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Strategic Report, Directors' Report and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

for

**Dee Set Logistics Limited** 

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# **Dee Set Logistics Limited**

Company Information for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

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

### Overview of business

Dee Set Logistics Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Retail Solutions (Holdings) Limited. The group's aim is to provide services that add value to both retailers and their suppliers through efficient and simplified end-to-end processes designed to improve in-store product availability and thereby maximise sales opportunities.

The principal activities of the company involve the provision of Distribution and in-store Merchandising services. Warehouse fulfilment activities (the supply of product for resale involving procurement, stock management, order processing, and pick and pack operations) are transacted through a fellow group company, Dee Set Confectionery Limited.

The in-store Merchandising team now exceeds 3,000 employees whose activities surround product order preparation & processing, receipt & shelf replenishment/presentation, tactical merchandising, store audit, and store re-fit services. Whilst historically the focus was in support of the Health & Beauty and Impulse sectors, the field team now also includes specialist teams dedicated to Store Refit & Development and Clothing merchandising.

### Review of the year

The UK retail sector, like most industries, was significantly impacted in 2020 by Covid-19. Whilst our core customers in the grocery sector continued to trade, products and retailers classes as "non-essential" were effected by government restrictions.

Despite the challenges this created, the company continued to pursue its strategic objectives: investing in technology to reduce operational costs; focusing on delivery to core customers and establishing new relationships; and developing online sales channels.

The company's turnover was reported as £30,571,618 (2019: £36,257,471).

Gross profits were reported at £6,727,386 (2019: £8,145,798).

Operating Profit was £1,198,801 (2019: £428,883). Retained profits for the financial year at £818,646 (2019: £186,627) increased Net Assets to £4,539,696 (2019: £3,391,875).

Cash inflow from operating activities was £2,146,912 (2019: £1,908,483 outflow).

### Section 172(1) statement

The way the company responded to the disruption caused by Covid-19 was the defining feature of 2020 and in many ways accelerated our strategic plans.

Our business-to-business (B2B) revenues came under pressure as our core products (like cosmetics) were initially deemed as non-essential when the grocers were prioritising food supplies.

Our investment in data and technology allowed us to transition seamlessly into a more remote working model and this brought significant efficiencies as initiatives like virtual store visits and our online training platform became invaluable.

The changes to the revenue mix gave us the opportunity to realign the overhead in our support resource functions and allowed us to realise savings and become more agile and customer focused.

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

### **Engagement with employees**

Throughout 2020 we recognised that listening to our colleagues was even more important than ever as we navigated our teams through the pandemic. With our new ongoing colleague feedback app, we were able to listen and learn in real time.

The engagement score in 2020 rose by 15% year on year, our strongest number to date.

With colleague wellbeing being high on our agenda we launched our Mental Health First Aider program which has had a huge positive impact on our colleagues across the group. We have 25 trained mental health first aiders across the UK who can support and point our colleagues who are in need in the right direction.

We launched our new eLearning platform 'Thrive'. We have just over 3000 active users registered. This is not only a mandatory eLearning platform but it also allows our colleagues to self-learn and create colleague generated content empowering them to become teachers of our business. Throughout 2020 we have 380,000 views of content and we average over 1200 likes of content per month, this has created a real community spirit particularly with our colleagues that work remotely.

#### Outlook

The company strategy is built on the belief that it adds value through the efficient execution of in store and consolidated supply in categories outside of the retailers core, benefiting both retailers and their originating suppliers. The company continues to invest in its infrastructure to secure further profitable expansion and the Directors remain pleased with the progress achieved.

The Board remains confident about the future pipeline of activity and the business growth strategy.

The 2020 results are a great achievement in the context of the challenges faced, and the directors are confident that as a result of the actions taken to manage the cost base during the year, the company is well placed to continue to meet its strategic objectives for the benefits of its stakeholders during 2020.

### Financial risk management

The directors ensure that the company's liquidity is maintained by entering into both short and long term financial instruments to support operational and other funding requirements. The directors consider that the group has limited exposure to all aspects of financial risk.

### **Employment policy**

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the company continues and the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of a disabled person should, as far as possible, be identical to that of a person who does not suffer from a disability.

Consultation with employees or their representatives has continued at all levels, with the aim of ensuring that their views are taken into account when decisions are made that are likely to affect their interests and that all employees are aware of the financial and economic performance of their business units and of the company as a whole.

### On behalf of the board:

G A Phillips - Director

29th June 2021

# **Directors' Report**

for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 2020.

#### **Dividends**

Information relating to dividends paid is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### Directors

The directors holding office during the year and subsequently (except where indicated) were as follows:

I D Andrews G A Phillips

T Mahmood (resigned 30th April 2020)

### Streamlined energy and carbon reporting

### Consumption (kWh) and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (tCO2e) totals

The following figures make up the energy and carbon emissions for the company, as this year is the first that the company has been required to report this information, this will be used as the base year going forward.

Scope 1 consumption and emissions relate to the direct consumption of natural gas and fuels used for transportation operations, such as HGV's, company cars & Vans. Transport also includes vehicles that are owned by company employees who use their cars on company business and are reimbursed through expenses.

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

### **Totals**

The total consumption (kWh) figures for energy supplies reportable for the activities in 2020 are as follows:

2020 Consumption
<u>(kWh</u> )
582,922
770,809
<u>2,184,104</u>
<u>3,537,835</u>

The total emissions for the company are as follows (tCO2e):

<u>Utility &amp; Scope</u>	2020 Emissions (tCO2e)
Supplied Electricity (Scope	142
2) Natural Gas (Scope 1)	149
Transportation (Scope 1)	<u>519</u>
Total	810

# **Intensity Ratio**

tCO2e /£m Turnover 7.86

### Energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives

During the reporting year the company took no significant measures to increase its energy efficiency and therefore reduce its carbon footprint.

### Disclosure in the strategic report

The company has chosen in accordance with section 414C(11) of the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 to set out in the company's strategic report

and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 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 of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

### 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 company'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 company's auditors are aware of that information.

# **Auditors**

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

On behalf of the board:

G A Phillips - Director

29th June 2021

# Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Dee Set Logistics Limited

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Dee Set Logistics Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31st December 2020 which comprise the Income Statement, Other Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, 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 company's affairs as at 31st December 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 Auditors' 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

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 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 Strategic Report and the Directors' Report, 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 Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Dee Set Logistics Limited

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

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

### **Responsibilities of directors**

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

### 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:

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, our procedures included the following:

- enquiring of management including obtaining and reviewing supporting documentation concerning the
  - company's policies and procedures relating to:
  - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any
    - instances of non compliance;
  - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have any knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
  - the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- discussions among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial
  - statements and any potential indicators of fraud.
- obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework in which the company operates, focusing on
  - those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on
  - the operations of the company. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the
  - Companies Act 2006, Pension legislation and Tax legislation.

Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

# Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Dee Set Logistics Limited

# 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.

Timothy McNeal FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Hardings Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor 6 Marsh Parade Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire ST5 1DU

29th June 2021

Income Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

	Notes	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
Turnover	3	30,571,618	36,257,471
Cost of sales Gross profit		23,844,232 6,727,386	28,111,673 8,145,798
Administrative expenses		5,681,918 1,045,468	7,847,181 298,617
Other operating income Operating profit	4 7	11,464 1,056,932	130,266 428,883
Cost of fundamental reorganisation	8	<u>274,611</u> 782,321	428,883
Interest receivable and similar	income	1,198 783,519	428,883
Interest payable and similar exprofit before taxation	penses 9	<u>51,817</u> 731,702	143,608 285,275
Tax on profit  Profit for the financial year	10	11,651 720,051	98,648 186,627

The notes form part of these financial statements

Dee Set Logistics Limited (Registered number: SC208421)

Other Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

Notes	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
Profit for the year	720,051	186,627
Other comprehensive income Total comprehensive income for the year	720,051	186,627

The notes form part of these financial statements

# Balance Sheet 31st December 2020

		31/1:	2/20	31/12	2/19
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	11		1,789,717		465,298
Tangible assets	12		1,302,743		797,817
Investments	13		-		209,128
Investment property	14				
			3,092,460		1,472,243
Current assets					
Stocks	15	93,650		132,120	
Debtors	16	12,555,525		11,277,919	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,601,275		1,227,100	
		14,250,450		12,637,139	
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	17	12,791,282		10,563,276	
Net current assets			1,459,168		2,073,863
Total assets less current liabilities			4,551,628		3,546,106
Provisions for liabilities	19		(72,963)		(107,703)
Accruals and deferred income	20		(37,564)		(46,528)
Net assets			4,441,101		3,391,875
C '41 1					
Capital and reserves	0.1		110 500		00.000
Called up share capital	21		112,500		90,000
Share premium	22		306,675		2 201 975
Retained earnings	22		4,021,926		3,301,875
Shareholders' funds	25		4,441,101		3,391,875

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 29th June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

ID Andrews - Director

G A Phillips - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

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

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings £	Share premium £	Total equity
Balance at 1st January 2019	90,000	3,115,248	-	3,205,248
Changes in equity Total comprehensive income	_	186,627	_	186,627
Balance at 31st December 2019	90,000	3,301,875	-	3,391,875
Changes in equity Issue of share capital Total comprehensive income	22,500	- 720,051	306,675	329,175 720,051
Balance at 31st December 2020	112,500	4,021,926	306,675	4,441,101

The notes form part of these financial statements

# Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

N	lotes	31/12/20 €	31/12/19 £
Cash flows from operating activities	iotes	æ	<b>∞</b>
	26	2,130,574	2,142,886
Interest paid		(51,817)	(143,608)
Tax paid		68,155	(90,795)
Net cash from operating activities		2,146,912	1,908,483
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		(1,655,723)	(307,808)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(899,403)	(199,438)
Sale of intangible fixed assets		(141,537)	-
Sale of tangible fixed assets		166,437	-
Sale of fixed asset investments		701,231	-
Interest received		1,198	
Net cash from investing activities		<u>(1,827,797</u> )	(507,246)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		-	(100,000)
Amount introduced by directors		55,060	=
Movement on directors' loan accounts			<u>(161,117</u> )
Net cash from financing activities		55,060	(261,117)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	S	374,175	1,140,120
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of	27	1,227,100	86,980
year	<i>4</i>	1,227,100	30,980
Cash and cash equivalents at end of	27	1,601,275	1,227,100
year	-	,	,,
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The notes form part of these financial statements

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

### 1. Statutory information

Dee Set Logistics Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in Scotland. The company's registered number is SC208421 and its registered office is Collins House, Rutland Square, Edinburgh, Midlothian, EH1 2AA. The company's principal place of business is The Distribution Centre, Victoria Road, Fenton, Staffordshire, ST4 8HX.

The financial statements are prepared in Pound Sterling (£), which is the functional currency of the entity.

# 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.

# Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirements of paragraphs 26.18(b), 26.19 to 26.21 and 26.23;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

### Significant judgements and estimates

The company makes judgements and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the actual results. The only estimates and assumptions that are considered to have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are considered to be the value of bad debt provisions and the rates at which assets are being depreciated.

### **Turnover**

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

Revenue is recognised when substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the customer or when the service is delivered.

### **Amortisation**

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Goodwill - Straight line over 5 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.

Software costs are being amortised evenly over their estimated useful life of 4 years.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

### 2. Accounting policies - continued

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Freehold property - Buildings straight line over 50 years

Plant and machinery - 20% on cost Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 25% on cost

Motor vehicles - 25% on reducing balance and 20% on reducing

balance

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

### Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recognised at cost.

### **Investment property**

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in profit or loss.

#### 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 on a FIFO basis.

### Financial instruments

The company only holds basic financial instruments as defined in FRS102. The financial assets and financial liabilities of the company and their measurement basis as follows:

Financial assets - trade and other debtors are basic financial instruments and are debt instruments measured at amortised cost as detailed in the notes to these accounts. Prepayments are not financial instruments.

Cash at bank - is classified as a basic financial instrument and is measured at face value.

Financial liabilities - trade creditors, accruals, invoice discounting, bank loans and other creditors are financial instruments and are measured at amortised cost as detailed in the notes to these accounts. Taxation and social security are not included in the financial instruments definition.

# **Taxation**

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

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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

# 2. Accounting policies - continued

### Research and development

The Group capitalises development expenditure as an asset when it is able to demonstrate all of the following:

- (a) the technical feasibility of completing the asset so that it will be available for use or sale;
- (b) its intention to complete the asset and use or sell it;
- (c) its ability to use or sell the asset;
- (d) how the asset will generate probable future economic benefits. Among other things, the entity can demonstrate the existence of a market for the output of the asset or the asset itself or, if it is to be used internally, the usefulness of the asset;
- (e) the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the asset;
- (f) its ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the asset during its development.

All research and development expenditure that does not meet the above conditions is expensed as incurred.

### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

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.

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

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

### **Deferred government grants**

Deferred government grants in respect of capital expenditure are treated as deferred income and are credited to the profit and loss account over the estimated useful life of the assets to which they relate.

### 3. Turnover

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the principal activities of the company.

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:

		31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
	United Kingdom	30,089,682	35,712,292
	Europe	433,809	536,246
	United States of America	44,329	-
	Asia	3,798	8,933
		30,571,618	36,257,471
4.	Other operating income	31/12/20	31/12/19
	Sundry receipts	£ 2,500	£ 121,302
	Government grants	8,964	8,964
		11,464	130,266

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#### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31st December 2020

5.	<b>Employees and directors</b>		
	• •	31/12/20	31/12/19
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	22,405,701	25,882,516
	Social security costs	965,235	1,195,862
	Other pension costs	316,303	353,131

23.687.239 27,431,509 The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

31/12/20

31/12/19

Staff (including directors) 2,536 3,009

6. **Directors' emoluments** 

> 31/12/20 31/12/19 £ £ Directors' remuneration 212,508 322,431 32,603 Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes 26,840

The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:

Money purchase schemes

Information regarding the highest paid director is as follows:

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Emoluments etc	151,056	151,894
Pension contributions to money purchase schemes	21,120	20,820

The directors are considered to be the company's "key management personnel".

#### 7. **Operating profit**

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

	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
Depreciation - owned assets	223,490	377,736
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(204,479)	-
Goodwill amortisation	63,571	-
Computer software amortisation	126,195	58,216
Auditors' remuneration	16,000	16,000
Other non- audit services	22,150	23,931
Operating lease costs - land and buildings	166,638	241,268
Operating lease costs - motor vehicles	274,342	422,543
Exceptional items		
-	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
Cost of fundamental	•	~
reorganisation	<u>(274,611</u> )	

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9.	Interest	payable	and simila	r expenses
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	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 €
Bank loan interest	1,221	1,877
Invoice discounting interest	49,051	140,392
Directors' loan interest	1,545	1,339
	51,817	143,608

#### 10. Taxation

# Analysis of the tax charge

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

	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax	44,881	-
Prior year adjustment	1,510	11,921
Total current tax	46,391	11,921
Deferred tax	(34,740)	86,727
Tax on profit	11,651	98,648

# Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss

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

	31/12/20 €	31/12/19 £
Profit before tax	731,702	285,275
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019 - 19%)	139,023	54,202
Effects of:	155	40.5
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	155 (102,082)	485
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	(102,002)	40,211
Utilisation of tax losses	-	4,449
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods repayments	1,510	11,921
R&D tax credits	(26,955)	(12,620)
Total tax charge	11,651	98,648

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# 11. **Intangible fixed assets**

	Goodwill	Computer software	Totals
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1st January 2020	25,002	523,514	548,516
Additions	536,106	1,119,617	1,655,723
Disposals	(25,000)	(224,819)	(249,819)
At 31st December 2020	536,108	1,418,312	1,954,420
Amortisation			
At 1st January 2020	25,002	58,216	83,218
Amortisation for year	63,571	126,195	189,766
Eliminated on disposal	(25,000)	(83,281)	(108,281)
At 31st December 2020	63,573	101,130	164,703
Net book value			
At 31st December 2020	472,535	1,317,182	1,789,717
At 31st December 2019	_	465,298	465,298

# 12. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	fittings and equipment £
Cost			
At 1st January 2020	240,000	89,309	498,664
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals		<u> </u>	
At 31st December 2020	240,000	89,309	498,664
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2020	28,400	84,740	330,537
Charge for year	4,800	1,656	50,999
Eliminated on disposal		<u> </u>	
At 31st December 2020	33,200	86,396	381,536
Net book value		_	
At 31st December 2020	206,800	2,913	117,128
At 31st December 2019	211,600	4,569	168,127

Fixtures,

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#### 12. Tangible fixed assets - continued

	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
Cost			
At 1st January 2020	660,916	2,684,484	4,173,373
Additions	=	899,403	899,403
Disposals	(293,466)	(537,465)	(830,931)
At 31st December 2020	367,450	3,046,422	4,241,845
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2020	520,699	2,411,180	3,375,556
Charge for year	18,417	147,618	223,490
Eliminated on disposal	(243,466)	(416,478)	(659,944)
At 31st December 2020	295,650	2,142,320	2,939,102
Net book value			_
At 31st December 2020	71,800	904,102	1,302,743
At 31st December 2019	140,217	273,304	797,817

#### 13. Fixed asset investments

Shares in group undertakings £
-
209,128
(209,128)
<del>-</del>
-
209,128

The above represents investments as follows: Nil (2019 - £209,128) being 76% (2018 - 76%) of the ordinary share capital of Pascalle Limited - a company incorporated in the U.K. The principal activity of this company was the manufacture of cosmetic products. The registered office of Pascalle Limited is Unit 15 Lymedale Business Centre, Hooters Hall Road, Newcastle, Staffordshire, ST5 9QF. The company was placed into liquidation on 27 March 2020.

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14.	<b>Investment</b>	pro	nertv
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14.	Investment property		Total
			£
	Fair value		
	At 1st January 2020		111 500
	and 31st December 2020		111,500
	Depreciation		
	At 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020		111,500
	Net book value		111,500
	At 31st December 2020		_
	At 31st December 2019		
	At 31st December 2019		
15.	Stocks		
13.	Stucks	31/12/20	31/12/19
		51/12/20 £	£
	Stock of fuel	13,649	12,080
	Store fittings	80,001	120,040
		93,650	132,120
16.	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
	•	31/12/20	31/12/19
		£	£
	Trade debtors	2,255,778	3,614,308
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	8,183,243	5,598,929
	Other debtors	464,521	426,526
	Called up share capital not paid	329,175	1 600 156
	Prepayments and accrued income	1,322,808	1,638,156
		12,555,525	11,277,919

Trade debtors are stated net of a bad debt provision of £6,642 (2019 - £36,809).

Amounts owed by group undertakings is classified as due within one year as it is repayable on demand. However, there is no expectation of this amount being recovered in the foreseeable future.

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

<b>g</b>	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
Trade creditors	3,606,349	1,992,008
Amounts owed to group undertakings	6,421,825	6,909,576
Tax	44,881	(78,874)
Social security and other taxes	5,838	(326,605)
Other creditors	117,959	32,231
Directors' loan accounts	63,964	8,904
Accruals and deferred income	2,530,466	2,026,036
	12,791,282	10,563,276

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# 17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year - continued

The bank loans and invoice discounting facility are secured by a charge over the assets of the group.

Cross guarantee for all sums, between Dee Set Logistics Limited, Dee Set Confectionery Limited and Retail Solutions (Holdings) Limited, were granted on 14th October 2003. White Hinge Limited was added to this cross guarantee with effect from 13th November 2018.

All sums secured by a bond and floating charge over the whole assets of the company and registered 27th February 2001.

Debenture for all sums due over the whole assets of the company, dated 6th May 2005 and registered 1st June 2005.

#### 18. Leasing agreements

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	William lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases ia	ii duc as ioiio	ws.
		31/12/20	31/12/19
		£	£
	Within one year	142,274	228,365
	Between one and five years	89,439	202,283
	In more than five years	33,655	
		265,368	430,648
19.	Provisions for liabilities		
		31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
	Deferred tax	~	<b>~</b>
	Accelerated capital allowances	72,963	107,703
	1		
			Deferred
			tax
			£
	Balance at 1st January 2020		107,703
	Provided during year		(34,740)
	Balance at 31st December 2020		72,963
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20.	Accruals and deferred income	21/12/20	21/12/10
		31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
	Deferred government grants	37,564	46,528
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#### 21. Called up share capital

Allotted, iss Number:	sued and fully paid: Class:	Nominal value:	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
90,000	Ordinary	£1	90,000	90,000
Allotted an				
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	31/12/20 £	31/12/19 £
22,500	Share capital 2	£1	22,500	

22,500 Ordinary "A" Shares of £1 each were allotted at a premium of £13.63 per share during the year. These are "growth shares" issued to 3 executives.

#### 22. Reserves

	Retained earnings £	Share premium £	Totals £
At 1st January 2020	3,301,875	-	3,301,875
Profit for the year	720,051		720,051
Cash share issue	<del>_</del> _	306,675	306,675
At 31st December 2020	4,021,926	306,675	4,328,601

# 23. Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent undertaking of Dee Set Logistics Limited is Retail Solutions (Holdings) Limited which controls 100% of the shares of the company effective from 1st February 2005. The director I D Andrews is the majority shareholder of the shares of the holding company and is therefore the ultimate controlling party of the company.

Copies of the financial statements of Retail Solutions (Holdings) Limited can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

#### 24. Related party disclosures

The company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

#### **Entities under common control**

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Sales	<del>-</del>	31,396

These transactions and balances relate to Pascalle Limited.

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# 24. Related party disclosures - continued

Key management personnel	of the entity	or its narent (	in the aggregate)
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•			·	•	·	00	31/12/20	31/12/19
							£	£
Amount	due to related	l party						8,904

# Other related parties

These transactions and balances relate to Etiqus Limited and Works With Water Nutraceuticals Limited. Works with Water Nutraceuticals Limited ceased to be a related party with effect from 5 November 2019.

#### 25. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	31/12/20 c	31/12/19 e
	æ.	10669
Profit for the financial year	720,051	186,627
New share capital subscribed	329,175	
Net addition to shareholders' funds	1,049,226	186,627
Opening shareholders' funds	3,391,875	3,205,248
Closing shareholders' funds	4,441,101	3,391,875

#### 26. Reconciliation of profit before taxation to cash generated from operations

	31/12/20	31/12/19
	£	£
Profit before taxation	731,702	285,275
Depreciation charges	413,257	435,951
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(204,479)	=
Government grants	(8,964)	(8,964)
Finance costs	51,817	143,608
Finance income	(1,198)	
	982,135	855,870
Decrease in stocks	38,470	1,144
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other debtors	(1,041,704)	2,015,945
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other creditors	2,151,673	(730,073)
Cash generated from operations	2,130,574	2,142,886

#### 27. 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 31st December 2020

	31.12.20	1.1.20
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	1,601,275	1,227,100
Year ended 31st December 2019		
	31.12.19	1.1.19
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	1,227,100	86,980

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# 28. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.12.20
Net cash Cash at bank and in hand	1,227,100	374,175	1,601,275
	1,227,100	374,175	1,601,275
Total	1,227,100	374,175	1,601,275

