Company registration number 02872607 (England and Wales)

PETROFER U.K. PLC

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

PETROFER U.K. PLC

COMPANY INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Fair review of the business

2022 was another challenging year with the Covid 19 Pandemic continuing in the first quarter, but then the Russian invasion of Ukraine hit everyone in February and impacted all facets of society. The war caused huge upsets in raw material supplies, availability and price, along with surging inflation and energy costs, logistics disruption and many other factors hitting ours and all our customers business. Further to this was the microchip shortage that caused disruption of the automotive manufacturing market, and its subsequent reduction in demand on automotive parts makers. Consequently, through the year many of our customers were working at reduced levels and this was seen in our sales in several sectors. However, with our strategy of not being reliant on the automotive sector we manged to increase our sales volumes and managed to pass on price increases, while keeping our customer base supplied with product despite the market difficulties. Through tight cost control, reduced travel costs and forward contracting of currency we manged to finish the year with a positive result of increased sales value, helped by selling price increases, improved volumes and new customers with the only negative being a slight reduction in gross margin to 27%. This reduction in margin was through increased material and packaging prices and transport costs on the goods we bought not always being fully passed to customers. We did not need to use cash reserves, so a quite positive scenario in difficult circumstances. The impacts of Brexit and customs arrangements were still an issue, and even though transport costs escalated along with importation delays, we managed to deliver all our range of products on time. The raw material shortages and escalating prices of finished chemicals used in our products was similar across all sectors of society and worse in several of our competitors, consequently, our clients understood the need for price increases to them. On a positive note, despite component shortages, energy cost increases and the war's impacts we found many UK manufacturing sectors remained buoyant with investment increasing, and these were successfully targeted. Work done towards understanding the changes to automotive powertrain demand has been positive for the future of the business and in particular the UK move to become a global lead in green industries is creating new opportunities. Personnel levels remained stable and investment in their skills and training continued. Resources were again invested in our IT capability. Continuing the work done in 2021 has meant the company has been further consolidated and structured for growth, and resilience to market changes, and is ready to make a success when the situation becomes more stable geopolitically and industry recovers output levels.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the company and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The key business risks are considered to relate to: consumer demand, geopolitical situation, environmental demands and raw material prices in EURO. As part of the management of those risks the company maintains a EURO bank account and forward contracts a percentage of currency needs when market rates are beneficial. To help reduce material price fluctuation our H/O in Germany hold stocks of raw materials, and we in the UK hold finished product stocks to buffer availability and price movements.

Key performance indicators

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using revenue and gross profit KPI's are sufficient indicators. Revenue is up on 2021 through increased sales value and price increases, while Gross Profit is stable, but down 1% at 27%.

On behalf of the board

Mr S J Gregory
Director

24 May 2023

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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 the sale of petrochemicals.

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

Mr S J Gregory
Mr C H M Fischer

Results and dividends
The results for the year are set out on page 9.

No ordinary dividends were paid. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions
The company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors during the year. These provisions remain in force at the reporting date.

Financial instruments
The company seeks to manage financial liquidity risk by ensuring sufficient liquid assets are available to meet foreseeable requirements.

The company is exposed to foreign currency risk as the majority of its purchases are in Euro. The directors monitor the fluctuation of foreign currency and exchange rates to minimise such impact.

Future developments
The future level of growth is dependent on several external factors, mostly beyond the company's control: further Brexit rules coming in, raw material prices and availability, forthcoming chemical legislation, chemical withdrawals under the UK REACH, Geopolitics such as the Ukraine situation and currency trends. The major influences will be how energy costs and Govt interest rates move in the future and so impact on the Industrial producers which are our customer base. However, plans are in place to allow for all these factors, and the company remains optimistic for the future. Additionally, the company is continuing to develop its market share through improved digital marketing campaigns, raising the corporate image, new product developments, employee training and a new IT system. Consequently, the company can take on the challenges of the rapidly changing industrial, environmental and automotive market.

Auditor
Rödl & Partner Limited were appointed auditor to the company and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2016, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

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.

On behalf of the board

Mr S J Gregory
Director
24 May 2023

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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 PETROFER U.K. PLC

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Petrofer U.K. PLC (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 a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of 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.

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 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.

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:

- Enquiry of management, those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Enquiry of entity staff to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the company to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the company audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF PETROFER U.K. PLC

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.

Imran Farooq (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Rödl & Partner Limited, Statutory Auditor 24 May 2023

170 Edmund Street
Birmingham
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	**3**	4,323,993	3,662,191
Cost of sales		(3,150,956)	(2,640,965)
Gross profit		1,173,037	1,021,226
Distribution costs		(390,714)	(353,034)
Administrative expenses		(687,543)	(619,535)
Other operating income		-	106,904
Operating profit		94,780	155,561
Interest receivable and similar income	**7**	26	-
Interest payable and similar expenses		-	(15)
Profit before taxation		94,806	155,546
Tax on profit	**8**	(25,077)	(29,452)
Profit for the financial year		69,729	126,094

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		107,153		102,292
Current assets					
Stocks	**10**	617,049		477,294	
Debtors	**11**	922,253		823,379	
Cash at bank and in hand		983,670		1,008,584	
		2,522,972		2,309,257	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(393,321)		(259,674)	
Net current assets			2,129,651		2,049,583
Total assets less current liabilities			2,236,804		2,151,875
Provisions for liabilities					
Deferred tax liability	**13**	28,400		13,200	
			(28,400)		(13,200)
Net assets			2,208,404		2,138,675
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	**15**		50,000		50,000
Profit and loss reserves			2,158,404		2,088,675
Total equity			2,208,404		2,138,675

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 24 May 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr S J Gregory
Director

Company Registration No. 02872607

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Share capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2021	50,000	1,962,581	2,012,581
Year ended 31 December 2021:			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	126,094	126,094
Balance at 31 December 2021	50,000	2,088,675	2,138,675
Year ended 31 December 2022:			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	69,729	69,729
Balance at 31 December 2022	50,000	2,158,404	2,208,404

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Petrofer U.K. PLC is a company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Harcourt Business Park, Halesfield 17, Telford, Shropshire, TF7 4PW.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. 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 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues': Interest income/expense and net gains/losses for each category of financial instrument; basis of determining fair values; details of collateral, loan defaults or breaches, details of hedges, hedging fair value changes recognised in profit or loss and in other comprehensive income;
- Section 26 'Share based Payment': Share-based payment expense charged to profit or loss, reconciliation of opening and closing number and weighted average exercise price of share options, how the fair value of options granted was measured, measurement and carrying amount of liabilities for cash-settled share-based payments, explanation of modifications to arrangements;
- 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. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

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 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:

Office equipment	15% reducing balance
Laboratory equipment	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% straight line
Computer equipment	25% 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.

1.5 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible 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.

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 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 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 replacement cost and cost, adjusted where applicable for any loss of service potential.

Stocks are valued at Average Cost.

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.

1.7 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.

1.8 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.

Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

1 **Accounting policies** **(Continued)**

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, 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.

Other financial liabilities

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or finance income as appropriate, unless hedge accounting is applied and the hedge is a cash flow hedge.

Debt instruments that do not meet the conditions in FRS 102 paragraph 11.9 are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss. Debt instruments may be designated as being measured at fair value through profit or loss to eliminate or reduce an accounting mismatch or if the instruments are measured and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 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.

1.10 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.

1.11 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.

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.

1.12 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 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.13 Retirement benefits

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

1.14 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.

1.15 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.

Government grants relating to turnover are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. Grants relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the asset's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the asset's carrying amount.

In 2020 and 2021, the UK government operated a job retention scheme (JRS) in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Under this scheme, the company received a grant of which amounts received and receivable have been recognised in other operating income.

1.16 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 abcut 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 Turnover and other revenue

An analysis of the company's turnover is as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover		
Sale of goods	4,323,993	3,662,191

3 Turnover and other revenue **(Continued)**

Turnover analysed by geographical market

	2022	2021
	£	£
United Kingdom	4,323,993	3,662,191

4 Government grants

Government Grants income relates to monies due under the Covid Job Retention Scheme.

5 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Field Service	2	3
Direct sales	2	2
Office and management	6	5
Technical/logistical	3	2
Total	13	12

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	551,876	526,328
Social security costs	52,246	55,235
Pension costs	39,860	37,249
	643,982	618,812

6 Directors' remuneration

	2022	2021
	£	£
Remuneration for qualifying services	100,038	109,612
Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes	7,863	7,570
	107,901	117,182

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined contribution schemes amounted to 1 (2021 - 1).

7 Interest receivable and similar income

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest income		
Interest on bank deposits	10	-
Other interest income	16	-
Total income	26	-

8 Taxation

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	9,877	27,152
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	15,200	2,300
Total tax charge	25,077	29,452

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:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Profit before taxation	94,806	155,546
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2021: 19.00%)	18,013	29,554
Change in unrecognised deferred tax assets	252	(102)
Deferred tax adjustment due to tax rates	6,812	-
Taxation charge for the year	25,077	29,452

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Office equipment	Laboratory equipment	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 January 2022	69,004	103,157	104,566	116,779	393,506
Additions	1,408	4,333	55,731	-	61,472
Disposals	(20,005)	(42,220)	(27,683)	(51,748)	(141,656)
At 31 December 2022	50,407	65,270	132,614	65,031	313,322
Depreciation and impairment					
At 1 January 2022	56,063	89,955	38,301	106,896	291,215
Depreciation charged in the year	2,822	2,335	32,308	5,760	43,225
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(20,005)	(42,220)	(16,151)	(49,895)	(128,271)
At 31 December 2022	38,880	50,070	54,458	62,761	206,169
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2022	11,527	15,200	78,156	2,270	107,153
At 31 December 2021	12,941	13,202	66,266	9,883	102,292

10 Stocks

	2022	2021
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	617,049	477,294

11 Debtors

	2022	2021
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
Trade debtors	866,803	746,719
Other debtors	1,400	1,100
Prepayments and accrued income	54,050	75,560
	922,253	823,379

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	136,293	35,933
Corporation tax	6,905	7,413
Other taxation and social security	217,581	183,724
Accruals and deferred income	32,542	32,604
	393,321	259,674

13 Deferred taxation

The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances (after offset) for financial reporting purposes:

	Liabilities 2022	Liabilities 2021
Balances:	£	£
ACAs	28,400	13,200

Movements in the year:	2022 £
Liability at 1 January 2022	13,200
Charge to profit or loss	15,200
Liability at 31 December 2022	28,400

The deferred tax liability set out above is expected to reverse within 12 months and relates to accelerated capital allowances that are expected to mature within the same period.

From 17 March 2020 the substantively enacted UK corporation tax rate was 19% as announced by the Government in the Spring Budget 2020. However, the UK corporation tax rate will increase to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023 per Finance Bill 2021. This increased rate was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. As a result, deferred tax has been calculated at a rate of 25%.

14 Retirement benefit schemes

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.

The charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes was £39,860 (2021 - £37,249).

15 Share capital

	2022	2021
	£	£
Ordinary share capital		
Authorised		
50,000 Ordinary of £1 each	50,000	50,000

16 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:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Within one year	94,154	92,488
Between two and five years	233,678	107,368
	327,832	199,856

17 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Fischer Equity GmbH & Co KG, a company incorporated in Germany. The parent undertaking of the smallest group for which group financial statements are prepared is Petrofer GmbH and the parent undertaking of the largest group for which group financial statements are prepared is Fischer Equity & Co KG. Copies of the financial statements for Petrofer GmbH are available from handelsregister.de.

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