# **Edinburgh Science Ltd**

Registered number: SC106331

## Amended annual report

For the year ended 31 July 2020

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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Cllr A Mcneese-Mechan

Cllr D Wilson J Brown

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Registered number

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#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

#### Revision of financial statements

These revised financial statements are to replace the original financial statements for the financial year ended 31 July 2020.

The revision of these financial statements corrects a misallocation between income and expenditure, and has no impact on the Balance Sheet.

These statements are now to be considered the statutory financial statements of Edinburgh Science Ltd for the year ended 31 July 2020 and have been prepared as at the date of the original financial statements, not as at the date of revision. Accordingly, these financial statements do not deal with events between those dates.

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

#### Principal activities and business review

#### Overview

Since our first event in 1989, Edinburgh Science has built a reputation for developing and delivering world-class events through our annual Festival, year-round learning programmes and international work that recognise and celebrate the value and wonder of science and technology. We're pleased to report that in 2019/20 we continued this work with a huge range of partners, funders and supporters, in Edinburgh, across the UK and overseas.

## **Edinburgh Science Festival**

In 2020, most of our festival activities were interrupted by the Covid 19 pandemic. We had planned and promoted the 2020 Edinburgh Science Festival themed around the 50th anniversary of Earth Day – generally regarded as the birthdate of the modern environmental movement – and taking the theme of 'Elementary', using the ancient classifications of Earth, Air, Fire and Water. This was to be a large and varied festival thanks to a good year of winning support. Highlights were to include a new exhibition, Pale Blue Dot, which focused on the seas and oceans and was due to be staged at the National Museum of Scotland. Several digital art commissions were expected. An extensive and refreshed family programme was planned to include the City Art Centre. We also had an extensive programme of family and adult events at the Pleasance and at partner venues across the city.

As the pandemic took grip through February and March and as the disease became better understood, the risk of infection to our visitors and staff became clear and evidently too high to contemplate. Two weeks before the festival was due to open the Board and staff decided to cancel the entire live event. One outdoor photographic exhibition, Into the Deep, which was already in place on Portobello Promenade and deemed safe to operate, proceeded. Our decision to cancel coincided with the closing of many of the public venues we would have used such as the National Museum of Scotland and City owned museums.

We resolved to put as much of the festival as we could online and after two weeks of intense work from our staff and our partners, we launched Elements of EdSciFest. This comprised over 100 events aimed at families and adults. It included live events such as talks and discussions, online exhibitions, and a wealth of resources for families to enable them to do experiments and projects at home. Elements of EdSciFest was widely used with the Kids Lab home activities proving especially popular and being downloaded 11,000 times.

Into the Deep remained at Portobello for an extended run and was greatly appreciated by tens of thousands cut off from live events and wider culture.

Many projects which had already received investment had to be cancelled or postponed. Our delegate programme was postponed as we had no live events for people to attend. Many physical projects such as Pale Blue Dot and the art commissions were put on hold to be re-used in the future.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

The response of our financial supporters was generous. Recognising the challenging nature of our situation all have allowed us to use or carry forward their financial support. This is testament to the strong partnerships we have with these organisations.

#### **Edinburgh Science Learning**

With programmes for primary and secondary schools and training and support for teachers, Edinburgh Science works year-round to engage young people and educational professionals all across Scotland.

For 30 years, Generation Science has continued to deliver fun, interactive shows and workshops to schools all across Scotland. As the UK's longest running science education programme, and with all activities linked to the Curriculum for Excellence, Generation Science is a leader in its field.

In 2020 we offered a choice of 10 shows covering the Curriculum for Excellence's designated science strands of Planet Earth, Forces, Electricity and Waves, Biological Systems, Materials and Technologies.

Our team of 20 Science Communications started delivering shows in February. It became apparent in early March that the pandemic would make the delivery of this programme impossible and in mid-March we put the tour on hold for the remainder of the spring term. Within a few weeks it became evident we should also cancel the summer term too.

Before we brought the tour to an end, we had toured to 22 local authorities, delivered 469 performances, and reached 17,499 pupils in 168 schools.

This year was our fifth iteration of the secondary schools' event Careers Hive. Held at the National Museum of Scotland in February, Careers Hive provided S1-S3s with insight into the wide spectrum of careers opportunities available to those who study science, technology, engineering, and maths subjects.

We had 2,519 pupils visit from 36 schools. To run the event, we involved 153 volunteers from 20 different STEM industries across 39 different companies. The event was open to the public at the weekend and attracted 9,124 public visitors over the whole week.

We were delighted that we had 50% female speakers at Careers Hive and 55% female volunteers.

For Edinburgh Science, community engagement is a year-round focus, with events and ticket offers during the Festival time, bespoke workshops during the school holidays, science experiments at community days and more

In 2020, the Edinburgh Science community engagement strategy branched out from North Edinburgh and Leith to include West and South West Edinburgh. We started the year developing new events with community groups e.g. The Great Plate activity focused on nutrition. These were all brought to an end in mid-March by the pandemic.

Responding to Covid-19, planning for the re-start

From mid-March onwards our focus was on adaptation to the uncertainty Covid-19 brought. Capable of assimilating epidemiological reports we quickly understood the disruption would be sever and last a year, probably two. The senior management team and Board formulated a response within weeks which included the immediate adoption of an emergency budget and a series of actions that would ensure the organisation's long-term stability. This involved considerable immediate cost saving measures which regrettably involved a reduction in permanent staff numbers. These cost savings were commenced in the final few months of the financial year and programmed to be completed by the end of summer 2020.

We were fortunate to receive exceptional support from our main public funders the City of Edinburgh Council and the Scottish Government, which allowed us to convert grants targeted at events into resilience funding. We also

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

met with success securing one off business continuity grants.

By the close of the financial year, whilst we could see considerable uncertainty and risk ahead, we were confident we had acted quickly and resolutely enough to put Edinburgh Science on a stable trajectory in to 2021 and beyond. Whilst we had lost valuable staff, we retained people with the skills, experience and connections to enable us to continue to thrive and to grow back quickly once conditions improve.

#### Plans for future periods

It is our expectation that Covid-19 will substantially alter what we are able to do in 2021 and so our efforts have turned to R&D of event formats that can be delivered to schools and public audiences within the likely public health constraints the pandemic will bring. This includes a shift of emphasis away from indoor to outdoors events, dispersing audiences to achieve social distancing, delivering events to schools without sending staff their and making greater use of digital formats. We are also expecting to change the timing of events to both avoid periods of greatest social constraint and to give us longer to plan.

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

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 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent 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 to 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.

## **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

P Purvis (appointed 12 September 2019)
Prof M P Fourman
Dr A D Milne
Prof I J Wall
M Valenti
Cllr C B Rose
Dr S M Gage
Cllr A Staniforth

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P Love (resigned 12 September 2019)
D Carter
R Marshall
M Mickel (appointed 12 September 2019)
Cllr A Mcneese-Mechan
Cllr D Wilson
J Brown (appointed 12 December 2019)

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

## **Auditor**

The auditor, Mazars LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

## Small companies note

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on

Sep 27, 2021

and signed on its behalf.

Alastair D Milne
Alastair D Milne (Sep 27, 2021 12:05 GMT+1)

Dr A D Milne Director

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EDINBURGH SCIENCE LTD

#### Opinion

We have audited the revised financial statements of Edinburgh Science Ltd (the 'company') for the year ended 31 July 2020 which comprise the statement of income and retained earnings, the balance sheet and notes to the revised financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). These revised financial statements replace the original financial statements approved by the directors on 17 June 2021.

The revised financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the The Companies (Revision of Defective Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and as such do not consider events which have taken place after the date on which the original financial statements were approved.

In our opinion, the revised financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 2020 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. 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.

## 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.

## Emphasis of matter - revision of statement of income and retained earnings

We draw attention to the Directors' Report comments on the revised financial statements, which notes the misallocation between income and expenditure in the financial statements with no impact on the balance sheet. Our opinion is not modified in this respect.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EDINBURGH SCIENCE LTD

#### Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### 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 directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In 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 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; or.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies
  regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from
  the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EDINBURGH SCIENCE LTD

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, 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 intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### 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 www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of the audit 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.

Craig Maxwell
Craig Maxwell (Oct 6, 2021 20:54 GMT+1)

Craig Maxwell (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Mazars LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Date: Oct 6, 2021

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

|  | Note | 2020<br>£   | 2019<br>£   |
|--|------|-------------|-------------|
| Revenue  |      | 1,757,642   | 2,027,904   |
| Cost of sales  |      | (1,190,224) | (1,685,339) |
| Gross profit   |      | 567,418     | 342,565     |
| Administrative expenses  |      | (540,293)   | (570,084)   |
| Other operating income   |      | 330,366     | 198,903     |
| Operating profit/(loss)  |      | 357,491     | (28,616)    |
| Interest receivable and similar income                               |      | -           | 1           |
| Profit/(loss) before tax   |      | 357,491     | (28,615)    |
| Tax on profit/(loss)   | 5    | -           | -           |
| Profit/(loss) after tax  |      | 357,491     | (28,615)    |
| Accumulated losses at the beginning of the year                      |      | (382,582)   | (353,967)   |
| Profit/(loss) for the year   |      | 357,491     | (28,615)    |
| Distributions made   |      | (72,000)    | -           |
| Accumulated losses at the end of the year                            |      | (97,091)    | (382,582)   |
| The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements. |      |             |             |

## EDINBURGH SCIENCE LTD REGISTERED NUMBER: SC106331

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JULY 2020

|  | Note |             | 2020<br>£ |             | 2019<br>£ |
|--|------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Fixed assets                                   |      |             |           |             |           |
| Tangible fixed assets  Current assets          |      |             | 21,763    |             | 42,253    |
| Debtors: amounts falling due within one year   | 7    | 1,491,739   |           | 1,426,108   |           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                      | 8    | 241,095     |           | 97,123      |           |
|  |      | 1,732,834   | •         | 1,523,231   |           |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 9    | (1,851,686) |           | (1,948,064) |           |
| Net current liabilities                        |      |             | (118,852) |             | (424,833) |
| Total assets less current liabilities          |      |             | (97,089)  | ,           | (382,580) |
| Net liabilities                                |      |             | (97,089)  | •           | (382,580) |
| Capital and reserves                           |      |             |           |             |           |
| Called up share capital                        | 10   |             | 2         |             | 2         |
| Profit and loss account                        | 11   |             | (97,091)  |             | (382,582) |
|  |      |             | (97,089)  |             | (382,580) |

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed on its behalf on Sep 27, 2021

Alastair D Milne
Alastair D Milne (Sep 27, 2021 12:05 GMT+1)

Dr A D Milne Director

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

#### 1. General information

Edinburgh Science Ltd is a private company limited by shares and registered in Scotland. Its principal place of business and registered office is Harbourside House, 110 Commercial Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6NF.

## 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The company's functional and presentational currency is GBP, with amounts rounded to the nearest **f** 

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

### 2.2 Going concern

The company made a profit of £357,491 (2019: (£28,515)) for the year and at the year end had net liabilities of £97,089 (2019: £382,580).

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The validity of this assumption depends on the continued support of its parent undertaking, Edinburgh Science Foundation Ltd, which has the power under its Articles of Association to give financial support to the activities of Edinburgh Science Ltd. Further details of the support are discussed in note 16.

From mid-March onwards the group focus was on adaptation to the uncertainty COVID-19 brought. Capable of assimilating epidemiological reports, the board quickly understood the disruption would be severe and last a year, probably two. The senior management team and board formulated a response within weeks which included the immediate adoption of an emergency budget and a series of actions that would ensure the organisation's long-term stability. This involved considerable immediate cost saving measures which regrettably involved a reduction in permanent staff numbers. These cost savings were commenced in the final few months of the financial year and programmed to be completed by the end of summer 2020. The overseas team continues to seek opportunities to expand delivery in the middle-east with several new projects being pitched. The international events industry is a competitive marketplace and the board is working to remain competitive in this field. As a result they were able to deliver a breakeven budget to the board for 2020/21 and are on course to achieve this.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.3 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

#### Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised in the period in which the services are provided in accordance with the stage of completion of the contract when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the company will receive the consideration due under the contract;
- the stage of completion of the contract at the end of the reporting period can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred and the costs to complete the contract can be measured reliably.

#### **Donations**

Donations are included as they are received, including from the parent charity.

## 2.4 Operating leases: the company as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of income and retained earnings on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

The company has taken advantage of the optional exemption available on transition to FRS 102 which allows lease incentives on leases entered into before the date of transition to the standard 01 August 2018 to continue to be charged over the period to the first market rent review rather than the term of the lease.

## 2.5 Government grants

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to profit or loss at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grants is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings in the same period as the related expenditure.

#### 2.6 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings using the effective interest method.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.7 Pensions

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

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the statement of income and retained earnings when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds.

## 2.8 Tangible fixed assets

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

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

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements

- 33% straight line

Furniture and equipment

- 33% - 40% straight line

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

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

#### 2.9 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

## 2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

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

## 2.11 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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|      | ES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020   |
| 2.   | Accounting policies (continued)  |
|      | 2.12 Financial instruments   |
|      | The company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.   |
|      | 2.13 Dividends   |
|      | Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.   |
| 3.   | Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty  |
|      | Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty  |
|      | In the application of the company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. |
|      | The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.   |
|      | There are considered to be no key sources of estimation uncertainty.   |
| 4.   | Employees  |
|      | The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was 40 (2019 - 62).  |
| 5.   | Taxation   |
|      | 2020 2019<br>£ £   |

Current tax on profit/(loss) for the year

Total current tax

Corporation tax is eliminated by gift aid distributions.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2020

| 6. Tangible | fixed | assets |
|-------------|-------|--------|
|-------------|-------|--------|

|    |  | Furniture<br>and<br>equipment<br>£ | Leasehold<br>improvemen<br>ts<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|----|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|    | Cost   |                                    |                                    |            |
|    | At 1 August 2019                             | 265,950                            | 18,300                             | 284,250    |
|    | Additions                                    | 16,484                             |                                    | 16,484     |
|    | At 31 July 2020                              | 282,434                            | 18,300                             | 300,734    |
|    | Depreciation                                 |                                    |                                    |            |
|    | At 1 August 2019                             | 223,697                            | 18,300                             | 241,997    |
|    | Charge for the year on owned assets          | 36,974                             |                                    | 36,974     |
|    | At 31 July 2020                              | 260,671                            | 18,300                             | 278,971    |
|    | Net book value                               |                                    |                                    |            |
|    | At 31 July 2020                              | 21,763                             |                                    | 21,763     |
|    | At 31 July 2019                              | 42,253                             | -                                  | 42,253     |
| 7. | Debtors                                      |                                    | 2020                               | 2019       |
|    |  |                                    | £                                  | £          |
|    | Trade debtors                                |                                    | 94,051                             | 213,328    |
|    | Amounts owed by group undertakings (note 14) |                                    | 1,286,985                          | 1,155,939  |
|    | Other debtors                                |                                    | 5,540                              | 8,981      |
|    | Prepayments and accrued income               |                                    | 105,163                            | 47,860     |
|    | . <i>•</i>                                   |                                    | 1,491,739                          | 1,426,108  |
| 8. | Cash and cash equivalents                    |                                    |                                    |            |
|    |  |                                    | 2020<br>£                          | 2019<br>£  |
|    | Cash at bank and in hand                     |                                    | 241,095                            | 97,123     |

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## 9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

|  | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Trade creditors                              | 8,989     | 40,873    |
| Amounts owed to parent undertaking (note 14) | 1,221,767 | 1,584,311 |
| Other taxation and social security           | 29,424    | 25,121    |
| Other creditors                              | 15,698    | 18,057    |
| Accruals and deferred income                 | 575,808   | 279,702   |
|  | 1,851,686 | 1,948,064 |
| Share capital                                |           |           |
|  | 2020      | 2019      |
|  | £         | £         |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid           |           |           |
| 2 (2019 - 2) Ordinary shares of £1.00 each   | 2         | 2         |

#### 11. Reserves

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## **Profit & loss account**

This reserve includes all current and prior periods retained profits and losses net of dividends paid.

#### 12. Pension commitments

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £27,811 (2019 - £37,660). Contributions totaling £12,247 (2019 - £10,765) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in other creditors.

## 13. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 July 2020 the company had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

|  | 2020<br>£ | 2019<br>£ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Not later than 1 year                        | 99,200    | 99,200    |
| Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years | 205,333   | 260,733   |
|  | 304,533   | 359,933   |

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## 14. Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Edinburgh Science Foundation Ltd, a charitable company registered in Scotland, advantage has been taken of the exemption granted by Financial Reporting Standard 102, not to report details of the transactions with the entities which are 100% controlled by a common parent undertaking.

Total directors' remuneration for the year was £62,922 (2019 - £62,727). Defined contribution pension contributions of £1,891 (2019 - £1,236) were paid on behalf of directors.

In common with many other charities some grant funding is received from City of Edinburgh Council. Three directors are also City of Edinburgh Council Councillors, but they have no involvement in the grant-making process.

## 15. Controlling party

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is Edinburgh Science Foundation Ltd, a charitable company registered in Scotland, which is the smallest and largest group of companies for which group financial statements are prepared. Copies of the group financial statements are available to the public from Companies House, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF.

The registered office of Edinburgh Science Foundation Ltd is Harbourside House, 110 Commercial Street, Edinburgh, EH6 6NF.

In the directors' opinion, the parent undertaking has no ultimate controlling party.

## 16. Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the year end, the parent undertaking agreed to make a donation of £100,000 (2019: £390,000) to cover the reserves deficit in the balance sheet.