

Company Registration No. 00572109 (England and Wales)

AERCO LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

AERCO LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Principle activities

The company's principal activity is the supply of components to the aeronautical, transportation, medical equipment and industrial manufacturing industries. The statement of financial position remains strong with net assets £4,076,006 (2022 - £3,729,239).

Fair review of business

The company achieved a reasonable 15% growth in sales compared with the previous year and with an improvement in gross margin and continuing control of operating expenses has returned a 41% increase in profit before tax.

The workforce is stable, with low staff turnover. During the year the company has introduced a revised system of operational procedures online and improved training resources that are designed to further improve company efficiencies.

At the end of the year the order book stood at £7.6m, providing a strong foundation for the coming year's trading.

Partly as a consequence of the strong order book the company's stocks increased to £6.2m which has caused some pressure to the company's cash flow, however this has been managed well with only occasional requirements to call on the overdraft arrangements in place with our bankers.

The customer base is diverse, representing companies in defence, aerospace, rail, engineering and medical manufacturing industries. The company gained two franchised supplier business partners during the year, providing good resilience to market changes.

Financial instruments and risks

The company holds or issues financial instruments to finance its operation. Operations are financed by retained earnings. Working capital requirements are met out of retained earnings. In addition, various financial instruments such as trade receivables and trade payables arise directly from the company's operations. The company does not enter into any hedging arrangements.

The company is mainly exposed to credit risk from credit sales. It is company policy to assess the credit risk of new customers and to factor the information from these credit ratings into future dealings with the customers. At the statement of financial position date there were no significant concentrations of credit risk. The maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the statement of financial position.

The company undertakes a limited number of foreign currency transactions and is therefore exposed to foreign exchange risk. To part manage this risk, the company maintain foreign currency bank accounts into which foreign company receipts from customers are deposited and from which payments to suppliers are made. From time-to-time transfers are then made between the foreign currency and Sterling bank accounts.

The directors carefully monitor the liquidity and cash flow risk of the group of which the company is a member. The group has investments in liquidity funds with the group's bankers which are used to manage fluctuations in cash flow. Cash flow is monitored by the directors on a regular basis.

Future developments

Each of the markets in which we operate are enjoying steady business conditions despite the high inflation within the general economy.

With improved training resources and operational procedures in place the company plans to invest in strengthening the sales team and the marketing resource in order to accelerate growth in the coming three year period.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Key performance indicators (KPIs)

The company employs several financial KPIs which it uses to monitor and control the development of the business. These are split between the financial performance KPIs of margin and staff costs against gross profit and the financial position KPIs of inventory turnover and receivable days. The majority of these are currently running better than target.

	2023	2022
	£	As restated £
Revenue	15,823,408	13,749,292
Gross profit £	4,831,107	4,103,889
Gross profit %	31	30
Staff costs £	2,052,142	1,869,781
Staff costs % of gross profit	42	45
Inventory turnover	2	2
Receivables days	65	66

On behalf of the board

Mr R Laughton
Director

11 August 2023

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 8.

During the year ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £851,333 (2022: £137,750). The directors do not recommend payment of a further dividend for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Mr R Laughton
Ms F G Ayres
Mr H C Laughton
Mrs N A Still

Auditor

The auditor, Carpenter Box, is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Matters covered in the strategic report

The company has chosen in accordance with Companies Act 2006, s. 414C(11) to set out in the company's strategic report information required by Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, Sch. 7 to be contained in the directors' report. It has done so in respect of financial instruments, principal risks and uncertainties, future development and principal activities.

Going concern assessment

The directors have undertaken a robust assessment of the company's future trading prospects and have concluded that the company remains a going concern. See note 1.2 to the financial statements for further detail.

On behalf of the board

Mr R Laughton
Director

11 August 2023

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AERCO LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of AERCO Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF AERCO 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 and 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 remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in, focusing on those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the financial statements and operations;
- Obtaining an understanding of the company's policies and procedures on fraud risks, including knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Discussing among the engagement team how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud through our knowledge and understanding of the company and our sector-specific experience.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the company for fraud. We are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. As a result of performing the above, we identified the following areas as those most likely to have an impact on the financial statements: health & safety, employment law and compliance with the UK Companies Act, the valuation of inventory and the adequacy of stock provision.

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In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Making enquiries of management about any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of the board and senior management
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to stock provisions; and
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness.

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements in the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK). For instance, the further removed non-compliance is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the auditor is to become aware of it or to recognise the non-compliance.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Robert Dowling FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Carpenter Box
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor
Crawley

11 August 2023

Carpenter Box is a trading name of Carpenter Box Limited



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	as restated £
Revenue	4	15,823,408	13,749,292
Cost of sales		(10,992,301)	(9,645,403)
Gross profit		<u>4,831,107</u>	<u>4,103,889</u>
Distribution costs		(330,392)	(276,301)
Administrative expenses		(3,005,588)	(2,768,106)
Operating profit	5	<u>1,495,127</u>	<u>1,059,482</u>
Finance costs		(14,323)	(10,323)
Profit before taxation		<u>1,480,804</u>	<u>1,049,159</u>
Tax on profit	9	(282,704)	(197,826)
Profit for the financial year		<u><u>1,198,100</u></u>	<u><u>851,333</u></u>

The statement of comprehensive income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Inventories	11	6,184,390		5,700,085	
Trade and other receivables	12	2,961,036		2,612,585	
Cash and cash equivalents		264,127		492,646	
		<u>9,409,553</u>		<u>8,805,316</u>	
Current liabilities	13	(5,182,334)		(4,858,963)	
Net current assets			4,227,219		3,946,353
Non-current liabilities	14		(151,213)		(217,114)
Net assets			<u>4,076,006</u>		<u>3,729,239</u>
Equity					
Called up share capital	17		794,313		794,313
Share premium account			6,000		6,000
Retained earnings			3,275,693		2,928,926
Total equity			<u>4,076,006</u>		<u>3,729,239</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 11 August 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr R Laughton
Director

Company Registration No. 00572109

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Share capital	Share premium account	Retained earnings	Total
Notes	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 April 2021	794,313	6,000	2,215,343	3,015,656
Year ended 31 March 2022:				
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	851,333	851,333
Dividends	10	-	(137,750)	(137,750)
Balance at 31 March 2022	794,313	6,000	2,928,926	3,729,239
Year ended 31 March 2023:				
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	1,198,100	1,198,100
Dividends	10	-	(851,333)	(851,333)
Balance at 31 March 2023	794,313	6,000	3,275,693	4,076,006

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Company information

AERCO Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Units 16-17, Lawson Hunt Industrial Park, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham, RH12 3JR.

1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

This company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102, being a member of a group where the parent of that group prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements, including this company, which are intended to give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group. The company has therefore taken advantage of exemptions from the following disclosure requirements:

- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows': Presentation of a statement of cash flow and related notes and disclosures;
- Section 26 'Share based Payment': Share based payment arrangements required under FRS 102 paragraphs 26.18(b), 26.19 to 26.21 and 26.23;
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures': Compensation for key management personnel.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The directors have considered relevant information, including the company's principal risks and uncertainties, the annual budget, forecast future cash flows and the impact of subsequent events in making their assessment. Based on these assessments and having regard to the resources available to the entity, the directors have concluded that there is no material uncertainty and that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

1.3 Revenue

Revenue is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer (usually on dispatch of the goods), the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

1.4 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of inventories over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include deposits held at call with banks.

1.6 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

The company enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable and loans from related parties.

Debt instruments like loans and other accounts receivable and payable are initially measured at present value of the future payments and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method; Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received.

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity. Financial liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, the company's obligations are discharged, cancelled, or they expire.

1.7 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

1.8 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

1.9 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Contributions payable to the company's pension schemes are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.11 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leases asset are consumed.

1.12 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation are included in profit or loss for the period.

2 Change in accounting policy

In the course of preparing the financial statements, the directors have decided to include certain costs within cost of sales, as opposed to distribution costs. The directors believe this will provide more reliable and relevant information to the users.

The comparative period has been adjusted to reclassify £65,295 previously included within distribution costs as cost of sales. The effect of these adjustments on current and previously reported retained earnings is nil.

3 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Inventory provision

A inventory provision is booked for cases where the net realisable value from sales of the stock item is estimated to be lower than the stock carrying value. The provision is estimated taking into account various factors, including prevailing sales prices of stock items, and losses associated with slow moving stock items. This annual impairment for the year totalled £160,423 (2022: £47,131).

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on the number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes are taken into account.

4 Revenue

The total revenue of the company for the current and comparative year has been derived wholly from its principal activity.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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4 Revenue		(Continued)	
	2023	2022	
	£	£	
Revenue analysed by geographical market			
United Kingdom	13,919,480	12,253,804	
Europe	1,314,788	1,113,033	
Rest of the world	589,140	382,455	
	<u>15,823,408</u>	<u>13,749,292</u>	
5 Operating profit			
	2023	2022	
Operating profit for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£	
Exchange differences apart from those arising on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	(75,235)	(13,299)	
Operating lease charges	4,484	17,266	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
6 Auditor's remuneration			
	2023	2022	
Fees payable to the company's auditor and associates:	£	£	
For audit services			
Audit of the financial statements of the company	14,750	13,500	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
7 Employees			
The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:			
	2023	2022	
	Number	Number	
Office and management	41	29	
Manufacturing	11	12	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Total	52	41	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:			
	2023	2022	
	£	£	
Wages and salaries	1,777,709	1,636,656	
Social security costs	202,782	169,637	
Pension costs	71,651	63,488	
	<u>2,052,142</u>	<u>1,869,781</u>	
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8 Directors' remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Remuneration for qualifying services	163,472	164,417
Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes	7,028	6,536
	<u>170,500</u>	<u>170,953</u>

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined contribution schemes amounted to 2 (2022 - 2).

9 Taxation

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	285,000	200,000
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(2,296)	(2,174)
Total current tax	<u>282,704</u>	<u>197,826</u>

The actual charge for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge for the year based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Profit before taxation	<u>1,480,804</u>	<u>1,049,159</u>
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2022: 19.00%)	281,353	199,340
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	2,776	1,581
Group relief	-	(3,203)
Under/(over) provided in prior years	(2,296)	(2,174)
Rounding	871	2,282
Taxation charge for the year	<u>282,704</u>	<u>197,826</u>

10 Dividends

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interim paid	<u>851,333</u>	<u>137,750</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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11 Inventories		2023	2022
		£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale		6,184,390	5,700,085
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
12 Trade and other receivables		2023	2022
Amounts falling due within one year:		£	£
Trade receivables		2,828,667	2,496,124
Other receivables		3,885	10,095
Prepayments and accrued income		128,484	106,366
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
		2,961,036	2,612,585
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
13 Current liabilities		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Bank loans	15	63,701	221,642
Trade payables		1,868,819	1,899,897
Amounts owed to group undertakings		2,318,241	1,990,222
Corporation tax		285,000	200,000
Other taxation and social security		405,014	305,133
Other payables		110,523	79,856
Accruals and deferred income		131,036	162,213
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		5,182,334	4,858,963
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14 Non-current liabilities		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	15	151,213	217,114
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
15 Borrowings		2023	2022
		£	£
Bank loans		214,914	438,756
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Payable within one year		63,701	221,642
Payable after one year		151,213	217,114
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15 Borrowings (Continued)

The bank loan of £214,914 above, consists of the following:

- £7,414 relates to a fixed rate loan with Lloyds which is due within 12 months of the balance sheet date. The loan is secured by a first legal charge over the freehold land and building which is held within the company's ultimate and immediate parent company, AERCO (Holdings) Limited. The loan incurs interest at 3.31% per annum.
- £7,500 relates to a variable rate loan with Lloyds which is due within 12 months of the balance sheet date. The loan is secured by a first legal charge over the freehold land and building which is held within the company's ultimate and immediate parent company, AERCO (Holdings) Limited. The loan incurs interest at 2.8% per annum above the Bank of England base rate.
- £200,000 relates to a CBILS loan with Lloyds, £48,787 is due within 12 months and £151,213 is due in more than 12 months of the balance sheet date. The loan is secured by a legal charge on all assets of the company. The loan incurs interest at 2.3% per annum above the Bank of England base rate.

16 Retirement benefit schemes

	2023	2022
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	71,651	63,488

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

17 Share capital

	2023	2022	2023	2022
Ordinary share capital	Number	Number	£	£
Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	794,313	794,313	794,313	794,313

Ordinary shares have attached to them full voting, dividend and capital distribution (including on winding up) rights.

18 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	30,540	33,239
Between two and five years	112,500	120,540
In over five years	-	22,500
	<u>143,040</u>	<u>176,279</u>

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19 Capital commitments

At the reporting date the company was committed to the purchase of Unit 8 Graylands Estate for £400,000 (excluding VAT), for which a 5% deposit was paid during the year. On 25 May 2023, the company completed on the purchase of this property.

20 Ultimate controlling party

The company's ultimate and immediate parent company is AERCO (Holdings) Limited, a company ultimately controlled by Mr R Laughton.

AERCO (Holdings) Limited, prepares consolidated financial statements and copies can be obtained from Companies House. The registered office of AERCO (Holdings) Limited is Units 16-17, Lawson Hunt Industrial Park, Broadbridge Heath, Horsham. RH12 3JR.

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