

Company Registration No. 06052274 (England and Wales)

METRICELL LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

METRICELL LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

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STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors present the strategic report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Fair review of the business

The results of the company are set out below. Sales for the financial year amounted to £6,462,934 (21/22 - £6,166,643) generating a profit before taxation of £545,133 (21/22- £801,044).

The company has successfully navigated its way through a difficult period of high inflation in the UK, achieving year on year growth in sales of 4.8%. The company's net assets grew by 2.3% to £4,692,640 (21/22 - £4,586,570).

The Directors consider the year-end financial position to be successful given the growth and profitability we have achieved against this challenging economic backdrop.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Management of risk remains critical for the company in delivering growth plans. Risks are regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors and wider management team, and appropriate processes put in place to monitor and mitigate them.

Our ability to continue as a going concern is primarily achieved through having a stable customer base that deliver recurring revenues. Cashflow is predictable, however we nonetheless hold significant cash reserves when compared to average monthly overheads. We are also now benefitting from an income generated by this cash, through the use of bonds and interest-paying accounts. This has also enabled us to better manage risk, by diversifying the number of financial institutions we entrust.

As at 31st March 2023, we had no leases or loans other than the £62,000 owed to Aircom Education Limited. Following the financial year end, we received a request to repay this loan in full, and have now done so.

Foreign exchange is studied to mitigate the threat of losses. Contingency plans are in place to manage threats that may be posed from the supplier base. Our supply chain is small, with very little dependence on it to fulfil contracts. The products and sources we do source externally are common, and alternative suppliers can be easily found. We have also introduced further due diligence checks as part of our supplier onboarding process.

High inflation in the UK has continued to be felt directly, with notable rises in energy costs. Our own photovoltaics installation, which accounts for ~50% of our electricity usage, has been key to minimising this impact. We have kept pace with wage inflation too, and this is reflected in our high levels of staff retention.

Operational, financial and commercial risks are considered to be well managed with appropriate safeguarding in place to mitigate threats.

Directors' statement of compliance with duty to promote the success of the company

The Directors are committed to their responsibilities to promote the success of the Company in accordance with section 172 of the Act 2006. Our intention is to behave responsibly and ensure that management operates the business in an appropriate manner, operating with the high standard of business conduct and good governance expected of us.

Development

Customer retention remains high and our key accounts consistently choose to invest further in the technology and services we provide. Our continued investment in research and development, particularly in the field of artificial intelligence, has enabled us to diversify both our product portfolio and the industry verticals in which we operate. We are both excited and optimistic that the pipeline of commercial enquiries from strategically focussed markets will deliver further growth into 2024 and beyond.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Other performance indicators

Apart from those measures identified above in the business review, the directors are of the opinion that no further inclusion of financial key performance indicators is necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the company's business.

On behalf of the board

Mr T J Staniland
Director

8 December 2023

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of software development for telecoms.

Results and dividends

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

Ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £501,280. The directors do not recommend payment of a further dividend.

Directors

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

Mr L H Alexander
Mrs T L Hines
Dr S Mockford
Mr F J Pareja Pena
Mr P Richardson
Mr F J Rowsell
Mr T J Staniland
Mr A R Watson

Auditor

Carpenter Box were appointed as auditor to the company and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

Strategic report

The company has chosen in accordance with Companies Act 2006, s. 414C(11) to set out in the company's strategic report information required by Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, Sch. 7 to be contained in the directors' report.

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 T J Staniland
Director

8 December 2023

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF METRICELL LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Metricell Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, 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 FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

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

Basis for opinion

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

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF METRICELL LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report.

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

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

Responsibilities of directors

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

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

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

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

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF METRICELL LIMITED

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

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

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

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

Other matters which we are required to address

The financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021 were not audited and therefore the corresponding figures are unaudited.

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.

Kristina Perry FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Carpenter Box

8 December 2023

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Worthing

Carpenter Box is a trading name of Carpenter Box Limited



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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Year ended 31 March 2023 £	Year ended 31 March 2022 £
Turnover	3	6,462,935	6,166,643
Cost of sales		(2,357,019)	(2,194,549)
Gross profit		4,105,916	3,972,094
Administrative expenses		(3,571,670)	(3,185,682)
Other operating income		-	14,581
Operating profit	4	534,246	800,993
Interest receivable and similar income	7	10,887	51
Profit before taxation		545,133	801,044
Tax on profit	8	62,217	46,970
Profit for the financial year		607,350	848,014

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 MARCH 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	10		148,462		44,200
Tangible assets	11		1,332,599		1,171,228
			<u>1,481,061</u>		<u>1,215,428</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	12	5,994		3,182	
Debtors	13	1,928,317		2,109,463	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,749,580		2,331,625	
		<u>4,683,891</u>		<u>4,444,270</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(1,472,312)</u>		<u>(1,073,128)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>3,211,579</u>		<u>3,371,142</u>
Net assets			<u>4,692,640</u>		<u>4,586,570</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	16		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss reserves			4,691,640		4,585,570
Total equity			<u>4,692,640</u>		<u>4,586,570</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 8 December 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mrs T L Hines
Director

Mr T J Staniland
Director

Company Registration No. 06052274

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

	Share capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total
Notes	£	£	£
Balance at 1 April 2021	1,000	3,973,912	3,974,912
Period ended 31 March 2022:			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	848,014	848,014
Dividends	9	(236,356)	(236,356)
Balance at 31 March 2022	1,000	4,585,570	4,586,570
Period ended 31 March 2023:			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the period	-	607,350	607,350
Dividends	9	(501,280)	(501,280)
Balance at 31 March 2023	1,000	4,691,640	4,692,640

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Metricell Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is The Big Blue, 26 Foundry Lane, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5PX.

1.1 Accounting convention

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

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

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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 33 'Related Party Disclosures': Compensation for key management personnel.

The financial statements of the company are consolidated in the financial statements of Metricell Group Limited. These consolidated financial statements are available from its registered office, The Big Blue, 26 Foundry Lane, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 5PX.

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 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.

1.4 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	Straight line over 7 years
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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 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 freehold	Straight line over 50 years (buildings)
Plant and equipment	4% straight line p.a.
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% straight line p.a.
Computer equipment	25% straight line p.a.
Motor vehicles	25% diminishing balance p.a.

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.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

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 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.

1.7 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.

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.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, loans from fellow group companies, 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.

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1 Accounting policies (Continued)

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 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.

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.

1.11 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.

1.12 Retirement benefits

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

1.13 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 Turnover and other revenue

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover analysed by class of business		
Software and related sales	3,917,915	3,771,848
Services and consultancy	2,545,020	2,394,794
	<u>6,462,935</u>	<u>6,166,642</u>

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3	Turnover and other revenue	(Continued)	
		2023	2022
		£	£
Turnover analysed by geographical market			
	United Kingdom	5,608,208	5,282,282
	Europe	437,553	216,004
	Rest of the world	417,174	668,356
		<u>6,462,935</u>	<u>6,166,642</u>

4	Operating profit		
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Operating profit for the period is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Exchange differences apart from those arising on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	(88,088)	(30,582)
	Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial statements	12,000	10,000
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	134,199	141,839
	(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	478
	Amortisation of intangible assets	23,307	-
		<u>23,307</u>	<u>-</u>

5 Employees

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

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Directors	8	8
Technical and administration	64	58
Total	<u>72</u>	<u>66</u>

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,850,781	2,429,216
Social security costs	321,197	252,353
Pension costs	80,285	57,361
	<u>3,252,263</u>	<u>2,738,930</u>

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6 Directors' remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Remuneration for qualifying services	442,537	394,727
Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes	11,795	11,392
	<u>454,332</u>	<u>406,119</u>

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined contribution schemes amounted to 6 (2022 - 6).

7 Interest receivable and similar income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest income		
Interest on bank deposits	10,887	51
	<u>10,887</u>	<u>51</u>

8 Taxation

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	(89,342)	(47,850)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	9,552	-
Total UK current tax	<u>(79,790)</u>	<u>(47,850)</u>
Foreign current tax on profits for the current period	17,573	880
Total current tax	<u>(62,217)</u>	<u>(46,970)</u>

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8 Taxation

(Continued)

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Profit before taxation	545,133	801,044
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2022: 19.00%)	103,575	152,198
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	2,571	196
Adjustments in respect of prior years	9,552	-
Permanent capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(37,412)	(19,721)
Research and development tax credit	(89,342)	(47,850)
Research and development losses utilised	(68,734)	(132,673)
Foreign tax	17,573	880
Taxation credit for the period	(62,217)	(46,970)

9 Dividends

	2023 £	2022 £
Final paid	501,280	236,356

10 Intangible fixed assets

	Software £
Cost	
At 1 April 2022	44,200
Additions	127,569
At 31 March 2023	171,769
Amortisation and impairment	
At 1 April 2022	-
Amortisation charged for the year	23,307
At 31 March 2023	23,307
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2023	148,462
At 31 March 2022	44,200

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11 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings freehold	Plant and equipment	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Computer equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 April 2022	979,880	-	282,833	757,951	10,565	2,031,229
Additions	-	103,781	2,794	184,300	4,695	295,570
Disposals	-	-	-	(6,652)	-	(6,652)
At 31 March 2023	979,880	103,781	285,627	935,599	15,260	2,320,147
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 April 2022	58,794	-	237,099	555,987	8,121	860,001
Depreciation charged in the year	9,799	3,269	22,199	98,125	807	134,199
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	-	(6,652)	-	(6,652)
At 31 March 2023	68,593	3,269	259,298	647,460	8,928	987,548
Carrying amount						
At 31 March 2023	911,287	100,512	26,329	288,139	6,332	1,332,599
At 31 March 2022	921,086	-	45,734	201,964	2,444	1,171,228

12 Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Finished goods and goods for resale	5,994	3,182

13 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	1,589,665	1,633,731
Corporation tax recoverable	89,342	129,500
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	1,000
Other debtors	2,799	1,174
Prepayments and accrued income	246,511	344,058
	1,928,317	2,109,463

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	354,423	245,901
Amounts owed to group undertakings	216,955	-
Taxation and social security	350,379	251,144
Other creditors	76,142	74,688
Accruals and deferred income	474,413	501,395
	<u>1,472,312</u>	<u>1,073,128</u>

Included within other creditors is a balance of £62,000 (2022: £62,000) in relation to a loan due to a connected company which has no terms and therefore repayable on demand.

15 Retirement benefit schemes

	2023	2022
	£	£
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	60,957	49,335
	<u>60,957</u>	<u>49,335</u>

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.

16 Share capital

	2023	2022	2023	2022
	Number	Number	£	£
Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

The ordinary shares have attached to them full voting, dividend and capital distribution (including on winding up) rights, they do not confer any rights of redemption.

17 Operating lease commitments

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Within one year	3,841	8,858
Between two and five years	-	3,585
	<u>3,841</u>	<u>12,443</u>

18 Events after the reporting date

Dividends of £164,000 have been declared since the balance sheet date.

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19 Related party transactions

At the balance sheet date the company owed £62,000 (2022 - £62,000) to Aircom Education Limited which is included in creditors falling due within one year. Dr S Mockford is a director of Aircom Education Limited. Post year end, the loan has been repaid in full.

20 Ultimate controlling party

The parent company is Metricell Group Limited. Its registered office is The Big Blue, 26 Foundry Lane, Horsham, West Sussex, England, RH13 5PX.

Metricell Group Limited prepares consolidated financial statements, which are available from Companies House.

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