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FIBERCORE LIMITED

UNAUDITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



FIBERCORE LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

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FIBERCORE LIMITED
STRATEGIC REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INTRODUCTION

The directors present the strategic report of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Fibercore Limited ("the company") undertakes the design, manufacture and sale of special purpose optical fibres. The company has a broad customer base but has a strong focus on the fibre-optic gyroscope and fibre-amplifier markets.

The profit for the financial period amounted to \$7,700,000 (2019: \$7,549,000). The growth in our customer base has been very pleasing. There is still a strong balance sheet position with cash of \$4,336,000 available (2019: \$4,754,000)

The company has increased its strong net asset position, which at 31 December is \$60,276,000 (2019: \$52,576,000).

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks.

Risks are formally reviewed by the board and key management and appropriate processes are put in place to monitor and mitigate them. This process is conducted as part of the company's quality management process and includes all key stakeholders. The identified risks are assigned a rating and an owner to ensure that are monitored and where possible are reduced. If more than one event occurs it is possible that the overall effect of such events would compound the possible adverse effects on the company.

Competition risk – The company competes on quality over price of product. If quality improves in the market as a whole then downwards pressure is placed upon the margins of the company, furthermore its customers would have alternative source options open for consideration. The company carries out extensive research and development to ensure the highest quality of product is available to the customer base to ensure that the expectation of the customer are met or exceeded.

Financial risk – As described in on the Directors Report on page 3 of the annual report there are a number of financial risk facts which are managed by the directors. For full details please see page 3.

BREXIT risk – The directors have considered the impact of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union on the business. The company trades internationally but its main markets are not in Europe so this will limit the impact due to BREXIT. The key issue relates to supply chain management but this can be managed by appropriate adjustments to inventory policies.

The directors have considered the outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2020 and what impact it will have on the ongoing operations of the business.

Whilst the initial impact on trading has been limited, there are risks that the Company faces as a result of the outbreak and the ongoing restrictions in movement currently being seen in the UK and worldwide.

The directors have reviewed the Company's current stock holdings, working environment and future trading ability, and as a result anticipate that the business will be able to continue trading despite the difficulties posed as a result of COVID-19.

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Key performance indicators

The directors of the Company manage its operations on a product basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of Fibercore Limited.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.



A Singhi
Director

Date: 02 December 2021

FIBERCORE LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2020.

Results and dividends

The profit for the period, after taxation, amounted to \$7,700,000 (2019: \$7,549,000).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2019: \$nil).

Directors

The directors who served during the period were:

C Emslie (resigned 31 October 2021)
J Habel (resigned 22 December 2020)
C O'Connor
A Singhi (appointed 16 December 2020)

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial risk factors

The company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, and market risk (including foreign currency risk and interest rate risk). The company has in place a risk management programme which seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the company's financial performance.

Price risk

Where the company is exposed to commodity price risk as a result of its operations, the costs of managing this exposure exceed any potential benefits. The directors will revisit the appropriateness of this policy should the company's operations change in size or nature.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the financial loss to the company if a customer or counterparty to financial instruments fails to meet its contractual obligation. Credit risk arises from the company's cash and cash equivalents and receivables balances. The amount of exposure to any individual or counterparty is subject to a limit, which is reassessed regularly.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. This risk relates to the company's prudent liquidity risk management and implies maintaining sufficient cash. Liquidity risk is managed through cash flow forecasting.

Foreign exchange risk

The company has both expenditures and revenue denominated in a foreign currency. The exposure is regularly reviewed and appropriate measures are taken to manage this risk.

Future outlook

We believe the company's continued investment in improvement on existing and development of new product lines will enable us to maintain our customer base and continue our growth in targeted sectors of the market.

We anticipate a continuing demand for our services and products.

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Research and development activities

The company undertakes a number of different research and development projects in a year and the costs are taken directly to the income statement. The value expensed to the statement of comprehensive income to 31 December 2020 was \$32,000 (2019: \$44,000).

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

At the time the report is approved there are no qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place for the benefit of one or more of the directors

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.



A Singhi
Director

Date: 02 December 2021

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. 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 for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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 to 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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**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Turnover	4	15,868	17,440
Cost of sales		(3,930)	(4,993)
Gross profit		<u>11,938</u>	<u>12,447</u>
Administrative expenses		(4,607)	(4,784)
Operating profit	5	<u>7,331</u>	<u>7,663</u>
Interest receivable and similar income	9	1,792	1,423
Interest payable and expenses	10	(19)	(18)
Profit before tax		<u>9,104</u>	<u>9,068</u>
Tax on profit	11	(1,404)	(1,519)
Profit after tax		<u><u>7,700</u></u>	<u><u>7,549</u></u>
Retained earnings at the beginning of the period		48,900	41,351
		<u>48,900</u>	<u>41,351</u>
Profit for the period		7,700	7,549
Retained earnings at the end of the period		<u><u>56,600</u></u>	<u><u>48,900</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	12	1,060	1,471
Tangible assets	13	5,980	5,682
		<u>7,040</u>	<u>7,153</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	14	2,043	2,220
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	19	5
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	15	51,214	41,810
Cash at bank and in hand	16	4,336	4,754
		<u>57,612</u>	<u>48,789</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(3,556)	(2,268)
Net current assets		<u>54,056</u>	<u>46,521</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>61,096</u>	<u>53,674</u>
Provisions for liabilities			
Other provisions	20	(820)	(1,098)
		<u>(820)</u>	<u>(1,098)</u>
Net assets		<u>60,276</u>	<u>52,576</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	21	400	400
Share premium account		3,276	3,276
Profit and loss account		56,600	48,900
		<u>60,276</u>	<u>52,576</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

The directors considers that the Company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 479A of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:



A Singhi
Director

Date: 02 December 2021

The notes on pages 9 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Fibercore Limited ("The company") undertakes the design, manufacture and sale of special purpose optical fibre.

The company is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in the UK. The address of its registered office is Fibercore House, University Parkway, Southampton Science Park, Southampton, SO16 7QQ.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in U.S dollars to the nearest \$'000 except where otherwise indicated.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD 102 - REDUCED DISCLOSURE EXEMPTIONS

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

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d).

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Rouse Acquisitionco Limited as at 31 December 2020 and these financial statements may be obtained from the Parent's company registered office: Fibercore House, University Parkway, Southampton Science Park, Southampton, SO16 7QQ.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.3 FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is USD.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in profit or loss except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Statement of income and retained earnings within 'finance income or costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in profit or loss within 'other operating income'.

2.4 REVENUE

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the Company has transferred the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the buyer;
- the Company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the transaction; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised in the period in which the services are provided in accordance with the stage of completion of the contract when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the contract;
- the stage of completion of the contract at the end of the reporting period can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred and the costs to complete the contract can be measured reliably.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.5 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Research and development costs are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income as incurred.

2.6 INTEREST INCOME

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

2.7 FINANCE COSTS

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

2.8 CURRENT AND DEFERRED TAXATION

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Statement of financial position date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.9 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

All intangible assets are considered to have a finite useful life. If a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made, the useful life shall not exceed ten years.

The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Patents and licences	-	4-20 years
Computer software	-	8 years

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Long-term Leasehold property	- 50 years
Building & Leasehold Improvements	- Over the remaining life of the building
Plant and machinery	- 8 years
Fixtures and fittings	- 3-8 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.11 IMPAIRMENT OF FIXED ASSETS

Assets that are subject to depreciation or amortisation are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication that the assets are impaired. Where there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the carrying value of the asset (or cash-generating unit to which the asset has been allocated) is tested for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's (or CGU's) fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (CGUs). Non-financial assets that have been previously impaired are reviewed at each reporting date to assess whether there is any indication that the impairment losses recognised in prior periods may no longer exist or may have decreased.

2.12 STOCKS

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Work in progress and finished goods include labour and attributable overheads.

At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.13 DEBTORS

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

2.14 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.15 CREDITORS

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.16 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Statement of financial position date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of financial position.

2.17 GOVERNMENT GRANTS

Government grants are accounted for on an accruals basis. Grants are credited to the income statement over the life of the project. Where grants are used to fund the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, the grant is initially credited to deferred income then credited to the income statement over the estimated economic life of the asset.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

2.18 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of income and retained earnings.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

2.19 PENSIONS

Defined contribution pension scheme

The group operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the group has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the group in independently administered funds.

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**3. JUDGMENTS IN APPLYING ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION
UNCERTAINTY**

The preparation of the financial information under FRS102 requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the application of policies and reported amounts. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Reference is made in this note to accounting policies which cover areas that the Directors consider require estimates and assumptions which have significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. These policies together with reference to the related notes to the financial information can be found.

Useful economic lives Note
2.9
The directors use the best available information to estimate the useful economic lives of the intangible assets. However there is significant uncertainty about the length of time that technology will last for and remain commercial.

Contingent consideration 20
The contingent consideration relates to the amounts owed relating to the future performance of the business, conducted under the master sales and distribution agreement in place with Acreo Swedish ICT AB. As there are a considerable number of unknowns related to this forecast, it requires a significant amount of management judgement.

Lease restoration 20
The contingent consideration in the accounts for the lease restoration provision relates to the Company having to return the site back to its original state. The lease restoration provision has been valued by a management expert and increases each year with inflation. Significant estimates have been made by the management expert in the valuation of this provision.

4. TURNOVER

An analysis of turnover by class of business is as follows:

	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Turnover	15,868	17,440
	<u>15,868</u>	<u>17,440</u>

The turnover is attributable to the principal activity of the company arising in the United Kingdom.

An analysis of revenue by geographical area and activity has not been given because, in the opinion of the directors, such disclosure would be seriously prejudicial to the interests of the company.

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5. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Depreciation	356	307
Amortisation	109	128
Research & development charged as an expense	32	44
Other operating lease rentals	129	187
Exchange differences	5	18
	5	18

6. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	160	121
Fees payable for tax services	38	31
	38	31

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose amounts paid for non audit services as these are disclosed in the group accounts of the parent Company.

7. EMPLOYEES

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Wages and salaries	2,743	3,286
Social security costs	287	281
Other pension costs	145	133
	3,175	3,700

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the period was as follows:

	2020	2019
	No.	No.
Production	19	19
Administration	7	7
Engineering	8	8
Marketing	6	6
	40	40

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8. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Directors' emoluments	346	346
	346	346
	346	346

9. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Interest receivable from group companies	1,791	1,423
Other interest receivable	1	-
	1,792	1,423
	1,792	1,423

10. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Unwinding of discount on lease restoration provision	19	18
	19	18
	19	18

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11. TAXATION

	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
CORPORATION TAX		
Current tax on profits for the year	1,417	1,458
	1,417	1,458
TOTAL CURRENT TAX	1,417	1,458
DEFERRED TAX		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	62	61
Other	(75)	-
TOTAL DEFERRED TAX	(13)	61
TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	1,404	1,519

FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR

The tax assessed for the period/year is lower than (2019: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	9,104	9,068
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019: 19%)	1,730	1,723
EFFECTS OF:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment	21	(67)
Other	41	(138)
Group relief	(388)	1
TOTAL TAX CHARGE FOR THE PERIOD/YEAR	1,404	1,519

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES

Following the balance sheet date legislation has been substantively enacted which will increase the main rate of corporation tax from 19% to 25% from 1 April 2023. This increase has not been reflected in the calculation of the companies deferred tax assets and liabilities since it was not substantively enacted until after the balance sheet date.

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12. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Patents \$000	Computer software \$000	Total \$000
COST			
At 1 January 2020	3,876	272	4,148
Additions	-	7	7
Released from provision	(309)	-	(309)
At 31 December 2020	<u>3,567</u>	<u>279</u>	<u>3,846</u>
AMORTISATION			
At 1 January 2020	2,427	250	2,677
Charge for the period on owned assets	95	14	109
At 31 December 2020	<u>2,522</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>2,786</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,045</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>1,060</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,449</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>1,471</u>

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property \$000	Long-term leasehold property \$000	Plant and machinery \$000	Fixtures and fittings \$000	Total \$000
COST OR VALUATION					
At 1 January 2020	900	5,753	7,395	504	14,552
Additions	-	-	649	5	654
At 31 December 2020	<u>900</u>	<u>5,753</u>	<u>8,044</u>	<u>509</u>	<u>15,206</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2020	322	1,906	6,318	324	8,870
Charge for the period on owned assets	18	115	163	60	356
At 31 December 2020	<u>340</u>	<u>2,021</u>	<u>6,481</u>	<u>384</u>	<u>9,226</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2020	<u>560</u>	<u>3,732</u>	<u>1,563</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>5,980</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>578</u>	<u>3,847</u>	<u>1,077</u>	<u>180</u>	<u>5,682</u>

14. STOCKS

	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Raw materials and consumables	1,157	1,037
Finished goods and goods for resale	886	1,183
	<u>2,043</u>	<u>2,220</u>

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15. DEBTORS

	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
Deferred tax asset	19	5
	19	5
	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
Trade debtors	2,357	3,316
Amounts owed by group undertakings	48,520	38,252
Other taxes and social security	198	39
Prepayments and accrued income	139	203
	51,214	41,810

Of the amounts owed from group undertakings \$26,329,000 relates to an unsecured loan issued by Rouse AcquisitionCo Limited which has an interest rate of 4% and is repayable on demand. \$21,124,000 relates to an unsecured loan which has a 4% interest and no fixed repayment date. The remainder of the debt is current, non interest bearing and has no fixed repayment date.

Trade receivables are stated after provisions for impairment of \$23,000 (31 December 2019: \$23,000)

16. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
Cash at bank and in hand	4,336	4,754
	4,336	4,754

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17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Trade creditors	1,377	358
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,057	-
Corporation tax	194	816
Other taxation and social security	82	115
Other creditors	32	22
Accruals and deferred income	814	957
	3,556	2,268
	3,556	2,268

18. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	4,336	4,754
	4,336	4,754
	4,336	4,754

19. DEFERRED TAXATION

	2020
	\$000
At beginning of year	5
Charged to profit or loss	14
AT END OF YEAR	19
	19

The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Accelerated capital allowances	19	5
	19	5
	19	5

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20. PROVISIONS

	Warranty provision \$000	Lease restoration obligation \$000	Deferred compensation \$000	Total \$000
At 1 January 2020	87	627	384	1,098
Charged to profit or loss	(8)	37	2	31
Released in period	-	-	(309)	(309)
AT 31 DECEMBER 2020	79	664	77	820

Warranty provision

Provision for warranty is recognised for expected warranty claims on products sold during the last period. It is expected that most of these costs will be incurred in the next financial year.

Lease restoration obligation

Provision is made for the estimated liabilities that will be incurred by the Company on the termination of the property lease and an equivalent amount is capitalised and written off over the estimated useful life of the asset. The increase in the provision due to passage of time is recognised as interest expense. Other increases are treated as an increase to the amount capitalised and written off over the period of the lease. The lease is scheduled to finish in 2101.

Contingent Consideration

The contingent consideration is the current fair value of the amounts owed in relation to the acquisition of the distribution agreement from Acreo Swedish ICT AB. The remaining payments are estimated to become payable over the next year.

21. SHARE CAPITAL

	2020 \$000	2019 \$000
ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND FULLY PAID		
400,000 (2019: 400,000) Ordinary shares of \$1.00 each	400	400

22. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to \$145,000 (2019: \$132,000). Contributions totalling \$20,000 (2019: \$22,000) were payable to the fund at the reporting date and are included in creditors.

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23. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2020 the Company had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Land and buildings		
Not later than 1 year	-	109
	-	109
	-	109
	2020	2019
	\$000	\$000
Other		
Not later than 1 year	94	111
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	174	113
	268	224
	268	224

24. CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent undertaking is H.I.G - Fibercore Bibco 2 Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom. Rouse Acquisitionco Limited is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements at 31 December 2020. The consolidated financial statements of Rouse Acquisitionco Limited are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ under Rouse Acquisitionco Limited, company number 10551260.

The directors regard BEV Bidco 6 Limited to be the ultimate controlling party.