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ASTECH PROJECTS LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of engineering consultants.

Directors

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

A Moran

F Schauenburg

J Simon

C D Hamilton

G J Cheers

J C Bradford

(Resigned 8 December 2022)

Auditor

The auditor, Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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;
- 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 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.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 and can rely on the support of the parent company. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern. For example the inflation rate in the United Kingdom remains high at the moment and it is difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the company's trade, customers, suppliers and the wider economy in 2023.

Small companies exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

On behalf of the board

G J Cheers
Director

13 March 2023

ASTECH PROJECTS LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ASTECH PROJECTS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Astech Projects Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, 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 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 31 December 2022 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 directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF ASTECH PROJECTS 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 directors' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and then design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, including obtaining audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF ASTECH PROJECTS LIMITED

The companies own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either as a result of fraud or error.

Results of our enquiries of management about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities.

Any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the Companies documentation of their 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 knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- the internal procedures and controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;

The matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

We considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the company for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas where management are required to exercise significant judgement.

We performed specific audit procedures to assess the risk of management override.

We obtained an understanding of the laws and regulatory framework the company operates in and focused on the effect of the provisions and disclosures that could have a material effect on the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included: Companies Act 2006, Environmental - ISO 14001, Quality Management, Employment Law and Health and Safety at Work Act.

Audit response to risks identified

Our procedures to respond to the risks identified included the following:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims.
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud.
- Auditing the risk of management override of controls, including through testing journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, and evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business.

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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF ASTECH PROJECTS 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 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 Davies

Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of Mitchell Charlesworth (Audit) Limited

14 March 2023

Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Glebe Business Park
Lunts Heath Road
Widnes
Cheshire
WA8 5SQ

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	4,671,098	5,151,921
Cost of sales	(1,582,806)	(1,926,242)
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Gross profit	3,088,292	3,225,679
Administrative expenses	(3,328,816)	(3,072,996)
Other operating income	374,299	404,430
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Operating profit	133,775	557,113
Interest receivable and similar income	835	2
Interest payable and similar expenses	4 (33,821)	(1,716)
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Profit before taxation	100,789	555,399
Tax on profit	(48,538)	(105,901)
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Profit for the financial year	<u>52,251</u>	<u>449,498</u>

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	5		873,185		427,193
Tangible assets	6		107,967		67,398
			981,152		494,591
Current assets					
Stocks		291,184		284,510	
Debtors	7	2,414,072		1,572,099	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,200		1,200	
		2,706,456		1,857,809	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,647,976)		(985,471)	
Net current assets			1,058,480		872,338
Total assets less current liabilities			2,039,632		1,366,929
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9		(517,803)		(1,869)
Provisions for liabilities			(183,744)		(79,226)
Net assets			1,338,085		1,285,834
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	10		1,000		1,000
Share premium account			122,450		122,450
Treasury shares			(61,300)		(61,300)
Profit and loss reserves			1,275,935		1,223,684
Total equity			1,338,085		1,285,834

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 13 March 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

G J Cheers
Director

Company Registration No. 03081171

ASTECH PROJECTS LIMITED

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Share capital	Share premium account	Treasury shares	Profit and loss reserves	Total
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2021	1,000	122,450	(51,300)	924,186	986,336
Year ended 31 December 2021:					
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	449,498	449,498
Dividends	-	-	-	(150,000)	(150,000)
Balance at 31 December 2021	1,000	122,450	(51,300)	1,223,684	1,285,834
Year ended 31 December 2022:					
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	52,251	52,251
Balance at 31 December 2022	1,000	122,450	(51,300)	1,275,935	1,338,085

ASTECH PROJECTS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Astech Projects Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit 15, Berkeley Court, Manor Park, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 1TQ.

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 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

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 £.

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

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 and can rely on the support of the parent company. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern. For example the inflation rate in the United Kingdom remains high at the moment and it is difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the company's trade, customers, suppliers and the wider economy in 2023.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services 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.

When cash inflows are deferred and represent a financing arrangement, the fair value of the consideration is the present value of the future receipts. The difference between the fair value of the consideration and the nominal amount received is recognised as interest income.

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.

Revenue from contracts for the provision of professional services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion when the stage of completion, costs incurred and costs to complete can be estimated reliably. The stage of completion is calculated by comparing costs incurred, mainly in relation to contractual hourly staff rates and materials, as a proportion of total costs. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that it is probable will be recovered.

1.4 Research and development expenditure

Research expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred. Identifiable development expenditure is capitalised to the extent that the technical, commercial and financial feasibility can be demonstrated.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

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1.5 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Software	10% Straight Line
Patents	10% Straight Line
Development costs	10% Straight Line

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings	20% Straight Line
Plant and machinery	25% Reducing Balance/Straight Line
Fixtures and fittings	20% Reducing Balance
Equipment/Computer equipment	25% Reducing Balance/33% Straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

Stocks held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured at the lower of cost and replacement cost, adjusted where applicable for any loss of service potential.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks 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.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.10 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 balance sheet 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans and overdraft are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.11 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.

1.12 Derivatives

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value at the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to fair value at each reporting end date. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately unless the derivative is designated and effective as a hedging instrument, in which event the timing of the recognition in profit or loss depends on the nature of the hedge relationship.

A derivative with a positive fair value is recognised as a financial asset, whereas a derivative with a negative fair value is recognised as a financial liability.

1.13 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 profit and loss account 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.

The company has taken advantage of the RDEC (R&D Expenditure Credit) scheme due to the size of the group and associated companies hence being a large company for corporation tax purposes. One benefit of using this scheme is that the credit gained from the RDEC scheme gets shown above the line and included in other income, thereby increasing profits in the profit and loss account.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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1 Accounting policies

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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. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

1.14 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.15 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.16 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to profit or loss so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

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.

1.17 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.18 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 in the period are included in profit or loss.

2 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.

3 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was 46 (2021 - 40).

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Total	46	40
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest payable and similar expenses includes the following:		
Interest payable to group undertakings	28,690	-
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Intangible fixed assets	Software	Patents	Development costs	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	428,651	81,490	109,189	619,330
Additions - internally developed	348,485	-	-	348,485
Additions - separately acquired	163,998	-	4,000	167,998
At 31 December 2022	941,134	81,490	113,189	1,135,813
Amortisation and impairment				
At 1 January 2022	106,430	60,248	25,459	192,137
Amortisation charged for the year	55,240	1,501	13,750	70,491
At 31 December 2022	161,670	61,749	39,209	262,628
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	779,464	19,741	73,980	873,185
At 31 December 2021	322,221	21,242	83,730	427,193

The relevant development costs and internally developed and separately acquired software as capitalised are used for the development and evolution of scientific and technological advance in producing the sellable goods and products.

6 Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings	Plant and fixtures and fittings/machinery	Equipment/Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	22,893	54,521	73,337	407,119
Additions	-	34,541	2,209	41,589
At 31 December 2022	22,893	89,062	75,546	485,458
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 January 2022	22,893	36,361	73,296	339,721
Depreciation charged in the year	-	8,114	102	29,554
At 31 December 2022	22,893	44,475	73,398	377,491
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2022	-	44,587	2,148	61,232
At 31 December 2021	-	18,160	41	49,197

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7 Debtors	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	1,294,450	697,147
Corporation tax recoverable	430,279	306,966
Other debtors	689,343	567,986
	<u>2,414,072</u>	<u>1,572,099</u>

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	90,355	25,122
Trade creditors	613,308	425,916
Amounts owed to group undertakings	450,000	-
Taxation and social security	91,024	95,277
Other creditors	403,289	439,156
	<u>1,647,976</u>	<u>985,471</u>

A balance of £150,000 (2021 : Nil) due to the ultimate parent is repayable on demand and unsecured, and bears interest rate at 3-month GBP Libor + 3.15%.

A balance of £300,000 (2021 : Nil) due to the ultimate parent is repayable on 29 December 2023 and unsecured, and bears interest rate at 3-month GBP Libor + 3.00%.

Included within other creditors is a balance of £10,854 (2021 - £5,048) related to finance lease and hire purchase agreements. Security exists over the assets to which they relate.

A debenture is held dated 3 May 2006. All assets of the company are held as security formally charged to National Westminster Bank PLC.

On 18 February 2020, the company has charged all its bank deposits retained in National Westminster Bank PLC with all the rights of the deposits to the bank for repayment all the company's liabilities to the bank on demand.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	517,803	1,869
	<u>517,803</u>	<u>1,869</u>

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9 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (Continued)

Included within other creditors is a balance of £500,000 (2021 - £nil) related to loans from the ultimate parent for which they are repayable on 28 June 2024 and unsecured, and subject to an interest rate of 3-month GBP Libor + 5.00%.

Included within other creditors is a balance of £17,803 (2021 - £1,869) related to finance leases and hire purchase agreements. Security exists over the assets to which they relate.

10 Called up share capital

	2022	2021	2022	2021
	Number	Number	£	£
Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary A of £1 each	800	800	800	800
Ordinary B of £1 each	200	200	200	200
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Included within ordinary B shares is a balance of 50 treasury shares of £1 each being held by the company.

11 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

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

2022	2021
£	£
168,422	237,330
<u>168,422</u>	<u>237,330</u>

12 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	42,632	-
	<u>42,632</u>	<u>-</u>

13 Related party transactions

Schauenburg Industrie Produktion GmbH owns 95% (2021 - 90%) of the overall share capital of Astech Projects Limited whereas 5% (2021 : 5%) of share capital classified as treasury share is being held by the company.

During the year Astech Projects Limited paid a management fee of £116,882 (2021 - £128,798) to Schauenburg Service GmbH. The balance outstanding at the year end amounted to £Nil (2021 - £Nil).

There is a management bonus of £14,887 (2021 - £74,726) payable to the directors that is reflected in the financial statements.

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14 Parent company

The parent company is Schauenburg Industrie Produktion GmbH, a company registered in Germany. The ultimate parent company is Schauenburg International GmbH, a company registered in Germany. The registered office of both companies is:

35, Weseler Strasse
Muelhien An Der Ruhr
D-45478
DEU

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