movements in commodity prices.

The Company applies hedge accounting for transactions entered into to manage the foreign exchange exposures. Forward foreign exchange contracts are designated as cash flow hedges of sales or purchases denominated in foreign currencies in its UK based businesses.

Changes in the fair values of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, and which are effective, are recognised directly in equity. Any ineffectiveness in the hedging relationship (being the excess of the cumulative change in fair value of the hedging instrument since inception of the hedge over the cumulative change in the fair value of the hedged item since inception of the hedge) is recognised in the income statement.

If a hedged forecast transaction results in the recognition of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the cumulative gain or loss in reserve is reclassified to include it in the initial cost of the asset or liability.

For hedges that do not result in the recognition of a non-financial asset or non-financial liability, the gain or loss recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified to the income statement in the same period or periods during which the hedged sales or purchases affect profit or loss. Forecast transactions are expected to occur and affect profit or loss within the next twelve months.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when the hedging instrument expires, no longer meets the hedging criteria, the forecast transaction is no longer highly probable, or the hedging instrument is terminated.

#### Revenue recognition

Turnover represents the invoiced amount of goods sold and services provided to third parties net of value added tax, duty and trade discounts. Turnover arising from the sale of steel and steel-making raw materials is recognised when the risks and rewards of ownership have substantially passed to the customer.

#### Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

All interest-bearing loans and borrowings which are basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the present value of cash payable to the bank (including interest). After initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. The effective interest rate amortisation is included in finance revenue in the Income Statement.

#### **Taxation**

The Company establishes provisions based on reasonable estimates, for possible consequences of audits by the tax authorities of the respective countries in which it operates. The amount of such provisions is based on various factors, such as experience with previous tax audits and differing interpretations of tax regulations by the taxable entity and the responsible tax authority.

Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Further details are contained in Note 6.

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less any further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

#### Short-term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the Income Statement.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity date of three months or less.

#### **Provisions for liabilities**

A provision is recognised when the Company 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.

#### **Pensions**

Contributions to defined contribution schemes are charged to the Income Statement account as they are payable.

#### 2. Operating profit

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Loss on financial assets or liabilities at fair value through profit and loss	15	117
Foreign exchange differences	94	(54)
Auditor's remuneration (note 3)	37	32

#### 3. Auditors remuneration

The remuneration of auditors or its associates is further analysed as follows

	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Audit of the financial statements	37	32

Non audit fees paid to the Company's auditor for the period amounted to US\$nil (2018: US\$nil).

#### 4. Staff costs

## (a) Staff costs

	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Wages and salaries	3,380	3,624
Social Security	228	232
Pension costs (Note 12)	168	165
	3,776	4,021
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		

	2019	2018
	No.	No.
Sales and administration staff	18	22

# (b) Director's remuneration

None of the 3 directors (2018: 3) received any emoluments in respect of their services as directors of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2019 (2018: £nil).

The remuneration of the directors is paid by Stemcor Holdings 2 Limited and Stemcor USA Inc. The directors act in a group capacity only and do not allocate specific time to the Company and therefore it is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of their emoluments in respect of the Company.

## 5. Interest payable and similar charges

	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,652	1,952
	1,652	1,952

#### 6. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The tax charge is made up as follows:

•	2019	2018
Current Taxation	USD'000	USD'000
UK corporation tax at 19% (2018: 19%)	•	(94)
UK corporation tax prior year adjustment	94	-
Total current tax	94	(94)
Deferred Taxation		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(110)	505
Total deferred tax	(110)	505
Total current tax on profit on ordinary activities	(16)	411

The standard rate of tax for the period, based on the UK standard rate of corporation tax is 19% (2018: 19%). The actual tax charge for the current period differs from the standard rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation:

	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,502	2,626
Expected tax charge at 19% (2018: 19%)	(665)	(499)
Disallowed expenses	(332)	(491)
Group relief claimed for no payment	956	-
Prior year adjustment	94	-
Utilisation of tax losses	•	890
Recognition of deferred tax asset on previously unrecognised tax losses	(123)	505
Rate change	13	
Movement in deferred tax not provided on other items	41	6
Total tax (charge) /credit	(16)	411

As at 31 December 2019, the Company has tax losses arising in the UK of US\$144m (2018: US\$140m) that are available indefinitely for offset against future taxable profits. Of the above losses, the Company only expects net deferred tax assets of \$395,000 to reverse in 2020. The assets are recognised on the basis that the Company believes that it is probable that it will be recovered against future taxable profits. The deferred tax assets of \$505,000 was recognised at 31 December 2018, and during 2019 was reduced by \$110,000 to \$395,000 at 31 December 2019 and is included in other debtors in Note 8.

#### 7. Stock

	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Finished goods and goods for resale	34,840	12,549
Stock provision	-	-
	34,840	12,549
	34,840	12,54

In the opinion of the directors, the replacement cost of stock does not differ materially from the above figures.

Included in the stock figures is US\$34,840,000 (2018: US\$10,217,000) which relates to inventories pledged as security for liabilities.

Stock recognised as cost of sales in the period was US\$456,158,000 (2018: US\$427,326,000).

Impairment losses recognised in cost of sales are US\$nil (2018: US\$nil) and the impairments reversed are US\$nil (2018: US\$nil).

# 8. Debtors

	2019	2018
6	USD'000	USD'000
Trade debtors	21,212	39,442
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	37	3
Other debtors	1,006	630
Derivative financial instruments	30	-
Prepayments and accrued income	700	194
	22,985	40,269
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Included in debtors is US\$16,893,000 (2018: US\$23,876,000) which are pledged as security for liabilities.

Included in debtors is US\$nil (2018: US\$nil) of debtors due after more than one year.

Following a dispute with a supplier, the Company was successful in winning its arbitration claim of \$1.3m, however, the potential for recovering any of the award is probable and is therefore classed as a contingent asset.

#### 9. Cash at bank and in hand

Included in cash at bank and in hand is US\$16,179,000 (2018: US\$1,181,000) which are pledged as security for liabilities.

#### 10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Overdrafts and short term borrowings	(28,188)	(12,145)
Trade creditors	(22,139)	(19,830)
Amounts owed to fellow group undertakings	(977)	(6,443)
Other creditors	(4,100)	(1,518)
Derivative financial instruments	-	(124)
UK tax payable	-	(94)
Accruals and deferred income	(7,322)	(5,140)
•	(62,726)	(45,297)

Included in overdrafts and short term borrowings is US\$28,188,000 (2018: US\$12,145,000) of transactional finance provided by a series of uncommitted bilateral facilities secured on stock and debtors. The short-term trade finance borrowings are repayable upon proceeds from the receivables being financed and carries an interest rate of Lender Cost of funds plus an average margin of 2.25%.

#### 11. Share capital

	2019	2018
Allotted, called up and fully paid	USD'000	USD'000
At 1 January - 2 Ordinary shares of £1 each	-	-
Shares issued (100 ordinary shares of £1 each)	-	-
At 31 December	•	-

#### 12. Pensions

The principal pension arrangements are defined contribution schemes. The assets are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds. The costs were charged to the Income Statement account as incurred. There were no outstanding contributions or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

•	2019	2018
	USD'000	USD'000
Defined contribution scheme (Note 4)	168	165

#### 13. Contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2019, the Company had the following contingent liabilities:

- The Company along with Stemcor Global Holdings Limited is a guarantor to the uncommitted bilateral lines;
   and
- Under the Company's facilities there was US\$73,410,000 (2018: US\$63,132,000) of open letters of credit.

#### 14. Events after the reporting period

There were no events that occurred between the end of the reporting period and the date when the financial statements were authorised for issue that affect the accounts as at 31 December 2019 other than;

- The current COVID-19 crisis is a significant non-adjusting post balance sheet event, the Company has, however, outlined its considerations of the impact of this crisis within the Principal risks and uncertainties section on page 4 and also within the Going concern section within Note 1 on pages 14 and 15.
- Following the successful conclusion of the process of evaluating the next ownership structure for the
  Stemcor Group, a Sale and Purchase Agreement (SPA) was entered into on 23 December 2019 with the
  Cedar Industrial Group. Transitioning to a long-term strategic shareholder is the natural next step for the
  Stemcor Group and progress continues to be made on the steps required in relation to the completion of the
  SPA, with a target date during Summer 2020.

#### 15. Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption under FRS102, section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.1A, and has not disclosed transactions with other subsidiaries of Stemcor Global Holdings Limited.

#### 16. Ultimate Parent Company and controlling party

The immediate parent company of Stemcor London Trading Limited is Stemcor Holdings 2 Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The ultimate Parent Company is Stemcor Global Holdings Limited incorporated in Jersey.

The smallest and largest undertaking for which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared is Stemcor Global Holdings Limited. The consolidated accounts of Stemcor Global Holdings Limited can be found on the Jersey Companies House website.