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## Directors and advisers

### Directors

A D Armstrong  
S Barr  
C Hayburn  
J W Irvine  
S Campbell  
K Stephens (appointed 1 January 2012)

### Company secretary

C Hayburn

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### Bankers

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PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Waterfront Plaza  
8 Laganbank Road  
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**Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2011**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2011.

**Principal activities**

Almac Sciences Limited is a private limited company incorporated and domiciled in Northern Ireland. The company's registered address is detailed on page 1.

The company continued to be engaged in the provision of custom chemical synthesis services.

**Review of business and future developments**

The results for the year are set out on page 6 and show a loss before income tax of £4,269,546 (2010: £5,733,175) for the year and revenue of £12,778,122 (2010: £11,423,222). Trading during the year was difficult as a result of global economic conditions. The directors are reviewing the operations of the business and are confident of reducing the level of losses during the next financial year.

**Principal risks and uncertainties**

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks including the competitive market conditions. Further discussion of these risks and uncertainties, in the context of the group as a whole, is provided in the annual report of Almac Group Limited.

**Key performance indicators ("KPIs")**

The directors manage the company's operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the company's directors believe that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the company. Commentary on the group's performance is provided in the Directors' report in the annual report of Almac Group Limited.

**Environment**

The company recognises its corporate responsibility to carry out its operations whilst minimising environmental impacts. The directors' continued aim is to comply with all applicable environmental legislation, prevent pollution and reduce waste wherever possible.

**Health and safety**

The company is committed to achieving the highest practicable standards in health and safety management and strives to make all sites and offices safe environments for employees and customers alike.

**Human resources**

People are the company's most important resource. Retention of key staff is critical and the company has invested in employment training and development.

**Financial risk management**

The company operates within the competitive conditions of its market place. Regarding credit risk, it is standard company policy to perform appropriate credit checks on all potential customers before contracts are entered into. Further commentary is disclosed in note 3.

**Results and dividends**

The loss after income tax for the financial year is £2,220,069 (2010: £2,351,853). The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2010: £nil).

**Research and development activities**

The company is committed to research and development in the area of drug discovery. Research in the year totalled £300,095 (2010: £414,817) and was expensed as incurred. No development expenditure was incurred in the year (2010: £nil).

**Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2011****Directors**

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of approval of the financial statements are shown on page 1.

**Going concern**

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts for a period of at least twelve months from the date of signing of this report and confirm that adequate funding has been committed by the company's ultimate parent to support the company's operations and planned growth over this period. Consequently, the directors have prepared these financial statements on a going concern basis.

**Political and charitable donations**

No donations for political or charitable purposes were made during the year (2010: £nil).

**Employees**

The company systematically provides employees with all information on matters of concern to them, consulting them or their representatives regularly, so that their views can be taken into account when making decisions that are likely to affect their interests. Employee involvement in the company is encouraged, as achieving a common awareness on the part of all employees of the financial and economic factors affecting the company plays a major role in objectives.

The company is committed to employment policies, which follow best practice based on equal opportunities for all employees, irrespective of sex, race, colour, disability or marital status. The company gives full and fair considerations to applications for employment from disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Appropriate arrangements are made for the continued employment and training, career development and promotion of disabled persons employed by the company. If members of staff become disabled the company continues employment, either in the same or an alternative position with appropriate retraining being given if necessary.

**Statement of disclosure of information to auditors**

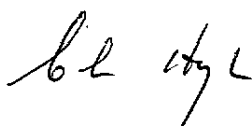
So far as each of the directors in office at the date of approval of these financial statements is aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

**Independent auditors**

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

By order of the Board



C Hayburn  
Company secretary  
20 January 2012

**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

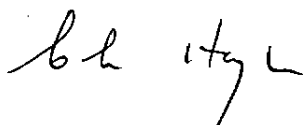
The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union 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 detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Board



C Hayburn  
**Company secretary**  
20 January 2012

**Independent auditors' report to the members of Almac Sciences Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Almac Sciences Limited for the year ended 30 September 2011 which comprise the Income statement, Statement of changes in equity, Balance sheet, Cash flow statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

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

**Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

**Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2011 and of its loss and cash flows for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

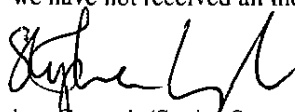
**Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

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



Stephen Curragh (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Belfast  
20 January 2012

**Income statement for the year ended 30 September 2011**

	Note	2011 £	2010 £
<b>Continuing operations</b>			
Revenue	2	12,778,122	11,423,222
Cost of sales	6	(10,082,769)	(10,097,799)
Gross profit		2,695,353	1,325,423
Distribution costs	6	(1,073,999)	(1,196,289)
Administrative expenses	6	(4,725,692)	(4,753,254)
Research and development expenditure	6	(300,095)	(414,817)
<b>Operating loss</b>		<b>(3,404,433)</b>	<b>(5,038,937)</b>
Operating loss is analysed as:			
Operating loss before depreciation, amortisation and R & D ("EBITDA")		(551,154)	(1,945,994)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		(2,344,032)	(2,510,092)
Amortisation of intangible assets		(209,152)	(168,034)
Research and development expenditure ("R & D")		(300,095)	(414,817)
Finance costs	5	(869,271)	(705,648)
Finance income	5	4,158	11,410
Finance costs - net	5	(865,113)	(694,238)
<b>Loss before income tax</b>		<b>(4,269,546)</b>	<b>(5,733,175)</b>
Income tax credit	8	2,049,477	3,381,322
<b>Loss for the year attributable to owners of the company</b>		<b>(2,220,069)</b>	<b>(2,351,853)</b>

The notes on pages 10 to 30 are an integral part of these financial statements.

There is no other comprehensive income for the year (2010: £nil).



**Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 September 2011**

	Share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total equity £
At 1 October 2009	50,956,065	(32,606,599)	18,349,466
Loss for the year and total comprehensive expense	-	(2,351,853)	(2,351,853)
At 1 October 2010	50,956,065	(34,958,452)	15,997,613
Loss for the year and total comprehensive expense	-	(2,220,069)	(2,220,069)
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>50,956,065</b>	<b>(37,178,521)</b>	<b>13,777,544</b>

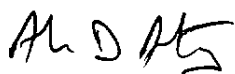
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## Balance sheet as at 30 September 2011

	Note	2011 £	2010 £
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible assets	9	563,984	612,413
Property, plant and equipment	10	43,254,592	44,800,114
Investments in subsidiaries	11	1	1
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>43,818,577</b>	<b>45,412,528</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	12	13,916,421	12,421,586
Cash and cash equivalents	13	1,559	1,919
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>13,917,980</b>	<b>12,423,505</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>57,736,557</b>	<b>57,836,033</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	16	931,287	837,091
Trade and other payables	14	39,130,808	36,445,511
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>40,062,095</b>	<b>37,282,602</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Borrowings	16	875,002	1,458,335
Other non-current liabilities	15	798,023	916,514
Deferred income tax liabilities	17	557,905	30,577
Deferred income	18	1,665,988	2,150,392
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>3,896,918</b>	<b>4,555,818</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>43,959,013</b>	<b>41,838,420</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
<b>Capital and reserves attributable to owners of the company</b>			
Share capital	19	50,956,065	50,956,065
Retained earnings		(37,178,521)	(34,958,452)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>13,777,544</b>	<b>15,997,613</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>57,736,557</b>	<b>57,836,033</b>

The notes on pages 10 to 30 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 30 were authorised for issue by the Board of directors on 20 January 2012 and were signed on their behalf by:



A D Armstrong (Director)



S Campbell (Director)

**Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 September 2011**

	Note	2011 £	2010 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash used in operations	20	(2,555,200)	(3,663,668)
Finance costs		(920,348)	(768,699)
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>		<b>(3,475,548)</b>	<b>(4,432,367)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(798,510)	(1,037,725)
Purchase of intangible assets		(160,723)	(418,350)
Capital grants received		363,375	14,598
Finance income		4,158	11,410
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(591,700)</b>	<b>(1,430,067)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Advances from group undertakings		4,556,025	6,646,253
Repayment of borrowings		(583,333)	(656,444)
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>		<b>3,972,692</b>	<b>5,989,809</b>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(94,556)</b>	<b>127,375</b>
Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at beginning of the year		(106,007)	(233,382)
<b>Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at end of the year</b>	13	<b>(200,563)</b>	<b>(106,007)</b>

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

### 1 Accounting policies

#### General information

The company's principal activity during the year was as described in the Directors' report. The financial statements are presented in UK pound sterling. Almac Sciences Limited is a private limited company incorporated and domiciled in Northern Ireland. The company's registered address is detailed on page 1.

The principal accounting policies adopted 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.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements of Almac Sciences Limited have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (IFRSs as adopted by the EU), and the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. Management has concluded that there are no critical assumptions, estimates or judgements involving a high degree of judgment or complexity which require further disclosure. The company's accounting policies and estimates are detailed below.

#### New standards, amendments and interpretations effective in the year to 30 September 2011

During the year, the following standards, amendments and interpretations became effective:

		Effective date
International Accounting Standards (IASs/IFRSs)		
IFRS 1 (amendment)	First time adoption of IFRS: Additional exemptions	1 January 2010
IFRS 1 (amendment)	First time adoption of IFRS: Financial instrument disclosures	1 July 2010
IFRS 2 (amendment)	Share based payments: Group cash-settled share-based payment transactions	1 January 2010
IAS 32 (amendment)	Financial instruments: Presentation	1 February 2010
International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (IFRIC) Interpretations		
IFRIC 18	Transfer of assets from customers	31 October 2009
IFRIC 19	Extinguishing financial liabilities with equity instruments	1 July 2010

None of these new and amended standards had any material impact on the company.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Standards, amendments and interpretations that are not yet effective and have not been adopted early by the company

During the year, the IASB and IFRIC have issued the following accounting standards and interpretations with an effective date after the date of these financial statements (i.e. applicable to accounting periods beginning on or after the effective date):

		Effective date
International Accounting Standards (IASs/IFRSs)		
IAS 1 (amendment)*	Financial statement presentation	1 July 2012
IAS 12 (amendment)*	Income taxes	1 January 2012
IAS 19 (revised)*	Employee benefits	1 January 2013
IAS 24 (amendment)	Related party disclosures	1 January 2011
IAS 27 (revised 2011)*	Separate financial statements	1 January 2013
IAS 28 (revised 2011)*	Investments in associates and joint ventures	1 January 2013
IFRS 1(amendment)*	First time adoption	1 July 2011
IFRS 7 (amendment)*	Financial instruments – Disclosures on derecognition	1 July 2011
IFRS 9*	Financial instruments - Classification and measurement	1 January 2013
IFRS 10*	Consolidated financial statements	1 January 2013
IFRS 11*	Joint arrangements	1 January 2013
IFRS 12*	Disclosures of interests in other entities	1 January 2013
IFRS 13*	Fair value measurement	1 January 2013

#### International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee (IFRIC) Interpretations

IFRIC 14	IAS 19 – Prepayments of a minimum funding requirement	1 January 2011
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\* - not yet adopted by the EU

The directors do not anticipate that the adoption of these standards and interpretations will have a material impact on the recognition or measurement of the company's financial statements in the period of initial application. The following standards and interpretations are not expected to have a material impact on the financial statements:

IFRS 9, 'Financial instruments', addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. IFRS 9 was issued in November 2009 and October 2010. It replaces the parts of IAS 39 that relate to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into two measurement categories: those measured as at fair value and those measured at amortised cost. The determination is made at initial recognition. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument. For financial liabilities, the standard retains most of the IAS 39 requirements. The main change is that, in cases where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities, the part of a fair value change due to an entity's own credit risk is recorded in other comprehensive income rather than the income statement, unless this creates an accounting mismatch, subject to endorsement by the EU.

IFRS 12, 'Disclosures of interests in other entities' includes the disclosure requirements for all forms of interests in other entities, including joint arrangements, associates, special purpose vehicles and other off balance sheet vehicles. The company is yet to assess IFRS 12's full impact and intends to adopt IFRS 12 no later than the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2013, subject to endorsement by the EU.

IFRS 13, 'Fair value measurement', aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across IFRSs. The company is yet to assess IFRS 13's full impact and intends to adopt IFRS 13 no later than the accounting period beginning on or after 1 January 2013, subject to endorsement by the EU.

#### Basis of consolidation

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred under Companies Act 2006 Section 400 from preparing group financial statements. The financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****Intangible assets***Computer software*

The costs of acquiring and bringing computer software in to use are capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful economic life of the software which is between three to five years.

Capitalised software development costs include external direct costs of material and services together with direct labour costs relating to software development. Development costs that are directly attributable to the design and testing of identifiable and unique software products controlled by the company are recognised as intangible assets when the following criteria are met:

- it is technically feasible to complete the software product so that it will be available for use;
- management intends to complete the software product and use or sell it;
- there is an ability to use or sell the software product;
- it can be demonstrated how the software product will generate probable future economic benefits;
- adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the software product are available; and
- the expenditure attributable to the software product during its development can be reliably measured.

*Goodwill*

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the company's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is included in 'intangible assets'. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses on goodwill are not reversed. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purposes of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units or groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose.

**Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

For all assets depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost less their estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used are as follows:

	%
Freehold buildings	2
Plant and machinery	10
Fixtures and fittings	10
Computers	20
Motor vehicles	25

No depreciation is charged on land. The assets' residual values and useful economic lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are included within administrative expenses in the income statement.

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011****1 Accounting policies (continued)****Investment in subsidiaries**

Investments in subsidiaries are held as non-current assets and are recorded at cost, which is the fair value of the consideration paid, less any provision for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

**Financial assets**

The company classifies all its financial assets as loans and receivables.

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date. These are classified as non-current assets. The company's loans and receivables comprise 'trade and other receivables' and 'cash and cash equivalents' in the balance sheet.

**Impairment of financial assets**

The company assesses at the end of each reporting period whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

The amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. The asset's carrying amount is reduced and the amount of the loss is recognised in the income statement.

**Impairment of non-financial assets**

Assets that have an indefinite useful economic life, for example goodwill, are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell, and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped by cash generating unit. Non-financial assets other than goodwill that have suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

**Trade and other receivables**

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

In the cash flow statement cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011****1 Accounting policies (continued)****Trade and other payables**

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

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Borrowings**

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of direct issue costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are accounted for on an accruals basis to the income statement using the effective interest rate method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the balance sheet date.

**Leased assets**

Leases in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

The company leases certain property, plant and equipment. Leases of property, plant and equipment where the company has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised at the lease's commencement at the lower of the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance charges so as to achieve a constant rate on the finance balance outstanding. The corresponding rental obligations, net of finance charges, are included in other long-term payables. The interest element of the finance cost is charged to the income statement over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The property, plant and equipment acquired under finance leases is depreciated over the shorter of the useful economic life of the asset and the lease term.

**Current and deferred income tax**

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date in the country where the company operates and generates taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. However, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.



**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011****1 Accounting policies (continued)****Current and deferred income tax (continued)**

Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred income tax is provided on temporary differences arising, except where the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference is controlled by the company and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the taxable entity of different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

**Grants**

Grants are recognised at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the company will comply with all attached conditions. Grants relating to costs are deferred and recognised in the income statement over the period necessary to match them with the costs that they are intended to compensate. Grants relating to property, plant and equipment are included in non-current liabilities as deferred income and are credited to the income statement on a straight-line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the related assets.

**Research and development**

Expenditure on research is written off in the year in which it is incurred. Development expenditure is capitalised when the criteria for recognising an asset, as described above, are met.

**Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

**Revenue recognition**

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Revenue is shown, net of sales taxes, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured and it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity. The amount of revenue is not considered to be reliably measurable until all contingencies relating to the sale have been resolved. The company considers this to be upon customer receipt of products, which is when title to the product is transferred to the customer or upon completion of services when results of testing have been delivered to the customer or logistics operations have been performed. The company uses the percentage-of-completion method in accounting for its fixed price contracts to deliver services. Use of the percentage-of-completion method requires the company to estimate the services performed to date as a proportion of the total services to be performed.

**Foreign currency translation**

Items included in the financial statements of each of the company's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ("the functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in UK pound sterling, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the income statement within 'finance income or cost'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the income statement within administrative expenses.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

**1 Accounting policies (continued)****Pension obligations**

The company operates a defined contribution plan for employees whereby the company pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as an employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in the future payments is available.

**Share-based payments**

The company issues cash-settled phantom share-based payments to certain employees of the company for their services to the company. The company accounts for these phantom share based payments as cash-settled phantom share-based payments which are measured at fair value and recognised as an expense in the income statement with a corresponding increase in liabilities. The fair values of these payments are measured at each reporting date using professional external valuers, in line with the terms and conditions upon which the awards are granted. The fair value is recognised over the period during which employees become unconditionally entitled to the awards, subject to the company's estimate of the number of awards which will lapse due to employees leaving the company prior to vesting. The total amount recognised in the income statement as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual amount of awards that are expected to vest, except where forfeiture is due to employee's termination of contract.

**2 Revenue**

Revenue is attributable to the company's principal activities carried out in the United Kingdom.

**3 Financial risk management****Financial risk factors**

The company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The company has in place a risk management programme that seeks to limit the adverse effects on the financial performance of the company by monitoring the foregoing risks.

(a) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

While the greater part of the company's revenues and expenses are denominated in UK pound sterling, the company is exposed to foreign exchange risk in the normal course of business. While the company has not used financial instruments to date to hedge foreign exchange exposure, this position is kept constantly under review.

If the US dollar had weakened/strengthened by 10% against the UK pound sterling spot rate on 30 September with all other variables held constant, the financial statements would have been impacted as follows:

	2011		2010	
	Impact on post-tax losses £'000	Impact on equity £'000	Impact on post-tax losses £'000	Impact on equity £'000
US dollar weakens by 10% against UK pound	(121)	(121)	(55)	(55)
US dollar strengthens by 10% against UK pound	+148	+148	+43	+43

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011**
**3 Financial risk management (continued)**
**(ii) Interest rate risk**

The company's interest rate risk arises from borrowings, which are a combination of overdrafts and term loans. The company manages this risk by a mixture of variable interest rates on overdrafts, fixed rate interest on part of the term loan facilities and interest free advances from group companies. The interest rate is monitored on a regular basis with reference to movements in global interest rates and the potential impact upon the company's cost of borrowing. If average interest rates over the period had increased/decreased by 1% with all other variables held constant, the financial statements would have been impacted as follows:

	2011		2010	
	Impact on post-tax losses £'000	Impact on equity £'000	Impact on post-tax losses £'000	Impact on equity £'000
Interest rates increase by 1%	(214)	(214)	(151)	(151)
Interest rates decrease by 1%	+214	+214	+151	+151

**(b) Credit risk**

The company has implemented policies that require appropriate credit checks on potential customers before sales are made. Credit control assesses the credit quality of the customer, taking into account its financial position, past experience and other factors. The amount of exposure to individual customers is subject to limits, which are reassessed regularly. Credit risk also arises from cash and cash equivalents with banks and financial institutions. Banking arrangements are reviewed and regularly reassessed by the board.

**(c) Liquidity risk**

The company projects cash flow requirements as part of its annual budget setting process. Cash requirements are monitored dynamically by the company's ultimate parent undertaking, with resources deployed to the company as required. As a result of its activities, the company is a net consumer of cash and combines intergroup funding with external sources to ensure that sufficient liquidity is maintained to allow continued operation.

**4 Capital risk management**

The company's ultimate parent undertaking's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders. For further details, refer to the report and financial statements for the ultimate parent undertaking, Almac Group Limited.

**5 Finance costs - net**

	2011 £	2010 £
Interest expense:		
Interest payable to group undertakings	(764,975)	(579,924)
Interest payable on other loans	(104,296)	(125,724)
Finance costs	(869,271)	(705,648)
Interest income:		
Interest receivable from group undertakings	4,158	11,410
Finance income	4,158	11,410
<b>Finance costs – net</b>	<b>(865,113)</b>	<b>(694,238)</b>

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

## 6 Expenses by nature

	2011	2010
	£	£
Employee benefit expense (note 7)	7,766,537	7,621,666
Depreciation and amortisation	2,553,184	2,678,126
Operating lease payments – motor vehicles	28,014	32,553
Operating lease payments – buildings	124,000	124,000
Transfer from capital grant reserve	(847,779)	(841,009)
Revenue grants	(325,004)	(42,433)
Research and development expenditure	300,095	414,817
Other expenses	6,583,508	6,474,439
<b>Total cost of sales, distribution costs, administrative expenses and research and development expenditure</b>	<b>16,182,555</b>	<b>16,462,159</b>

## Services provided by the auditors and network firms

During the year the company obtained the following services from the auditor at costs as detailed below:

	2011	2010
	£	£
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit	8,432	8,335
Fees payable to company's auditor for other services:		
- other services pursuant to legislation	7,407	2,695
- tax services	2,625	2,625

## 7 Employees and directors

	2011	2010
	£	£
<b>Staff costs during the year:</b>		
Wages and salaries	6,734,780	6,433,455
Social security costs	650,748	630,064
Pension costs – defined contribution plans	251,694	254,349
Shared based payment costs	129,315	303,798
	<b>7,766,537</b>	<b>7,621,666</b>
	2011	2010
	Number	Number
<b>Average monthly number of persons employed (including directors) during the year by activity:</b>		
Operations	175	173
Administration	16	15
	<b>191</b>	<b>188</b>

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

7 Employees and directors (continued)

There were no key members of management during the year and the previous year other than the directors noted below:

	2011	2010
Directors	£	£
Aggregated emoluments	207,023	227,267
Pension costs – defined contribution plans	34,793	24,237

One director (2010: one) has retirement benefits accruing under a money purchase scheme. One director (2010: one) has exercised phantom share options in the year.

	2011	2010
Highest paid director	£	£
Aggregated emoluments	207,023	227,267
Pension costs – defined contribution plans	34,793	24,237

8 Income tax credit

	2011	2010
	£	£
<b>Current tax</b>		
Group relief receivable - current year	2,251,294	2,820,299
- adjustments in respect of previous period	325,511	591,600
<b>Total current tax</b>	<b>2,576,805</b>	<b>3,411,899</b>
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Origination and reversal of temporary difference	(447,945)	(536,112)
Changes in tax laws and rates	8,797	(7,397)
Adjustments in respect of previous period	(88,180)	512,932
<b>Total deferred tax</b>	<b>(527,328)</b>	<b>(30,577)</b>
<b>Income tax credit</b>	<b>2,049,477</b>	<b>3,381,322</b>

The standard rate of corporation tax in the UK changed from 28% to 26% with effect from 1 April 2011. Accordingly, the company's losses in this accounting period are taxed at an effective rate of 27% and will be taxed at 26% in the future.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

## 8 Income tax credit (continued)

The tax on the company's loss before tax differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the weighted average tax rate applicable to the loss of the company as follows:

	2011 £	2010 £
Loss before income tax	(4,269,546)	(5,733,175)
Loss before income tax at the UK standard rate of 27% (2010: 28%)	(1,152,777)	(1,605,289)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	226,352	251,816
Income not subject to tax	(110,104)	(229,700)
Enhanced research and development expenditure	(502,200)	(445,674)
Adjustments in respect of prior period	(237,331)	(1,104,532)
Capital grants not taxable	(228,900)	(235,483)
Changes in tax laws and rates	(44,517)	(12,460)
<b>Income tax credit</b>	<b>(2,049,477)</b>	<b>(3,381,322)</b>

## Factors affecting future tax charges:

In addition to the changes in rates of Corporation tax disclosed within the note on taxation a number of further changes to the UK Corporation tax system were announced in the March 2011 UK Budget Statement. Further reductions to the main rate are proposed to reduce the rate by 1% per annum to 23% by 1 April 2014. These further changes had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and, therefore, are not included in these financial statements.

The proposed reductions of the main rate of corporation tax by 1% per year to 23% by 1 April 2014 are expected to be enacted separately each year. The overall effect of the further changes from 25% to 23%, if these applied to the deferred tax balance at the balance sheet date, would be to reduce the deferred tax liability by £44,632 (being £22,316 recognised in 2013 and £22,316 recognised in 2014).

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

## 9 Intangible assets

	Computer software £	Goodwill £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 October 2009	595,037	450,000	1,045,037
Additions	418,350	-	418,350
At 1 October 2010	1,013,387	450,000	1,463,387
Additions	160,723	-	160,723
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>1,174,110</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>1,624,110</b>
<b>Accumulated amortisation</b>			
At 1 October 2009	232,940	450,000	682,940
Charge for the year	168,034	-	168,034
At 1 October 2010	400,974	450,000	850,974
Charge for the year	209,152	-	209,152
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>610,126</b>	<b>450,000</b>	<b>1,060,126</b>
<b>Net book amount</b>			
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>563,984</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>563,984</b>
At 30 September 2010	612,413	-	612,413

Amortisation is included within administrative expenses in the income statement.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

## 10 Property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 October 2009	45,134,220	14,684,707	2,154,932	1,170,550	26,675	63,171,084
Transfer from related parties	-	89,379	-	-	-	89,379
Additions	-	296,023	678,003	27,203	-	1,001,229
At 1 October 2010	45,134,220	15,070,109	2,832,935	1,197,753	26,675	64,261,692
Additions	-	596,902	154,022	47,586	-	798,510
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>45,134,220</b>	<b>15,667,011</b>	<b>2,986,957</b>	<b>1,245,339</b>	<b>26,675</b>	<b>65,060,202</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>						
At 1 October 2009	5,627,163	8,488,773	1,677,236	1,078,756	26,675	16,898,603
Transfer from related parties	-	52,883	-	-	-	52,883
Charge for the year	830,416	1,451,904	157,379	70,393	-	2,510,092
At 1 October 2010	6,457,579	9,993,560	1,834,615	1,149,149	26,675	19,461,578
Charge for the year	830,416	1,303,780	152,936	56,900	-	2,344,032
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>7,287,995</b>	<b>11,297,340</b>	<b>1,987,551</b>	<b>1,206,049</b>	<b>26,675</b>	<b>21,805,610</b>
<b>Net book amount</b>						
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>37,846,225</b>	<b>4,369,671</b>	<b>999,406</b>	<b>39,290</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,254,592</b>
At 30 September 2010	38,676,641	5,076,549	998,320	48,604	-	44,800,114

Depreciation is included within administrative expenses in the income statement.

Borrowings are secured against buildings above (note 16).

## 11 Investment in subsidiaries

	£
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 October 2009, at 1 October 2010 and at 30 September 2011	1

Investments in group undertakings are recorded at cost, which is the fair value of the consideration paid.

The company has one dormant subsidiary, Syngal Limited, which is incorporated in Northern Ireland and in which the company holds 100% of the ordinary share capital. At 30 September 2011 the aggregate capital and reserves of Syngal Limited were £2 (2010: £2).



**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011**
**12 Trade and other receivables**

	2011 £	2010 £
Trade receivables	2,791,624	1,291,231
Less: provision for impairment of trade receivables	(90,363)	(287,367)
Trade receivables (net)	2,701,261	1,003,864
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,053,428	4,701,699
Amounts owed by other related parties	4,407,993	3,741,217
Group relief receivable	2,251,294	2,820,299
Other receivables	36,793	60,457
Prepayments and accrued income	465,652	94,050
	<b>13,916,421</b>	<b>12,421,586</b>

The fair values of trade and other receivables are not materially different from the carrying values.

For the purposes of IFRS 7 "Financial instruments: Disclosures" all of the company's financial assets are classified as loans and receivables. The company has no assets that may be classified as held at fair value through profit and loss, derivatives used for hedging or available-for-sale.

The carrying amount of the company's trade and other receivables are denominated in the following currencies:

	2011 £	2010 £
<b>Currency</b>		
UK pound	12,455,329	11,664,443
US dollar	894,967	493,562
Euro	566,125	263,581
	<b>13,916,421</b>	<b>12,421,586</b>

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable above.

Trade receivables impaired and the amount of the impairment provision at 30 September 2011 was £90,363 (2010: £287,367). The individually impaired receivables mainly relate to invoices for which there is uncertainty over recoverability. It was assessed that a portion of the receivables is expected to be recovered. The trade receivables that were impaired were all overdue by more than two months.

Movements on the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	2011 £	2010 £
At 1 October	287,367	100,740
Exchange adjustment	-	(3,144)
Provision for receivables impairment	30,363	198,123
Receivables written off in the year as uncollectable	(106,160)	(1,355)
Unused amounts reversed	(121,207)	(6,997)
<b>At 30 September</b>	<b>90,363</b>	<b>287,367</b>

**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011**

**12 Trade and other receivables (continued)**

As of 30 September 2011, trade receivables of £519,936 (2010: £143,824) were past due but not impaired. These and the other trade receivables relate to a number of large multinational corporations for whom there is little risk of default. The aged analysis of these trade receivables is as follows:

	2011 £	2010 £
Up to 2 months overdue	181,083	40,190
More than 2 months overdue	338,853	103,634
	<b>519,936</b>	<b>143,824</b>

None of these trade receivables have had their terms renegotiated.

The creation and release of provision for impaired receivables have been included in administration expenses in the income statement.

The other classes within trade and other receivables do not contain impaired assets.

**13 Cash and cash equivalents**

	2011 £	2010 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,559	1,919

Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts include the following for the purposes of the cash flow statement:

	2011 £	2010 £
Cash and cash equivalents	1,559	1,919
Bank overdrafts (note 16)	(202,122)	(107,926)
	<b>(200,563)</b>	<b>(106,007)</b>

**14 Trade and other payables**

	2011 £	2010 £
Trade payables	190,763	251,107
Amounts owed to group undertakings	35,832,132	34,096,406
Amounts owed to other related parties	-	61,453
Other tax and social security	186,322	173,845
Other creditors	63,475	48,511
Accruals	2,858,116	1,814,189
	<b>39,130,808</b>	<b>36,445,511</b>

The fair value of trade and other payables are not materially different from their carrying value as the impact of discounting is not significant. There is no difference between the amounts shown above and the total contractual undiscounted cash flows of trade and other payables.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

## 15 Other non-current liabilities

	2011	2010
	£	£
Accruals	798,023	916,514

## Maturity of other non-current liabilities

The maturity profile of the carrying amount of other non-current liabilities at 30 September was as follows:

	2011	2010
	£	£
In more than one year but not more than two years	304,729	271,799
In more than two years but not more than five years	493,294	644,715
	798,023	916,514

There is no difference between the amounts shown above and the total contractual undiscounted cash flows of other non-current liabilities.

## 16 Borrowings

	2011	2010
	£	£
<b>Current</b>		
Bank overdraft	202,122	107,926
Other loans	729,165	729,165
	931,287	837,091
<b>Non-current</b>		
Other loans	875,002	1,458,335

£1,604,167 (2010: £2,187,500) of the above loans is repayable by 32 quarterly instalments which commenced in June 2006. Interest is charged at 5.68% per annum. This amount is secured on the company's property.

The fair value of both current and non-current borrowings equates to their carrying amount as the impact of discounting is not significant. For the purposes of IFRS 7 "Financial instruments: Disclosures" the financial liabilities noted above are classified as other financial liabilities. The company has no liabilities that may be classified as held at fair value through profit and loss or derivatives used for hedging.

The carrying amounts of the company's borrowings are denominated in UK pound sterling.

The effective interest rates at the balance sheet date were as follows:

	2011	2010
	%	%
Bank overdrafts	3.85	3.70
Fixed rate loans	5.68	5.68

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

## 16 Borrowings (continued)

### Maturity of financial liabilities

The maturity profile of the carrying amount of non-current borrowings, at 30 September was as follows:

	2011 £	2010 £
In more than one year but not more than two years	583,333	583,333
In more than two years but not more than five years	291,669	875,002
	875,002	1,458,335

The amounts included in the table below are the contractual undiscounted cash flows of current and non-current borrowings:

	Loans and bank overdrafts 2011 £	Loans and bank overdrafts 2010 £
Less than one year	1,079,351	1,027,501
In more than one year but not more than two years	664,356	698,078
In more than two years but not more than five years	339,765	984,482
	2,083,472	2,710,061

## 17 Deferred income tax liabilities

The gross movement on the deferred income tax account is as follows:

	2011 £	2010 £
At 1 October	30,577	-
Charged to the income statement	527,328	30,577
At 30 September	557,905	30,577

The movement in deferred income tax assets and liabilities during the year, without taking into consideration the offsetting of balances within the same tax jurisdiction is as follows:

Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	Tax losses £	Accelerated tax depreciation £	Total £
At 1 October 2009	4,098,034	(4,098,034)	-
Credited/(charged) to the income statement	182,251	(212,828)	(30,577)
At 1 October 2010	4,280,285	(4,310,862)	(30,577)
Charged to the income statement	(351,346)	(175,982)	(527,328)
At 30 September 2011	3,928,939	(4,486,844)	(557,905)

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

## 17 Deferred income tax liabilities (continued)

The analysis of deferred income tax is as follows:

	2011 £	2010 £
Deferred tax assets:		
- to be recovered after more than 12 months	3,928,939	4,280,285
Deferred tax liabilities:		
- to be recovered after more than 12 months	(4,486,844)	(4,310,862)
<b>Deferred tax liabilities - net</b>	<b>(557,905)</b>	<b>(30,577)</b>

## 18 Deferred income

<b>Government grants</b>	£
At 1 October 2009	2,976,803
Capital grants received during the year	14,598
Released to the income statement	(841,009)
At 1 October 2010	2,150,392
Capital grants received during the year	363,375
Released to the income statement	(847,779)
<b>At 30 September 2011</b>	<b>1,665,988</b>

## 19 Share capital

	2011 £	2010 £
<b>Authorised</b>		
75,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	75,000,000	75,000,000
<b>Allotted and fully paid</b>		
50,956,065 ordinary shares of £1 each	50,956,065	50,956,065

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2011

**20 Cash used in operations**

	2011 £	2010 £
Loss before income tax	(4,269,546)	(5,733,175)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,344,032	2,510,092
Amortisation of intangible assets	209,152	168,034
Release of capital grant	(847,779)	(841,009)
Finance income	(4,158)	(11,410)
Finance costs	869,271	705,648
Movement in trade and other receivables	(1,738,329)	(631,465)
Movement in trade and other payables	882,157	169,617
<b>Net cash used in operations</b>	<b>(2,555,200)</b>	<b>(3,663,668)</b>

**21 Pension commitments**

The company participates in a group defined contribution scheme for employees whereby the assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered scheme. Contributions are charged to the income statement in the year to which they relate.

Pension costs for the defined contribution scheme are as follows:

	2011 £	2010 £
Defined contribution scheme	251,694	254,349

Amounts owed to the pension scheme as at 30 September 2011 totalled £40,171 (2010: £39,886).

**22 Capital and other financial commitments**

	2011 £	2010 £
Contracts placed for future property, plant and equipment expenditure not provided in the financial statements	410,000	192,000

**23 Operating lease commitments - minimum lease payments**

The future aggregate minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Motor vehicles		Buildings	
	2011 £	2010 £	2011 £	2010 £
No later than one year	14,287	26,171	124,000	124,000
Later than one year and no later than five years	2,962	16,546	496,000	496,000
Later than five years	-	-	124,000	248,000
	17,249	42,717	744,000	868,000

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### 24 Contingent liabilities

There exists a contingent liability to repay certain capital and revenue grants received from Invest Northern Ireland if future employment levels fall below specified levels. The directors do not anticipate any repayment falling due under the terms on which the grants were received.

The company is party to an unlimited intercompany cross guarantee in relation to group banking facilities in the United Kingdom.

### 25 Share based payments

The company operates a phantom share scheme whereby share awards are granted to directors and senior management employees. The share award is granted for £nil consideration, and is conditional on the director or employee continuing in employment for a period of three years from the date the share award is made, which is the first of January following the financial year end. The company accounts for these share awards as cash-settled share-based payments which are measured at fair value and recognised as an expense in the income statement with a corresponding increase in liabilities. The fair values of these payments are measured at each reporting date using professional external valuers, in line with the terms and conditions upon which the awards are granted. The fair value is recognised over the period during which employees become unconditionally entitled to the awards, subject to the company's estimate of the number of awards which will lapse due to employees leaving the company prior to vesting. The total amount recognised in the income statement as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual amount of awards that are expected to vest, except where forfeiture is due to employee's termination of contract.

Share awards are exercisable from the first of January, three years following the award date. The share award is exercisable at the share price as determined by professional qualified valuers at the end of financial year when the share is exercisable and all share awards are cash settled.

The fair value of each share award granted and the assumptions used in the calculation are as follows:

Grant date	September 2011	September 2010
Share price at grant date	0.604	0.545
Exercise price at grant date	-	-
Number of employees	17	19
Share awards	335,784	355,919
Vesting period (years)	4	4
Option life (years)	4	4
Expected life (years)	4	4
Dividend yield	Nil	Nil
Risk free interest rate	5.0%	5.0%
Fair value	0.604	£0.545

The weighted average fair value of share awards granted during the year determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model was £0.604 (2010: £0.545). The significant inputs into the model were the share price at grant date, exercise price, dividend yield, risk free interest rate and expected option life as shown above.

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## 25 Share based payments (continued)

Movements in the number of share awards outstanding are as follows:

	2011 Number	2010 Number
Outstanding at 1 October	1,076,215	1,066,025
Granted	335,784	355,919
Forfeited	(49,246)	(8,876)
Exercised	(372,406)	(336,853)
Outstanding at 30 September	990,347	1,076,215
Exercisable on 1 January 2012/2011	325,285	372,406

The weighted average share price of share awards exercised in the year was £0.604 (2010: £0.545).

Share awards outstanding at the end of the year have the following expiry dates:

	2011 Number	2010 Number
2011	-	387,273
2012	325,285	341,899
2013	332,548	347,043
2014	332,514	-

The total expense recognised in the income statement was £129,315 (2010: £303,798). The year end liability is £598,170 (2010: £586,537).

## 26 Ultimate controlling party and related party transactions

The parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared is Almac Group (UK) Limited, a company incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of Almac Group (UK) Limited is Almac House, 20 Seagoe Industrial Estate, Craigavon, BT63 5QD. Copies of the group financial statements are available from Companies Registry.

The ultimate parent undertaking of the company and the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared is Almac Group Limited, a company incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of Almac Group Limited is Almac House, 20 Seagoe Industrial Estate, Craigavon, BT63 5QD. Copies of the group financial statements are available from Companies Registry.

At the balance sheet date, the ultimate controlling parties are the executors of the Estate of Dr. Sir Allen McClay. Dr. Sir Allen McClay passed away on 12 January 2010. The grant of probate has been issued and pending the administration of the Estate of Dr. Sir Allen McClay, his shareholding is controlled by the executors of his will.

Related parties consist of other Almac Group companies in the United States of America and the United Kingdom. Transactions entered into during the year with related parties were as follows:

	2011 £	2010 £
Sales to related parties	1,323,313	2,269,854
Purchases from related parties	96,983	163,256
Management charge	2,243,089	2,323,586

Details of amounts owed by and to related parties are disclosed in notes 12 and 14 respectively.

Details of interest payable and receivable on balances held with related parties are disclosed in note 5.