

**Group Strategic Report,  
Report of the Directors and  
Consolidated Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended  
31 October 2023  
for  
Noah Topco Limited**

The Rowleys Partnership Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
Chartered Accountants  
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for the Year Ended 31 October 2023**

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Mr O Johnson  
Mr J J Pitman

**SECRETARY:** Mr J J Pitman

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** Tyrefix Brookside Industrial Estate  
Spring Road  
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**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 12868113 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** The Rowleys Partnership Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
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**Group Strategic Report  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023**

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The directors present their strategic report of the company and the group for the year ended 31 October 2023.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

It was a successful year of trading across the Plant and Earthmover divisions within the Group. A contracted housebuilding environment driven by interest rate increases led to a lower demand in the second half of the year, however, the group has continued to diversify its operation across the Earthmover division and into larger infrastructure contracts.

Across the group, the acquisition of Fix n Fit Tyres further strengthened the business and was fully integrated into Tyrefix Plant Tyres (UK) Ltd by the end of the year.

Revenue increased by 5.4% to £16,117,087 (2022: £15,290,286). Investment into future growth combined with the amortisation of goodwill led to an Operating loss of £509,929 (2022: Profit of £526,070).

Our Financial Key Performance Indicators for the year, together with Historical Trend data, are set out in the table below:

|                                    | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>Expectation</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Increase / (Decrease) in sales (%) | 5.4         | 24.4        | Growth             |
| Gross profit margin (%)            | 35.7        | 34.7        | Flat               |

**PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

There are several risks impacting the construction industry as a whole and Tyrefix as a result, these include:

Interest Rates - Interest rate increases since late 2022, following high inflation, resulted in a drop in demand for new homes and a reduction in demand from home builders for plant hire equipment. We are pursuing expansion/diversification actions to hedge this risk and grow in a variety of sectors.

Inflation - Inflation, although now reducing, is still a factor including national living wage increases and shipping costs. This remains an area that we monitor closely and are in regular dialogue with suppliers and customers alike.

Exposure to Bad Debts - Key customers are offered extended payment terms and we have exposure to potential bad debts as a result. To manage the risk, we perform credit checks on clients at regular intervals and have a credit control function to ensure customers settle invoices within payment terms.

Group Strategic Report  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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**POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

Since the close of the accounts for the year ended 31 October 2023, the group has subsequently acquired a new earthmover tyre services business, operating in the waste sector.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

*Jon Pitman*

.....signed on 15/05/2024: 21:42:48 BST.....  
Mr J J Pitman - Director

15/05/2024  
Date: .....

**Report of the Directors  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023**

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The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company and the group for the year ended 31 October 2023.

**DIVIDENDS**

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 October 2023.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 November 2022 to the date of this report.

Mr A D Buffin  
Mr O Johnson

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

Mr J J Pitman - appointed 1 December 2022

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the group's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group's auditors are aware of that information.

Report of the Directors  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023

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**AUDITORS**

The auditors, The Rowleys Partnership Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

*Jon Pitman*

.....signed on 15/05/2024, 21:42:48 BST.....

Mr J J Pitman - Director

15/05/2024

Date: .....

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Noah Topco Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 October 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Balance Sheet, Company Balance Sheet, Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, Company Statement of Changes in Equity, Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company affairs as at 31 October 2023 and of the group's loss 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

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

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

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

### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Group Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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 Group Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Group Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Group Strategic Report or the Report of the Directors.

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

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

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page four, 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 necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

**Auditors' 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 a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements are those related to the financial reporting frameworks (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Companies Act 2006) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the jurisdiction in which the company operates. We enquired of management, whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or whether they had any knowledge of actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- We assessed the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur;
- Our testing considered unusual or unexpected journal entries on a sample basis;
- We evaluated the assumptions and judgements used by management within significant accounting estimates and assessing if these indicate evidence of management bias;
- We tested significant transactions, in particular the evaluation of the business rationale for any which appear unusual or outside the company's normal course of business;
- We assessed the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team by understanding the practical experience with audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity, plus ensuring the team had appropriate and relevant training of the financial reporting framework and the relevant tax compliance regulations specific to the entity;
- We reviewed the financial statements and tested the disclosures against supporting documentation; and
- We communicated relevant matters to all members of the audit team to ensure they understood the risks specific to the entity and the audit procedures planned to mitigate these.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

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](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in a Report of the Auditors 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.

***Matt Hutchinson***

Signed on 16/05/2024 08:49:37 BST

Matt Hutchinson FCA FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of The Rowleys Partnership Ltd  
Statutory Auditors  
Chartered Accountants  
Charnwood House  
Harcourt Way  
Meridian Business Park  
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16/05/2024

Date: .....

**Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023**

|                                       | Notes | 2023<br>£   | 2022<br>£  |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------|------------|
| <b>TURNOVER</b>                       | 3     | 16,117,087  | 15,290,286 |
| Cost of sales                         |       | 10,363,946  | 9,982,669  |
| <b>GROSS PROFIT</b>                   |       | 5,753,141   | 5,307,617  |
| Administrative expenses               |       | 6,263,514   | 4,782,147  |
|                                       |       | (510,373)   | 525,470    |
| Other operating income                |       | 444         | 600        |
| <b>OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT</b>        | 5     | (509,929)   | 526,070    |
| Interest payable and similar expenses | 6     | 720,488     | 422,835    |
| <b>(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION</b>  |       | (1,230,417) | 103,235    |
| Tax on (loss)/profit                  | 7     | 199,670     | 109,983    |
| <b>LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>    |       | (1,430,087) | (6,748)    |

The notes on pages 16 to 30 form part of these financial statements

**Consolidated Balance Sheet**  
**31 October 2023**

|                                              |       | 2023             |                    | 2022             |                    |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|                                              | Notes | £                | £                  | £                | £                  |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |                  |                    |                  |                    |
| Intangible assets                            | 9     |                  | 4,313,622          |                  | 4,015,154          |
| Tangible assets                              | 10    |                  | 3,565,553          |                  | 4,020,534          |
| Investments                                  | 11    |                  | 112                |                  | 112                |
|                                              |       |                  | <u>7,879,287</u>   |                  | <u>8,035,800</u>   |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |                  |                    |                  |                    |
| Stocks                                       | 12    | 1,721,468        |                    | 2,272,739        |                    |
| Debtors                                      | 13    | 2,973,570        |                    | 3,285,996        |                    |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |       | 104,528          |                    | 65,665           |                    |
|                                              |       | <u>4,799,566</u> |                    | <u>5,624,400</u> |                    |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                  |                    |                  |                    |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 14    | 6,079,008        |                    | 7,174,937        |                    |
| <b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>               |       |                  | <u>(1,279,442)</u> |                  | <u>(1,550,537)</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |                  | 6,599,845          |                  | 6,485,263          |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                  |                    |                  |                    |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year | 15    |                  | (7,386,550)        |                  | (6,046,243)        |
| <b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>            | 19    |                  | (513,785)          |                  | (309,099)          |
| <b>NET (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS</b>              |       |                  | <u>(1,300,490)</u> |                  | <u>129,921</u>     |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>                  |       |                  |                    |                  |                    |
| Called up share capital                      | 20    |                  | 6,271              |                  | 6,304              |
| Share premium                                | 21    |                  | 56,439             |                  | 56,729             |
| Capital redemption reserve                   | 21    |                  | 161                |                  | -                  |
| Retained earnings                            | 21    |                  | (1,363,361)        |                  | 66,888             |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>                   |       |                  | <u>(1,300,490)</u> |                  | <u>129,921</u>     |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on .....15/05/2024..... and were signed on its behalf by:

*Jon Pitman*

.....signed on 15/05/2024; 21:42:48 BST....  
Mr J J Pitman - Director

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Company Balance Sheet  
31 October 2023

|                                              |       | 2023          | 2022          |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|
|                                              | Notes | £             | £             |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |               |               |
| Intangible assets                            | 9     | -             | -             |
| Tangible assets                              | 10    | -             | -             |
| Investments                                  | 11    | 1             | 1             |
|                                              |       | <u>1</u>      | <u>1</u>      |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |               |               |
| Debtors                                      | 13    | 62,709        | 63,032        |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       | <u>62,709</u> | <u>63,032</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       | <u>62,710</u> | <u>63,033</u> |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>                  |       |               |               |
| Called up share capital                      | 20    | 6,271         | 6,304         |
| Share premium                                | 21    | 56,439        | 56,729        |
| Capital redemption reserve                   | 21    | 161           | -             |
| Retained earnings                            | 21    | (161)         | -             |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>                   |       | <u>62,710</u> | <u>63,033</u> |
| Company's profit for the financial year      |       | <u>-</u>      | <u>-</u>      |

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*Jon Pitman*

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Mr J J Pitman - Director

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**Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023**

|                                   | Called up<br>share<br>capital<br>£ | Retained<br>earnings<br>£ | Share<br>premium<br>£ | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>£ | Total<br>equity<br>£      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Balance at 1 November 2021</b> | 6,312                              | 73,636                    | 56,729                | -                                     | 136,677                   |
| <b>Changes in equity</b>          |                                    |                           |                       |                                       |                           |
| Issue of share capital            | (8)                                | -                         | -                     | -                                     | (8)                       |
| Total comprehensive income        | -                                  | (6,748)                   | -                     | -                                     | (6,748)                   |
| <b>Balance at 31 October 2022</b> | <u>6,304</u>                       | <u>66,888</u>             | <u>56,729</u>         | <u>-</u>                              | <u>129,921</u>            |
| <b>Changes in equity</b>          |                                    |                           |                       |                                       |                           |
| Issue of share capital            | (33)                               | -                         | (290)                 | -                                     | (323)                     |
| Total comprehensive income        | -                                  | (1,430,248)               | -                     | 161                                   | (1,430,087)               |
| <b>Balance at 31 October 2023</b> | <u><u>6,271</u></u>                | <u><u>(1,363,360)</u></u> | <u><u>56,439</u></u>  | <u><u>161</u></u>                     | <u><u>(1,300,489)</u></u> |

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**Company Statement of Changes in Equity  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023**

|                            | Called up<br>share<br>capital<br>£ | Retained<br>earnings<br>£ | Share<br>premium<br>£ | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>£ | Total<br>equity<br>£ |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Balance at 1 November 2021 | 6,304                              | -                         | 56,729                | -                                     | 63,033               |
| Changes in equity          |                                    |                           |                       |                                       |                      |
| Balance at 31 October 2022 | 6,304                              | -                         | 56,729                | -                                     | 63,033               |
| Changes in equity          |                                    |                           |                       |                                       |                      |
| Issue of share capital     | (33)                               | -                         | (290)                 | -                                     | (323)                |
| Total comprehensive income | -                                  | (161)                     | -                     | 161                                   | -                    |
| Balance at 31 October 2023 | 6,271                              | (161)                     | 56,439                | 161                                   | 62,710               |

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**Consolidated Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 October 2023**

|                                                         | Notes | 2023<br>£             | 2022<br>£            |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>             |       |                       |                      |
| Cash generated from operations                          | 24    | 1,152,985             | 1,497,701            |
| Tax paid                                                |       | -                     | (54,528)             |
| <b>Net cash from operating activities</b>               |       | <u>1,152,985</u>      | <u>1,443,173</u>     |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>             |       |                       |                      |
| Purchase of intangible fixed assets                     |       | (37,050)              | (14,863)             |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets                       |       | (488,822)             | (1,903,036)          |
| Sale of tangible fixed assets                           |       | 295,610               | 37,417               |
| Purchase of subsidiary                                  |       | (1,126,742)           | (1,021,215)          |
| <b>Net cash from investing activities</b>               |       | <u>(1,357,004)</u>    | <u>(2,901,697)</u>   |
| <b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>             |       |                       |                      |
| New loans in year                                       |       | 1,100,000             | 1,000,000            |
| Loan repayments in year                                 |       | (450,000)             | (500,000)            |
| Hire purchase financing                                 |       | (162,655)             | (308,991)            |
| Amount introduced by directors                          |       | -                     | 60                   |
| Share issue                                             |       | 1,290                 | -                    |
| Share buyback                                           |       | (1,613)               | -                    |
| Interest paid                                           |       | (244,140)             | (222,399)            |
| Other loans                                             |       | -                     | 1,386,523            |
| <b>Net cash from financing activities</b>               |       | <u>242,882</u>        | <u>1,355,193</u>     |
| <b>Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b> |       | <u>38,863</u>         | <u>(103,331)</u>     |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>   | 25    | 65,665                | 168,996              |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>         | 25    | <u><u>104,528</u></u> | <u><u>65,665</u></u> |

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1. **STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Noah Topco Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the General Information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

2. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements present the results of the Group and its subsidiaries ("the Group") as if they formed a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

Three dormant subsidiary undertakings are not consolidated within these financial statements because they are not material for giving a true and fair view (in accordance with Section 405 of the Companies Act 2006). The three excluded subsidiary undertakings are: Tyrefix UK limited, Hosefix Plant Hose Services (UK) Limited and Tyrefix Limited.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the results of business combinations using the purchase method. In the Balance sheet, the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are initially recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of acquired operations are included in the Consolidated profit and loss account from the date on which control is obtained. They are deconsolidated from the date control ceases.

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

### Significant judgements and estimates

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

### Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilization and the physical condition of the assets. The carrying amount of tangible fixed assets is disclosed in note 12 to these financial statements.

### Goodwill

The purchase price of the Fix N Fit Limited acquisition included an element of deferred consideration that was contingent on future events. The Directors have made their best assessment of the level of this consideration and it has been included in the purchase price.

The amount of goodwill recognised on acquisition in the financial statements of the group accounts is therefore estimated based on the directors assessment of contingent consideration. The annual amortisation charge for goodwill is sensitive to the changes in economic life and the carrying value of goodwill is tested for impairment annually. the directors assessment is that goodwill on the Fix N Fit acquisition has an estimated life of 10 years.

### Turnover

The company recognises turnover upon completion of the tyre replacement or repair. Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, and represents the amount receivable for goods supplied or services rendered, net of returns, discounts and rebates allowed by the company and value added taxes.

### Tangible fixed assets

|                          |                                                                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Freehold property        | 2 - 10% on cost. Land is held at cost and is not depreciated.                |
| Improvements to property | 5 - 20% on cost.                                                             |
| Plant and machinery      | 20 - 25% on cost and 10 - 50% reducing balance.                              |
| Fixtures and fittings    | 10 - 50% on cost and 10 - 25% reducing balance.                              |
| Motor vehicles           | Straight line basis over 4 - 8 years down to their estimated residual value. |

### Impairment of tangible and intangible fixed assets

At each reporting date tangible and intangible fixed assets are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If the estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Investments in subsidiaries**

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recognised at cost.

**Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Cost is determined using the weighted average cost method. Cost includes the purchase price, including taxes and duties and transport and handling directly attributable to bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

At the end of each reporting period stocks are assessed for impairment. If an item of stock is impaired, the identified stock item is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell and an impairment charge is recognised in the profit and loss account. Where a reversal of the impairment is recognised the impairment charge is reversed, up to the original impairment loss, and is recognised as a credit in the profit and loss account.

**Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

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.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

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.

Debt Instruments

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including bank loans and loan notes, are initially measured at the transaction price (adjusted for transaction cost) and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, which includes trade debtors and creditors and other loans, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Taxation**

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to profit or loss over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the group's pension scheme are charged to profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

**Going concern**

The directors assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate, i.e whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The directors make this assessment in respect of a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of the financial statements.

The directors have concluded that there are no material uncertainties about the company's ability to continue as a going concern and they are satisfied that the company has adequate resources to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due and, therefore, that it remains appropriate to continue to adopt going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess cost of the cost of acquisition of a business over the fair value of the net assets acquired. It is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is considered to have a finite useful life and is amortised on a systematic basis over its expected life. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at least annually.

Goodwill recognised on acquisition of Tyrefix Holdings Limited has an expected useful life of 10 years.

Goodwill recognised on acquisition of Fix N Fit Limited has an expected useful life of 10 years.

**Intangible assets**

Intangible assets are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Computer software is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of twenty years.

3. TURNOVER

The turnover and loss (2022 - profit) before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the group.

4. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

|                       | 2023             | 2022             |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                       | £                | £                |
| Wages and salaries    | 5,231,729        | 4,259,536        |
| Social security costs | 528,708          | 457,762          |
| Other pension costs   | 114,046          | 92,220           |
|                       | <u>5,874,483</u> | <u>4,809,518</u> |

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

|                | 2023       | 2022       |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Directors      | 3          | 2          |
| Administrative | 37         | 40         |
| Fitters        | 105        | 83         |
|                | <u>145</u> | <u>125</u> |

  

|                                                            | 2023           | 2022           |
|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                            | £              | £              |
| Directors' remuneration                                    | 334,099        | 180,632        |
| Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes | 3,082          | 2,642          |
|                                                            | <u>337,181</u> | <u>183,274</u> |

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4. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS - continued

Information regarding the highest paid director for the year ended 31 October 2023 is as follows:

|                                                 | 2023           |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
|                                                 | £              |
| Emoluments etc                                  | 130,416        |
| Pension contributions to money purchase schemes | 1,211          |
|                                                 | <u>131,627</u> |

5. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT

The operating loss (2022 - operating profit) is stated after charging/(crediting):

|                                    | 2023             | 2022             |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                    | £                | £                |
| Hire of plant and machinery        | 93,693           | 63,871           |
| Other operating leases             | 275,754          | 298,242          |
| Depreciation - owned assets        | 1,042,820        | 956,958          |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets | (16,381)         | (8,561)          |
| Goodwill amortisation              | 583,156          | 498,112          |
| Computer software amortisation     | 5,864            | 1,373            |
| Auditors' remuneration             | 30,450           | 22,500           |
| Other non- audit services          | 7,650            | 1,946            |
|                                    | <u>2,043,306</u> | <u>1,851,503</u> |

6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES

|                             | 2023           | 2022           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                             | £              | £              |
| Bank loan interest          | 300,942        | 146,662        |
| Other interest              | -              | 10,984         |
| Loan                        | 226,784        | 193,085        |
| Interest on overdue tax     | 12,072         | -              |
| Hire purchase               | 31,903         | 18,354         |
| Invoice discounting charges | 148,787        | 53,750         |
|                             | <u>720,488</u> | <u>422,835</u> |

7. TAXATION

Analysis of the tax charge

The tax charge on the loss for the year was as follows:

|                      | 2023           | 2022           |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | £              | £              |
| Deferred tax         | 199,670        | 109,983        |
| Tax on (loss)/profit | <u>199,670</u> | <u>109,983</u> |

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7. TAXATION - continued

Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

|                                                                                                    | 2023<br>£   | 2022<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| (Loss)/profit before tax                                                                           | (1,230,417) | 103,235   |
| (Loss)/profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 22.520% (2022 - 19%) | (277,090)   | 19,615    |
| Effects of:                                                                                        |             |           |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes                                                           | 203,916     | 96,701    |
| Fixed asset differences                                                                            | (7,122)     | (99,368)  |
| Adjustments in respect of prior year- deferred tax                                                 | 261,786     | -         |
| Deferred tax not recognised                                                                        | 38,403      | 66,639    |
| Change in rates - deferred tax                                                                     | (20,337)    | 26,396    |
| Other differences                                                                                  | 114         | -         |
| Total tax charge                                                                                   | 199,670     | 109,983   |

8. INDIVIDUAL STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Comprehensive Income of the parent company is not presented as part of these financial statements.

9. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group

|                       | Goodwill<br>£ | Computer<br>software<br>£ | Totals<br>£ |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| <b>COST</b>           |               |                           |             |
| At 1 November 2022    | 4,981,118     | 31,879                    | 5,012,997   |
| Additions             | 850,438       | 37,050                    | 887,488     |
| At 31 October 2023    | 5,831,556     | 68,929                    | 5,900,485   |
| <b>AMORTISATION</b>   |               |                           |             |
| At 1 November 2022    | 996,224       | 1,619                     | 997,843     |
| Amortisation for year | 583,156       | 5,864                     | 589,020     |
| At 31 October 2023    | 1,579,380     | 7,483                     | 1,586,863   |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b> |               |                           |             |
| At 31 October 2023    | 4,252,176     | 61,446                    | 4,313,622   |
| At 31 October 2022    | 3,984,894     | 30,260                    | 4,015,154   |

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# 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

## Group

|                        | Freehold<br>property<br>£        | Improvements<br>to<br>property<br>£ | Plant and<br>machinery<br>£ |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>COST</b>            |                                  |                                     |                             |
| At 1 November 2022     | 1,130,667                        | 25,096                              | 783,203                     |
| Additions              | -                                | 11,040                              | 147,709                     |
| Disposals              | -                                | -                                   | (49,486)                    |
| At 31 October 2023     | 1,130,667                        | 36,136                              | 881,426                     |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>    |                                  |                                     |                             |
| At 1 November 2022     | 22,908                           | 1,724                               | 105,024                     |
| Charge for year        | 46,313                           | 6,516                               | 125,408                     |
| Eliminated on disposal | -                                | -                                   | (49,486)                    |
| At 31 October 2023     | 69,221                           | 8,240                               | 180,946                     |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>  |                                  |                                     |                             |
| At 31 October 2023     | 1,061,446                        | 27,896                              | 700,480                     |
| At 31 October 2022     | 1,107,759                        | 23,372                              | 678,179                     |
|                        | Fixtures<br>and<br>fittings<br>£ | Motor<br>vehicles<br>£              | Totals<br>£                 |
| <b>COST</b>            |                                  |                                     |                             |
| At 1 November 2022     | 154,524                          | 3,429,204                           | 5,522,694                   |
| Additions              | 27,788                           | 407,588                             | 594,125                     |
| Disposals              | 13,646                           | (96,569)                            | (132,409)                   |
| At 31 October 2023     | 195,958                          | 3,740,223                           | 5,984,410                   |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>    |                                  |                                     |                             |
| At 1 November 2022     | 19,657                           | 1,352,847                           | 1,502,160                   |
| Charge for year        | 33,333                           | 831,250                             | 1,042,820                   |
| Eliminated on disposal | 15,432                           | (92,069)                            | (126,123)                   |
| At 31 October 2023     | 68,422                           | 2,092,028                           | 2,418,857                   |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>  |                                  |                                     |                             |
| At 31 October 2023     | 127,536                          | 1,648,195                           | 3,565,553                   |
| At 31 October 2022     | 134,867                          | 2,076,357                           | 4,020,534                   |

The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes £886,370 (2022 - £897,331) in respect of assets held under hire purchase contracts.

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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Group

|                                           | Shares in<br>group<br>undertakings<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>COST</b>                               |                                         |
| At 1 November 2022<br>and 31 October 2023 | 112                                     |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                     |                                         |
| At 31 October 2023                        | 112                                     |
| At 31 October 2022                        | 112                                     |

Company

|                                           | Shares in<br>group<br>undertakings<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>COST</b>                               |                                         |
| At 1 November 2022<br>and 31 October 2023 | 1                                       |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                     |                                         |
| At 31 October 2023                        | 1                                       |
| At 31 October 2022                        | 1                                       |

The group's subsidiaries at the Balance Sheet date are as follows:

| <u>Name of undertaking</u>               | <u>Nature of business</u>         | <u>Class of<br/>shares<br/>held</u> | <u>% Held<br/>Direct</u> | <u>% Held<br/>Indirect</u> |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Noah Midco Limited                       | Holding company                   | Ordinary                            | 100.00                   |                            |
| Noah Bidco Limited                       | Holding company                   | Ordinary                            | -                        | 100.00                     |
| Tyrefix Holdings Limited                 | Intermediate holding company      | Ordinary                            | -                        | 100.00                     |
| Fix N Fit Tyres Limited                  | Plant tyre repair and replacement | Ordinary                            | -                        | 100.00                     |
| Tyrefix Plant Tyres (UK) Limited         | Plant tyre repair and replacement | Ordinary                            | -                        | 100.00                     |
| Tyrefix UK Limited                       | Dormant                           | Ordinary                            | -                        | 100.00                     |
| Hosefix Plant Hose Services (UK) Limited | Dormant                           | Ordinary                            | -                        | 100.00                     |
| Tyrefix Limited                          | Dormant                           | Ordinary                            | -                        | 100.00                     |

The registered office of all subsidiary undertakings is Tyrefix, Brookside Industrial Estate, Spring Road, Ibstock, Leicestershire, LE67 6LR.

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12. STOCKS

|        | Group            |                  |
|--------|------------------|------------------|
|        | 2023             | 2022             |
|        | £                | £                |
| Stocks | <u>1,721,468</u> | <u>2,272,739</u> |

During the year, £Nil (2022 - £Nil) in relation to impairment of stock was recognised through the profit and loss account.

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

|                                    | Group            |                  | Company       |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                                    | 2023             | 2022             | 2023          | 2022          |
|                                    | £                | £                | £             | £             |
| Trade debtors                      | 2,618,947        | 2,953,608        | -             | -             |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | -                | -                | 62,709        | 63,032        |
| Other debtors                      | 27,798           | 43,273           | -             | -             |
| Prepayments and accrued income     | 326,825          | 289,115          | -             | -             |
|                                    | <u>2,973,570</u> | <u>3,285,996</u> | <u>62,709</u> | <u>63,032</u> |

Trade debtors are stated net of a provision for doubtful debts of £1,537 (2022: £4,000).

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

|                                         | Group            |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                         | 2023             | 2022             |
|                                         | £                | £                |
| Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 16) | 450,000          | 748,174          |
| Other loans (see note 16)               | 1,770,731        | 1,895,402        |
| Hire purchase contracts (see note 17)   | 463,843          | 382,632          |
| Trade creditors                         | 1,745,616        | 2,383,720        |
| Corporation tax                         | 37,760           | 456              |
| Social security and other taxes         | 241,263          | 111,006          |
| VAT                                     | 620,518          | 484,805          |
| Other creditors                         | 526,586          | 974,387          |
| Accruals and deferred income            | 222,691          | 194,355          |
|                                         | <u>6,079,008</u> | <u>7,174,937</u> |

Other creditors includes deferred consideration of £146,505 (2022: £950,000) in relation to the acquisition of Tyrefix Holdings Limited on 9 November 2020 and £347,000 (2022: £Nil) in relation to the acquisition of Fix N Fit Tyres Ltd on 8 November 2022.

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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

|                                       | Group            |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                       | 2023             | 2022             |
|                                       | £                | £                |
| Bank loans (see note 16)              | 2,825,000        | 1,873,196        |
| Other loans (see note 16)             | 4,348,044        | 3,747,044        |
| Hire purchase contracts (see note 17) | 213,506          | 426,003          |
|                                       | <u>7,386,550</u> | <u>6,046,243</u> |

16. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

|                                                   | Group            |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                   | 2023             | 2022             |
|                                                   | £                | £                |
| Amounts falling due within one year or on demand: |                  |                  |
| Bank loans                                        | 450,000          | 748,174          |
| Other loans                                       | 1,770,731        | 1,895,402        |
|                                                   | <u>2,220,731</u> | <u>2,643,576</u> |
| Amounts falling due between one and two years:    |                  |                  |
| Bank loans - 1-2 years                            | <u>575,000</u>   | <u>832,111</u>   |
| Amounts falling due between two and five years:   |                  |                  |
| Bank loans - 2-5 years                            | 2,250,000        | 1,041,085        |
| Other loans - 2-5 years                           | 4,348,044        | -                |
|                                                   | <u>6,598,044</u> | <u>1,041,085</u> |
| Amounts falling due in more than five years:      |                  |                  |
| Repayable otherwise than by instalments           |                  |                  |
| Other loans                                       | <u>-</u>         | <u>3,747,044</u> |

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17. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments fall due as follows:

Group

|                            | Hire purchase contracts |                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
|                            | 2023                    | 2022           |
|                            | £                       | £              |
| Net obligations repayable: |                         |                |
| Within one year            | 463,843                 | 382,632        |
| Between one and five years | 213,506                 | 426,003        |
|                            | <u>677,349</u>          | <u>808,635</u> |

Group

|                            | Non-cancellable<br>operating leases |                |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
|                            | 2023                                | 2022           |
|                            | £                                   | £              |
| Within one year            | 104,259                             | 89,598         |
| Between one and five years | 155,361                             | 223,249        |
|                            | <u>259,620</u>                      | <u>312,847</u> |

18. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

|                         | Group            |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                         | 2023             | 2022             |
|                         | £                | £                |
| Bank loans              | 3,275,000        | 2,621,370        |
| Hire purchase contracts | 677,349          | 808,635          |
| Factoring Loan          | 1,770,731        | 1,895,402        |
|                         | <u>5,723,080</u> | <u>5,325,407</u> |

The bank loan has a balance at 31 October 2023 of £3,271,389 (2022: £2,621,370) and is repayable by quarterly instalments with the final instalment due by 30 September 2027. Interest on the loans is charged at 4.25% - 4.75% over the Bank of England base rate.

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

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19. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

|                                | Group          |                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
|                                | 2023           | 2022             |
|                                | £              | £                |
| Deferred tax                   |                |                  |
| Accelerated capital allowances | 681,724        | 474,809          |
| Tax losses carried forward     | (167,939)      | (187,020)        |
|                                | <u>513,785</u> | <u>287,789</u>   |
| Other provisions               | -              | 21,310           |
|                                | <u>-</u>       | <u>21,310</u>    |
| Aggregate amounts              | <u>513,785</u> | <u>309,099</u>   |
| Group                          |                |                  |
|                                | Deferred tax   | Other provisions |
|                                | £              | £                |
| Balance at 1 November 2022     | 287,789        | 21,310           |
| Provided during year           | 199,670        | -                |
| Utilised during year           | -              | (21,310)         |
| On acquired business           | 26,326         | -                |
|                                | <u>26,326</u>  | <u>-</u>         |
| Balance at 31 October 2023     | <u>513,785</u> | <u>-</u>         |

20. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

| Allotted, issued and fully paid: |            |                | 2023         | 2022         |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Number:                          | Class:     | Nominal value: | £            | £            |
| 5,000,001                        | Ordinary A | 0.001          | 5,000        | 5,000        |
| 322,580                          | Ordinary B | 0.001          | 323          | 323          |
| 980,644                          | Ordinary C | 0.001          | 948          | 981          |
|                                  |            |                | <u>6,271</u> | <u>6,304</u> |

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21. RESERVES

Group

|                        | Retained<br>earnings<br>£ | Share<br>premium<br>£ | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>£ | Totals<br>£        |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| At 1 November 2022     | 66,887                    | 56,729                | -                                     | 123,616            |
| Deficit for the year   | (1,430,087)               |                       |                                       | (1,430,087)        |
| Purchase of own shares | (161)                     | -                     | 161                                   | -                  |
| Cash share issue       | -                         | 1,161                 | -                                     | 1,161              |
| Share buy back         | -                         | (1,451)               | -                                     | (1,451)            |
| At 31 October 2023     | <u>(1,363,361)</u>        | <u>56,439</u>         | <u>161</u>                            | <u>(1,306,761)</u> |

Company

|                        | Retained<br>earnings<br>£ | Share<br>premium<br>£ | Capital<br>redemption<br>reserve<br>£ | Totals<br>£   |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| At 1 November 2022     | -                         | 56,729                | -                                     | 56,729        |
| Profit for the year    | -                         |                       |                                       | -             |
| Purchase of own shares | (161)                     | -                     | 161                                   | -             |
| Cash share issue       | -                         | 1,161                 | -                                     | 1,161         |
| Share buy back         | -                         | (1,451)               | -                                     | (1,451)       |
| At 31 October 2023     | <u>(161)</u>              | <u>56,439</u>         | <u>161</u>                            | <u>56,439</u> |

22. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

A farming partnership is a related party to the company and the following transactions have taken place between the company and this partnership:

- During the year the group leased vehicles for £15,309 (2022: £NIL), rented storage facilities charged at £NIL (2022: £32,316) from the partnership, and also recharged expenses incurred.
- At the balance sheet date the group was owed £8,339 (2022: £3,270) from this partnership. This balance is presented within trade debtors £8,339 (2022: £1,334) and within other debtors £Nil (2022: £1,936).

23. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate holding company is Literacy Capital plc (Company Number 10976145). Literacy Capital plc does not have an ultimate controlling party.

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24. RECONCILIATION OF (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION TO CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

|                                                  | 2023             | 2022             |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                                  | £                | £                |
| (Loss)/profit before taxation                    | (1,230,417)      | 103,235          |
| Depreciation charges                             | 769,876          | 956,957          |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets               | (16,381)         | (8,561)          |
| Amortisation charges                             | 589,020          | 499,485          |
| Movement in provisions                           | (21,310)         | 21,311           |
| Finance costs                                    | 720,488          | 422,835          |
|                                                  | <u>811,276</u>   | <u>1,995,262</u> |
| Decrease/(increase) in stocks                    | 556,271          | (1,068,422)      |
| Decrease/(increase) in trade and other debtors   | 701,138          | (379,158)        |
| (Decrease)/increase in trade and other creditors | (915,700)        | 950,019          |
|                                                  | <u>1,152,985</u> | <u>1,497,701</u> |
| <b>Cash generated from operations</b>            | <u>1,152,985</u> | <u>1,497,701</u> |

25. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The amounts disclosed on the Cash Flow Statement in respect of cash and cash equivalents are in respect of these Balance Sheet amounts:

Year ended 31 October 2023

|                           | 31.10.23       | 1.11.22       |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|
|                           | £              | £             |
| Cash and cash equivalents | <u>104,528</u> | <u>65,665</u> |

Year ended 31 October 2022

|                           | 31.10.22      | 1.11.21        |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                           | £             | £              |
| Cash and cash equivalents | <u>65,665</u> | <u>168,996</u> |

26. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

|                                 | At 1.11.22         | Cash flow        | At 31.10.23         |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                                 | £                  | £                | £                   |
| <b>Net cash</b>                 |                    |                  |                     |
| Cash at bank and in hand        | <u>65,665</u>      | <u>38,863</u>    | <u>104,528</u>      |
|                                 | <u>65,665</u>      | <u>38,863</u>    | <u>104,528</u>      |
| <b>Debt</b>                     |                    |                  |                     |
| Finance leases                  | (808,635)          | 131,286          | (677,349)           |
| Debts falling due within 1 year | (2,643,576)        | 422,845          | (2,220,731)         |
| Debts falling due after 1 year  | (5,620,240)        | (1,552,804)      | (7,173,044)         |
|                                 | <u>(9,072,451)</u> | <u>(998,673)</u> | <u>(10,071,124)</u> |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <u>(9,006,786)</u> | <u>(959,810)</u> | <u>(9,966,596)</u>  |