

Company registration number 01299452 (England and Wales)

SONARDYNE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

SONARDYNE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

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SONARDYNE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

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SONARDYNE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

Statement by the directors relating to their statutory duties under section 172(1) of the Companies Act 2006

The Directors, in line with their duties under s172 of the Companies Act 2006, act individually and collectively in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company and its subsidiaries ('Company') for the benefit of its members, and in doing so have regard, amongst other matters, to the:

- Likely consequences of any decision in the long term
- Interests of the Company's employees
- Need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others
- Impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment
- Desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct
- Need to act fairly between members of the Company

The Directors' regard to these matters forms an integral part of day to day business. Decisions are taken in line with the policies, processes and culture embedded within the Company and shaped by the Company's governance framework, strategy, culture, information sharing and stakeholder engagement processes.

Achieving success in the long term lies at the core of our business strategy. Success is considered in terms of key stakeholders and where their interests lie. Opportunities for growth and diversification are a central theme and risks that threaten the achievement of such opportunities are identified and monitored. The Company has established a clear framework for strategic development looking forward for at least five years.

The Board promotes a strong culture of upholding the highest standards of business conduct and regulatory conduct. Ethical values are communicated to the Company's employees and embedded in the Company's policies and procedures, employee induction and training programmes and its risk control and oversight framework.

The Board recognises that respectful stakeholder relationships are vital to the long-term success of the business and that positive engagement can help enhance the operations and success of the Company.

The Directors are supported in the discharge of their duties by:

- Agenda planning for Boards and Committee meetings to provide sufficient time for the consideration and discussion of key matters.
- Proportionate and focused board reporting processes with clear identification of decisions required to be taken by the Board.
- Processes which ensure the provision of timely management information and escalation through reporting lines to the Board, and onward to the parent company and shareholders, from the Company's business areas, its risk and control functions, support teams and committees of the Board.
- Strict operation of reserved matter processes ensuring decisions are taken by the appropriate Board within the Company.
- Detailed induction process on commencement of employment enabling a thorough introduction to the Company.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Stakeholders

The Board understands the importance of engagement with all its stakeholders and gives appropriate weighting to the outcome of its decisions for the relevant stakeholder in considering how best to promote the success of the Company.

The Board regularly discusses issues concerning employees, clients, suppliers, community and environment and its shareholders, which it takes into account in its discussions and in its decision-making process. An annual Stakeholder Analysis review is conducted as part of the preparation for reviewing the five year strategic framework.

In addition to this, the Board seeks to understand the interests and views of the Company's stakeholders by engaging with them directly when required.

The below summarises the key stakeholders and how we engage with each:

Stakeholders	Engagement
Employees	It is of vital importance that our employees consider the Company to be an engaging and rewarding place to work. We have a friendly and collaborative working culture where employees are encouraged to have a voice and use their creativity and drive. We consult with staff in a manner that fits with good practice in the jurisdictions in which we operate and according to the size of the trading company. We regularly monitor the range of pay and benefits across the Company to ensure they remain attractive and have a wide range of employee benefits to offer including a number of wellbeing initiatives. We engage in active performance management with our employees including establishing clear objectives for staff and using objective appraisal methods. We invest in all our employees by providing Company-wide training on compliance matters such as data protection and anti-bribery as well as individual skills and experience based training. This is in addition to specific job training which is also encouraged. Regular Company presentations are delivered where updates are provided to employees and opportunities given for employees to ask questions and similar updates are delivered by the parent company focussing on wider group performance. A newsletter is circulated to all employees which includes details of recent sales activities and other business matters but also includes more informal features such as profiles of individual employees and social activities to improve collective engagement across the business. An employee forum, created several years ago, provides another avenue through which employees can raise ideas, provide feedback and ask questions via nominated representatives. We also conduct regular staff surveys looking at engagement and improvement. We provide funding for employees for endeavours which allow a number of sporting and social activities to be enjoyed by interested employees and in some jurisdictions operate a matching fund to support them in charitable endeavours.

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Customers	Building and maintaining strong relationships with our customers is a top priority. The nature of our business is that we can help solve our customers' technical challenges and make opportunities become realities. We communicate regularly with our customers and support that communication with know-how, guidance and training virtually and in person. In addition to direct visits, we also attend trade shows and exhibitions providing face to face contact with customers. We work with other group operating companies, where synergies exist, to provide a cohesive approach to helping our customers. We use customer feedback to improve the services we can provide. This includes, for example, our regular customer engagement surveys which determine the Net Promotor Score of the Company. The results are monitored by the Senior Management Team on behalf of the Board and any anomalies are brought to the attention of the Board in order that the findings can help improve customer engagement. We continue to look for innovative solutions that not only improve the quality and efficiency of the service we provide to customers but also make it easier and more cost-effective for customers to deal with us.
Suppliers	Our governance framework includes policies and processes aimed at fostering strong supplier relationships. We are clear on our expectations of suppliers as set out in our Supplier Code of Conduct. Due diligence is undertaken prior to appointing new suppliers and information is gathered to assess their suitability such as their anti-bribery and corruption practices, modern slavery policies and conflict minerals risk. During the year, global supply chains have faced various challenges, the most notable of which have been increasing material prices and increasing lead times. We have worked proactively with our suppliers to resolve the problems presented by those challenges and arrive at mutually acceptable solutions. We ensure that suppliers are paid in a timely manner in accordance with our obligations.

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Community & Environment	The Board's approach to community and the environment continues to be vitally important. We continue to take measures to reduce the Company's carbon footprint. Post-pandemic international travel has increased, although not to the levels seen previously, however we now make greater use of technology, where feasible and appropriate, to reduce the air miles that the business clocks up. The Company's investments in the solar arrays at both the HQ site and our offices in Brazil are a very noticeable commitment to our goal of achieving net zero by the end of 2025. The arrays at the HQ site continue to provide well over one quarter of the total electricity consumption at the site. The surplus electricity fed back into the National Grid at times of lower demand from the Company is the equivalent of the total annual electricity needs of around 35 typical British households. Not only does the Board assess opportunities to increase the generation of renewable energy by the Company, but it also considers energy efficiency in its other investment decisions in an effort to help reduce the Company's total energy consumption. The Company has fully assessed its Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions and research has been conducted into high quality verified carbon offsetting schemes. All Scope 1 and 2 emissions and Scope 3 emissions from business travel and employee commuting have been offset for 2022 by a scheme operated by Carbon Neutral Britain. We continue to support the activities of the management company for the business park on which the HQ is situated which continues to work with the local Council in order to seek benefits for the local business community. The Board continues to commit and broaden the Company's work and associations with educational establishments including on-going collaborative projects with the University of Edinburgh, Heriot Watt University, University of Southampton, Newcastle University, University of Plymouth and Fraunhofer Institute. New research relationships are also developing with University of Warwick, University of Birmingham and University of Manchester.
Shareholders	We provide regular reports to, and hold regular meetings with, our parent company which, in turn, feed into regular discussions and briefings with the group's shareholders. This ensures decisions are made at the appropriate level and that we incorporate the interests and needs of our shareholders into our long term business planning.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Review of the business

Turnover for the year was £67.9m compared to £48.9m in 2022. Pre tax profit for the year was £15.53m compared to £7.03m for the previous year..

Following the significant growth in revenue in 2022, levels of revenue continued to increase throughout 2023, recording a 39% increase over the previous year. Revenue has now doubled over the last two years. Order intake has displayed a similar trend and has also more than doubled over the last two years. The Company enters 2024 with a further increase in its order book, standing over 25% higher than at the same time last year. Despite increases in material and operating costs, gross margins improved during the year and pre-tax profit showed a very healthy 121% increase. Increased activity was seen in all markets. The global oil and gas sector continues to be the Company's largest single market and therefore delivered the greatest increase in revenue. However, it is pleasing to note that the highest rate of growth was in Offshore Renewable Energy while revenue growth from the Ocean Science sector was also particularly strong. This demonstrates the success of the Company's strategy to develop solutions that are applicable in a more diverse range of markets in order to provide a more resilient revenue base in future years. Political uncertainty continues to influence the Company's markets, some impacts being negative whilst others have positive consequences. The UK Government is adopting a tougher stance on the licencing of sales of export controlled goods to China and other parts of the Far East. This has led to a decline in revenue from those countries although the Company continues to develop other opportunities in the region in other countries which are unaffected. The continuing war in Ukraine has led to increased interest in the Company's products in Defence markets.

The supply chain challenges experienced since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic eased a little during the year but remain a key focus of attention. However, skills shortages and the limited availability of skilled candidates to meet recruitment needs, has been an increasing problem. The Company has made further enhancements to its already attractive range of benefits and facilities which are proving successful in helping to retain and attract talent and further improve employees' workplace satisfaction.

The outlook for the coming year is positive. Despite continuing political uncertainty and global economic challenges there is increasing business confidence and a more positive trading outlook. The Company is seeing continued growth in interest for its products and services across all markets and expects to deliver further increases in revenue and profit. The Board of Directors remains optimistic for the future.

Principal Risks and Uncertainties

All activities of the Company are controlled by the Board which meets regularly to review the performance of the Company. The Board reviews the principal risks to the business and where it is deemed appropriate, puts in place ways to mitigate those risks.

A detailed annual budget is prepared and approved by the Board at the beginning of each financial year. A financial reporting package is produced monthly. This includes dashboards and detailed accounts which show actual performance compared to budget. A rolling twelve month forecast is produced quarterly to provide insight into the longer term outlook for the business.

Cash and debtors are monitored on a daily basis.

Principal risks and uncertainties include:

- Periods of lower activity in the offshore oil industry causing a further fall in our customers' capital budgets in the core markets
- Disruption to the supply chain and the effects of higher global inflation affecting material availability and prices
- The continuing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting restrictions on the global economy
- The volatility of the UK pound against other international currencies
- The alignment of risk in negotiated contract terms with the available rewards
- The scarcity of candidates in the job market and the effects of wage inflation

The Company's policies to mitigate these risks include diversification into other market areas, supply chain management, strong treasury management to minimise exchange risks, effective contract negotiation procedures, year on year investment in new products and a total commitment to making the company a great place to work in order to attract and retain talent.

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Key Performance Indicators

Key performance indicators are used throughout the business. In the monthly management accounts these include measures and comparatives for employee numbers, capital expenditure, order intake, sales turnover, gross margins, pre-tax profit, order bank, cash and debtors.

Order intake has increased by 29% compared to the prior year

Turnover has increased by 39% compared to the prior year

Staff numbers have increased compared to the prior year

The company has continued to maintain a very strong balance sheet

Employees

Details of the average number of employees and related costs can be found in note 6 to the financial statements.

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Company continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees.

The Company keeps employees informed on matters relevant to them as employees through regular meetings and newsletters. Senior management meet regularly with a committee of staff representatives to discuss issues raised by employees and to consult on a range of matters affecting employees' interests. In addition to this, updates are also provided to all staff on the parent group's performance along with the future plans for the Company.

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Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

Overall, our total energy consumption remained relatively stable. The continuation of the grid decarbonisation and procurement of 100% renewable electricity and "Green Gas" has helped our continued reduction in our carbon footprint and our goal to become carbon neutral by 2025.

Figures are as follows, based on the calendar year:

	2023	2022
<i>Energy consumption</i>		
Aggregate of UK energy consumption in the year	kWh	kWh
- Gas combustion	165,121	136,610
- Fuel consumed for transport	189,783	210,929
- Electricity purchased	1,319,083	1,270,374
	1,673,987	1,617,913
	=====	=====
<i>Emissions of CO2 equivalent</i>	Metric Tonnes	Metric Tonnes
Scope 1 - direct emissions		
- Gas combustion	30.21	24.94
- Fuel consumed for owned transport	46.25	53.65
	76.46	78.59
Scope 2 - indirect emissions		
- Electricity purchased	273.15	245.66
Scope 3 - other indirect emissions		
- Business travel in employee owned vehicles	12.88	8.51
Associated Greenhouse net gas emissions (Tonnes CO2e)	59.13	62.20
<i>Intensity ratio</i>		
The following principles were used in compiling the figures: (Net Tonnes CO2e per employee)	0.15	0.20

Organisational boundary

A financial control approach has been taken.

Intensity measurement

We have chosen net emissions in tonnes of CO2e per employee as our intensity metric.

Renewable energy offset

100% renewable electricity was procured for the whole of 2023. Renewable "Green" Gas was also procured throughout 2023. To account for this, conversion factors have been applied across 12 months to determine gross emissions, prior to applying a renewable energy offset to calculate net emissions.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

On behalf of the board

S J Fasham

Director

12 September 2024

Date

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the design, manufacture and supply of electronic and mechanical instruments for the offshore energy, ocean science and maritime security and defence markets.

Directors

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

S C Partridge
G Brown
M Davey
S J Fasham
D Newborough
J R Norton
S P Martin
S M Dunn

(Resigned 28 June 2024)

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 14.

Ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £4,000,001. The directors do not recommend payment of a further dividend.

Political and charitable donations

It is the company policy not to make political donations.

During the year the company made charitable donations totalling £275 (2022 - £6,202).

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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

S J Fasham

Director

12 September 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBER OF SONARDYNE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sonardyne International Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 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 MEMBER OF SONARDYNE INTERNATIONAL 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 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.

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBER OF SONARDYNE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we 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. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. 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.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's member 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 member those matters we are required to state to the member 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 member, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Robert Southey
Senior Statutory Auditor
For and on behalf of Azets Audit Services

27 September 2024

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

Ashcombe Court
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SONARDYNE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		31 December 2023 £	31 December 2022 £
	Notes		
Turnover	4	67,918,765	48,888,548
Cost of sales		(26,917,053)	(22,192,910)
Gross profit		41,001,712	26,695,638
Administrative expenses		(26,771,550)	(20,897,938)
Other operating income		222,588	155,302
Exceptional items	3	278,816	(27,119)
Operating profit	5	14,731,566	5,925,883
Interest receivable and similar income	9	800,680	1,107,999
Interest payable and similar expenses	10	(1,531)	1,090
Profit before taxation		15,530,715	7,034,972
Tax on profit	11	(2,202,364)	(653,082)
Profit for the financial year		13,328,351	6,381,890
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		13,328,351	6,381,890

The Statement of Comprehensive Income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	13	9,046,304		8,146,334	
Investments	14	112,620		112,621	
		<u>9,158,924</u>		<u>8,258,955</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	17	19,180,496	15,237,423		
Debtors	18	20,270,559	17,777,118		
Cash at bank and in hand		8,250,217	3,128,730		
		<u>47,701,272</u>	<u>36,143,271</u>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	<u>(14,256,405)</u>	<u>(11,515,227)</u>		
Net current assets		<u>33,444,867</u>		<u>24,628,044</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>42,603,791</u>		<u>32,886,999</u>	
Provisions for liabilities					
Provisions	20	376,000	326,000		
Deferred tax liability	21	617,784	279,342		
		<u>(993,784)</u>	<u>(605,342)</u>		
Net assets		<u>41,610,007</u>		<u>32,281,657</u>	
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	23	12,286,362	12,286,362		
Profit and loss reserves		29,323,645	19,995,295		
Total equity		<u>41,610,007</u>	<u>32,281,657</u>		

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 12 September 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

S J Fasham
Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		Share capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	Notes	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022		12,286,362	22,113,405	34,399,767
Year ended 31 December 2022:				
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	6,381,890	6,381,890
Dividends	12	-	(8,500,000)	(8,500,000)
Balance at 31 December 2022		12,286,362	19,995,295	32,281,657
Year ended 31 December 2023:				
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		-	13,328,351	13,328,351
Distribution in specie	12	-	(1)	(1)
Dividends		-	(4,000,000)	(4,000,000)
Balance at 31 December 2023		12,286,362	29,323,645	41,610,007

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

Company information

Sonardyne International Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Ocean House, Blackbushe Business Park, Saxony Way, Yateley, Hampshire, GU46 6GD.

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. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Exemptions for qualifying entities under FRS102

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

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated accounts. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual entity and not about its group.

Sonardyne International Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Covelya Group Limited and the results of Sonardyne International Limited are included in the consolidated financial statements of Covelya Group Limited which are available from Ocean House, Blackbushe Business Park, Saxony Way, Yateley, Hampshire, GU46 6GD.

Related party exemption

The company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

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.

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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.

Revenue in respect of equipment and systems sales is recognised when goods have been despatched to the customer in accordance with the sales agreement. Maintenance and repair services are invoiced at the completion of the servicing work carried out.

The company has a number of short term sales contracts. Sales are recognised on the delivery of a definable element of the contract. The income is treated as deferred until the corresponding goods or services are deemed to have been delivered in accordance with the contract. The income, costs and profit are then released to the statement of comprehensive income.

1.4 Research and development expenditure

Research and development expenditure is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred.

1.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost 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:

Freehold property and Leasehold improvements	2% straight line
Plant and equipment	15% and 25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line
Boats and instruments	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.

1.6 Fixed asset investments

Interests in subsidiaries and associates entities held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for permanent impairment.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

An associate is an entity, being neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture, in which the company holds a long-term interest and where the company has significant influence. The company considers that it has significant influence where it has the power to participate in the financial and operating decisions of the associate.

1.7 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.

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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.

1.8 Stocks

Stock and work in progress 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. The proportion of overheads which is capitalised is dependent on the stage of completion.

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

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash at banks and in hand, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

1.10 Financial instruments

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

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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.

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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 and 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.

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.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

1.11 Equity instruments

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

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1.12 Derivatives

The company uses forward foreign currency contracts to reduce exposure to foreign exchange rates.

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.

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

1.13 Taxation

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

Current tax

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

Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

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

1.14 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

1.15 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.

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1.16 Retirement benefits

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

1.17 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.

1.18 Government grants

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

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

1.19 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.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

Warranty provision

Warranties are offered on all products supplied. The repair costs, which include material and labour costs associated with warranty work are recognised as the repair work is undertaken. Provision is made at the year end for estimated warranty work required to be undertaken.

Stock provision

The provision for slow moving and obsolete stock is made based on the number of years' usage held, with the provision staggered across the years. Consignment stock is provided for based on the date of last use, with any item not used in the last 12 months being provided for in full. Obsolete stock is fully provided for.

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3 Exceptional item

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenditure		
Exceptional items	(278,816)	27,119

In the year, the company decreased its provision against a debtor balance with Sonardyne Brasil Limitada by £278,816 (2022 - increase of £27,119). Sonardyne Brasil Limitada is a 100% subsidiary held indirectly through Sonardyne Overseas Holdings Limited.

4 Turnover and other revenue

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover analysed by class of business		
Goods	61,314,751	43,002,190
Other	6,604,014	5,886,358
	<u>67,918,765</u>	<u>48,888,548</u>

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other significant revenue		
Interest income	13,278	3,259
Dividends received	787,402	1,104,740
Grants received	222,588	155,302
	<u>1,023,268</u>	<u>1,263,301</u>

	2023	2022
	£	£
Turnover analysed by geographical market		
United Kingdom	22,859,913	14,983,622
European Union	6,167,258	5,941,222
Asia	8,995,303	5,544,866
Americas	17,055,231	11,662,492
Rest of the World	12,841,060	10,756,346
	<u>67,918,765</u>	<u>48,888,548</u>

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5 Operating profit

	Year ended 31 December 2023	Period ended 31 December 2022
	£	£
Operating profit for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Exchange differences apart from those arising on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	144,316	(32,925)
Research and development costs	1,642,157	1,045,714
Government grants	(222,588)	(155,302)
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,409,375	1,296,551
Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,995	(9,938)
Operating lease charges	332,952	320,673
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Employees

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

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Technical	218	180
Administrative	91	86
Total	<u>309</u>	<u>266</u>

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	16,850,507	14,425,438
Social security costs	1,902,974	1,665,675
Pension costs	1,782,638	1,285,756
	<u>20,536,119</u>	<u>17,376,869</u>

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7 Auditor's remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the company's auditor and associates:		
For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the company	32,000	31,000
For other services		
Other assurance services	2,000	-
Taxation compliance services	6,925	10,850
All other non-audit services	4,475	1,250
	13,400	12,100

8 Directors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Remuneration for qualifying services	849,238	1,370,587
Company pension contributions to defined contribution schemes	194,120	208,235
	1,043,358	1,578,822

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined contribution schemes amounted to 8 (2022 - 8).

Remuneration disclosed above include the following amounts paid to the highest paid director:

	2023 £	2022 £
Remuneration for qualifying services	223,527	201,538

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9 Interest receivable and similar income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest income		
Interest on bank deposits	13,278	3,259
Income from fixed asset investments		
Income from shares in group undertakings	787,402	1,104,740
Total income	800,680	1,107,999
Investment income includes the following:		
Interest on financial assets not measured at fair value through profit or loss	13,278	3,259

10 Interest payable and similar expenses

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:		
Other interest on financial liabilities	1,531	-
Other finance costs:		
Other interest	-	(1,090)
	1,531	(1,090)

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11 Taxation

	2023 £	2022 £
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	1,954,070	245,000
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	108,492	(74,277)
Total current tax	2,062,562	170,723
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	139,802	482,359
Total tax charge	2,202,364	653,082

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Profit before taxation	15,530,715	7,034,972
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25.00% (2022: 19.00%)	3,882,679	1,336,645
Tax effect of expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	16,430	6,025
Tax effect of income not taxable in determining taxable profit	(195,852)	(214,921)
Tax effect of utilisation of tax losses not previously recognised	-	(228,488)
Effect of change in corporation tax rate	(124,228)	-
Double tax relief	-	(16,498)
Permanent capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(325,400)	(156,002)
Research and development tax credit	(436,651)	(478,474)
Other non-reversing timing differences	64,467	59,297
Under/(over) provided in prior years	108,492	(74,277)
Patent box relief	(927,375)	(62,584)
Deferred tax	139,802	482,359
Taxation charge for the year	2,202,364	653,082

12 Dividends

	2023 £	2022 £
Final paid	4,000,001	8,500,000

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13 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property and Leasehold improvements	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Boats and instruments	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
At 1 January 2023	6,826,359	9,639,333	3,819,076	138,934	4,409,042	24,832,744
Additions	-	1,322,482	575,472	42,145	461,946	2,402,045
Disposals	-	(821,480)	(192,633)	(24,893)	(46,222)	(1,085,228)
At 31 December 2023	6,826,359	10,140,335	4,201,915	156,186	4,824,766	26,149,561
Depreciation and impairment						
At 1 January 2023	1,548,580	7,750,532	3,411,052	137,677	3,838,569	16,686,410
Depreciation charged in the year	97,922	785,049	245,406	11,480	269,518	1,409,375
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(732,927)	(188,988)	(24,893)	(45,720)	(992,528)
At 31 December 2023	1,646,502	7,802,654	3,467,470	124,264	4,062,367	17,103,257
Carrying amount						
At 31 December 2023	5,179,857	2,337,681	734,445	31,922	762,399	9,046,304
At 31 December 2022	5,277,779	1,888,801	408,024	1,257	570,473	8,146,334

14 Fixed asset investments

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Investments in subsidiaries	15	26,995	26,996
Investments in associates	16	85,625	85,625
		112,620	112,621

During the year the group was restructured and investments held by Sonardyne International with a carrying value of £1 were transferred to Covelya Group Limited by means of a distribution in specie.

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14 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Movements in fixed asset investments

	Shares in subsidiaries and associates
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2023	112,621
Disposals	(1)
At 31 December 2023	112,620
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	112,620
At 31 December 2022	112,621

15 Subsidiaries

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
Sonardyne Inc.	8280 Willow Place Drive North, Suite 130, Houston, Texas, 77070 USA	Retail of electronic and mechanical equipment	Ordinary	100.00	-
Sonardyne Asia PTE Limited	34 Loyang Crescent, Block B, Singapore, 508993	Retail of electronic and mechanical equipment	Ordinary	100.00	-
Sonardyne Overseas Holdings Limited	Ocean House, Blackbushe Business Park, Saxony Way, Yateley, GU46 6GD	Holding company	Ordinary	100.00	-
Sonardyne Brazil Limited	Ocean House, Blackbushe Business Park, Saxony Way, Yateley, GU46 6GD	Holding company	Ordinary	-	100.00
Sonardyne Brasil Limitada	Av. Zen Lotes 05 E 06 Quadra D Zen, Rio Das Ostras, RJ Cep 28890-000, Brasil	Retail of electronic and mechanical equipment	Ordinary	-	100.00

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16 Associates

Details of the company's associates at 31 December 2023 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held Direct
Lumasys Inc.	97 Water Street, PO Box 613, Woods Hole, MA 02543 USA	Subsea optical communication solutions	Ordinary	34.00

17 Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Raw materials and consumables	12,380,233	9,523,186
Work in progress	5,928,795	5,210,808
Finished goods and goods for resale	871,468	503,429
	<u>19,180,496</u>	<u>15,237,423</u>

Consignment stock of £953,926 (2022 - £778,928) is held in the balance sheet at the year end. The items are held by sales partners both overseas and in the UK. No deposit is held in relation to the items and all risks and rewards of the stock remain with the company.

The difference between the purchase price or production cost of stocks and their replacement cost is not material.

18 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	8,789,072	6,077,944
Corporation tax recoverable	-	70,647
Amounts owed by group undertakings	8,658,093	9,503,530
Other debtors	190,297	336,858
Prepayments and accrued income	2,418,207	1,771,889
	<u>20,055,669</u>	<u>17,760,868</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Deferred tax asset (note 21)	214,890	16,250
	<u>20,270,559</u>	<u>17,777,118</u>
Total debtors	<u>20,270,559</u>	<u>17,777,118</u>

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19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1,456,803	1,498,097
Amounts owed to group undertakings	2,690,695	3,318,139
Corporation tax	2,000,585	245,000
Other taxation and social security	857,026	435,730
Other creditors	1,563	1,822
Accruals and deferred income	7,249,733	6,016,439
	<u>14,256,405</u>	<u>11,515,227</u>

Included in Trade Creditors is an amount of £83,078 (2022 - £429,454) which relates to customer deposits.

20 Provisions for liabilities

	2023 £	2022 £
Other provision	<u>376,000</u>	<u>326,000</u>

Movements on provisions:

	Other provision £
At 1 January 2023	326,000
Additional provisions in the year	<u>50,000</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>376,000</u>

Warranty provision

A provision of £376,000 (2022 - £326,000) has been recognised for anticipated warranty claims on products sold during the last financial year. It is expected that most of this expenditure will be incurred within the next financial year.

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21 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the company and movements thereon:

	Liabilities 2023 £	Liabilities 2022 £	Assets 2023 £	Assets 2022 £
Balances:				
Accelerated capital allowances	617,784	279,342	-	-
Retirement benefit obligations	-	-	198,640	-
Holiday pay	-	-	16,250	16,250
	<u>617,784</u>	<u>279,342</u>	<u>214,890</u>	<u>16,250</u>
Movements in the year:				2023 £
Liability at 1 January 2023				263,092
Charge to profit or loss				139,802
Liability at 31 December 2023				<u>402,894</u>

The portion of the deferred taxation liability/ (asset) set out above which is not expected to reverse within 12 months relates to accelerated capital allowances of £617,784 (2022 - £279,342) and other timing differences of £(214,890) (2022 - £(16,250)).

22 Retirement benefit schemes

	2023 £	2022 £
Defined contribution schemes		
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	<u>1,782,638</u>	<u>1,285,756</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. There were £644,825 (2022 - £305,071) of outstanding contributions at the year end.

23 Share capital

	2023 Number	2022 Number	2023 £	2022 £
Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary of £1 each	<u>12,286,362</u>	<u>12,286,362</u>	<u>12,286,362</u>	<u>12,286,362</u>

Ordinary shares are non-redeemable and carry full voting and participating rights.

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24 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2023 the company had commitments to buy:
£Nil (2022 - £Nil).

25 Operating lease commitments

Lessee

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

	2023 £	2022 £
Within one year	308,350	263,000
Between two and five years	103,769	324,508
	<u>412,119</u>	<u>587,508</u>

26 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements:

	2023 £	2022 £
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	339,099	243,706
Acquisition of intangible assets	65,750	-
	<u>404,849</u>	<u>243,706</u>

27 Related party transactions

During the period the company made purchases from Lumasys Inc, a 34% owned associate, of £204,428 (2022 - £202,472). At the period end £61,560 was outstanding (2022 - £Nil).

During the year the company paid rent of £263,000 (2022: £263,000) to a company under common control of the directors. The company owed £nil (2022: £nil) in respect of these amounts at the period end.

28 Ultimate controlling party

The company's ultimate parent company and controlling party is Sonardyne Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales at registered address, Ocean House, Blackbushe Business Park, Saxony Way, Yateley, GU46 6GD. This is also the largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated. Copies of the group financial statements of Sonardyne Holdings Limited are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

The smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is Covelya Group Limited.

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