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AB Electronic Limited

Financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2006

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Company No. 542914

Report of the directors

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2006

Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the company is the design and manufacture of precision potentiometers, sensors and proximity switches

The loss for the year after taxation amounted to £149,000 (2005 - Loss £729,000)

The directors consider that the actions taken in 2006 which have returned the company to profit before taxation will be sufficient to maintain the company's profitability

The company has increased turnover through an established customer base, largely resisted inflationary pressures on material supplies and improved manufacturing efficiency during 2006

The company is exposed to transaction and translation foreign exchange risk. However, transaction exposures are hedged using the forward hedge market and are mitigated by increasing foreign currency purchasing offsetting foreign currency sales

The directors regularly review gross margins, material pricing trends and manufacturing efficiency through various established key performance indicators. The directors regularly review medium term business forecasts to ensure appropriate action is taken to maintain profitability. Product development opportunities are pursued with existing and potential customers and assessed regularly by the directors

Results and dividends

The trading results for the year and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements

The directors have not recommended a dividend

Research and development

Research and development costs are written off in the profit and loss account in the period in which they occur. Amounts written off during the year are disclosed in note 3

Directors

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

P L Joyce	
J H Gray	
S F Munday	(Appointed 25 January 2006)
J N Sawford	(Appointed 1 December 2006)
C E Irving-Swift	(Appointed 1 December 2006)
M A Ennever	(Resigned 30 June 2006)
N A Brice	(Served from 1 January 2006 to 1 December 2006)

None of the directors had any interest in the shares of the company

The beneficial interests of each director in the shares of the ultimate parent undertaking are noted below

	25p ordinary shares		1 January 2006 (or date of appointment)	
	31 December 2006		Shares	Options
	Shares	Options	Shares	Options
P L Joyce	2,716	33,182	2,716	35,932
J H Gray	–	4,671	–	4,671
S F Munday	–	31,789	–	31,789
J N Sawford	–	42,836	–	42,836
	<u>2,716</u>	<u>112,478</u>	<u>2,716</u>	<u>115,228</u>

A Corney was appointed as a director on 13 February 2007

Share options are exercisable on or after:

	Number of options
22 April 2000 at 359 000p	1,393
24 March 2001 at 300 000p	3,354
31 March 2002 at 177 500p	5,914
28 March 2003 at 91 500p	11,474
18 April 2004 at 163 000p	13,500
3 April 2005 at 165 000p	13,820
26 March 2006 at 80 000p	29,500
25 May 2007 at 145 000p	16,688
7 April 2008 at 205 500p	16,835
	<u>112,478</u>

No director exercised share options during the year

Financial risk management

The company uses financial instruments, other than derivatives, comprising borrowings, cash and other liquid resources and various other items such as trade debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the company's operations. The main risks arising from the company financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk and foreign currency risk. The directors review and agree policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. The policies have remained unchanged from previous periods.

Interest rate risk

The company finances its operations through a mixture of retained profits, inter-company accounts and bank borrowings. The company's exposure to interest rate fluctuations on its borrowings is managed on a group basis by the use of both fixed and floating facilities.

Liquidity risk

The company seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to invest cash assets safely and profitably. Primarily this is achieved through inter-company accounts and bank overdraft facilities.

Currency risk

The company is exposed to transaction and translation foreign exchange risk. In relation to translation risk the proportion of assets held in the foreign currency are matched to an appropriate level of borrowings in the same currency. Transaction exposures are hedged when known, mainly using the forward hedge market.

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the directors 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 Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The financial statements are required by law to 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 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 proper accounting records that 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 1985. 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.

In so far as the directors are aware

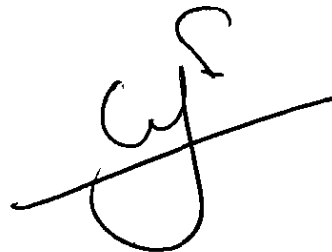
- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP, who were appointed as auditor during the year, offer themselves for reappointment as auditor in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

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BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W J Sharp', written over a horizontal line.

W J Sharp
Secretary
16 March 2007

Report of the independent auditor to the members of AB Electronic Limited

We have audited the financial statements of AB Electronic Limited for the year ended 31 December 2006 which comprise the principal accounting policies, profit and loss account, balance sheet and notes 1 to 22. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Report of the directors and the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Report of the directors is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Report of the directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

Report of the independent auditor to the members of AB Electronic Limited (continued)

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2006 and of its result for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Report of the directors is consistent with the financial statements

W. D. W. W.

GRANT THORNTON UK LLP
REGISTERED AUDITORS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

SHEFFIELD
16 March 2007

Principal accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

The principal accounting policies of the company are set out below. The policies have remained unchanged from the previous year except as stated below

Change in accounting policy

In preparing the financial statements for the current year, the company has adopted the following Financial Reporting Standard

FRS 20 'Share-based payment'

The adoption of FRS 20 'Share-based Payment' has resulted in a change in accounting policy in respect of share-based remuneration, principally share options. The effect of this adoption on the profit and loss for the year is not material

Cash flow statement

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of TT electronics plc and the cash flows of the company are included in the consolidated group cash flow statement of TT electronics plc. Consequently, the company is exempt under the terms of FRS 1 'Cash Flow Statements' from publishing a cash flow statement.

Turnover

Turnover is the invoiced value of goods and services supplied excluding VAT. Transactions are recorded as sales when the delivery of products or performance of services takes place in accordance with the contract terms of sale

Research and development

Research and development costs are incurred in the development of new products and processes and in the substantial improvement of existing products and processes. The expenditure is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, less a provision for depreciation

The carrying values of fixed assets are reviewed for impairment where there is an indication that the asset may be impaired

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Freehold buildings	- 50 years
Plant, equipment and vehicles	- between 3 and 10 years on cost according to asset type

No depreciation is provided on freehold land

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost, including related overheads, and net realisable value

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences where the transactions or events that give the company an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax on defined benefit pension scheme surpluses or deficits is adjusted against these surpluses. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured using the rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions during the year are translated at rates ruling at the time of the transactions. Exchange differences which arise from normal trading are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

Financial instruments

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 entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity.

Pension commitments

Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

The defined benefit scheme participated in by the company is a multi-employer pension scheme. The company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. Accordingly, the company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 17 to assess the liabilities of the scheme at 31 December 2006. Accordingly, the pension costs in respect of the defined benefit scheme represent the amount of contributions payable in respect of the accounting period.

Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

Pension costs represent the amount of contributions payable in respect of the accounting period.

Share-based payments

The fair value at the date of grant of share based remuneration, principally share options, is calculated using a binomial pricing model and charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the vesting period of the award. The charge to the income statement takes account of the estimated number of shares that will vest. All share based remuneration is equity settled.

Profit and loss account

	Note	2006 £000	2005 £000
Turnover	1	11,744	11,035
Cost of sales		(9,679)	(10,163)
Gross profit		<u>2,065</u>	<u>872</u>
Other operating charges	2	(1,737)	(1,856)
Operating profit/(loss)	3	<u>328</u>	<u>(984)</u>
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(107)	(111)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>221</u>	<u>(1,095)</u>
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	(370)	366
Loss for the financial year	18	<u>(149)</u>	<u>(729)</u>

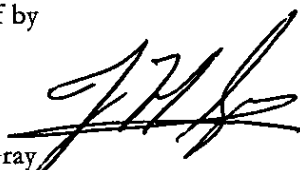
All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing


The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

Balance sheet

	Note	2006 £000	2005 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	<u>1,567</u>	<u>1,680</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	9	1,418	1,562
Debtors	10	<u>1,867</u>	<u>2,490</u>
		3,285	4,052
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(3,898)</u>	<u>(4,629)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(613)</u>	<u>(577)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		954	1,103
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	<u>(1,065)</u>	<u>(1,065)</u>
		<u>(111)</u>	<u>38</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called-up equity share capital	17	713	713
Profit and loss account	18	<u>(824)</u>	<u>(675)</u>
(Deficit)/shareholders' funds	19	<u>(111)</u>	<u>38</u>

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 16 March 2007 and are signed on their behalf by


 J H Gray


 S F Munday

Notes to the financial statements

1 Turnover

Turnover is derived from the design and manufacture of precision potentiometers and proximity switches
 An analysis of turnover is given below

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
United Kingdom	4,599	3,517
Rest of Europe	4,186	4,304
North America	2,767	3,198
Rest of the World	192	16
	<u>11,744</u>	<u>11,035</u>

The whole of turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation originated in the United Kingdom

2 Other operating charges

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Distribution costs	962	962
Administrative expenses	775	894
	<u>1,737</u>	<u>1,856</u>

3 Operating profit/(loss)

Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Research and development expenditure written off	401	455
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	408	379
Auditor's Remuneration - audit of the financial statements	16	11
	<u>825</u>	<u>845</u>

Statutory information on remuneration for other services provided by the company's auditors and its associates is given on a consolidated basis in the group accounts of the ultimate parent undertaking, TT electronics plc

4 Directors and employees

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to

	2006	2005
	No	No
Production	179	185
Sales and distribution	7	7
Administration	7	6
	<u>193</u>	<u>198</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of the above were

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	3,715	3,800
Social security costs	300	298
Other pension costs	192	576
	<u>4,207</u>	<u>4,674</u>

5 Directors

Remuneration in respect of directors was as follows

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Emoluments receivable	<u>246</u>	<u>199</u>

Emoluments of highest paid director

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Total emoluments (excluding pension contributions)	<u>90</u>	<u>-</u>

The number of directors who accrued benefits under company pension schemes was as follows

	2006	2005
	No	No
Defined benefit schemes	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

6 Interest payable and similar charges

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
To group undertakings	<u>107</u>	<u>111</u>

7 Taxation on ordinary activities

(a) Analysis of charge in the year

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Current tax		
UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 30% (2005 - 30%)	-	(331)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	331	(29)
Total current tax	331	(360)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	39	(6)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	370	(366)

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit/(loss) on ordinary activities for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2005 - 30%)

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	221	(1,095)
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom of 30% (2005 - 30%)	66	(328)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4	5
Depreciation for the period in excess of capital allowances	120	(9)
Short term timing differences	-	1
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(1)	-
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	331	(29)
Utilisation of losses	(189)	-
Total current tax (note 7(a))	331	(360)

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings £000	Plant, Equipment and Vehicles £000	Total £000
Cost			
At 1 January 2006	800	7,551	8,351
Additions	–	316	316
Disposals	–	(29)	(29)
At 31 December 2006	<u>800</u>	<u>7,838</u>	<u>8,638</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2006	180	6,491	6,671
Charge for the year	12	396	408
On disposals	–	(8)	(8)
At 31 December 2006	<u>192</u>	<u>6,879</u>	<u>7,071</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2006	<u>608</u>	<u>959</u>	<u>1,567</u>
At 31 December 2005	<u>620</u>	<u>1,060</u>	<u>1,680</u>

The net book value amount of freehold land and buildings included £200,000 (2005 - £200,000) in respect of land

9 Stocks

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Raw materials	586	760
Work in progress	197	259
Finished goods	635	543
	<u>1,418</u>	<u>1,562</u>

10 Debtors

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Trade debtors	1,648	1,830
Amounts owed by group undertakings	132	258
Corporation tax repayable	–	271
Prepayments and accrued income	87	92
Deferred taxation (note 13)	–	39
	<u>1,867</u>	<u>2,490</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,510	2,228
Trade creditors	732	972
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,181	1,251
Corporation tax	270	-
Other taxation and social security	93	80
Accruals and deferred income	112	98
	<u>3,898</u>	<u>4,629</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>1,065</u>	<u>1,065</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings are repayable after more than one year. No interest is payable on this amount.

13 Deferred taxation

The deferred tax included in the Balance sheet is as follows

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Included in debtors (note 10)	<u>-</u>	<u>(39)</u>

The movement in the deferred taxation account during the year was

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Balance brought forward	(39)	(33)
Profit and loss account movement arising during the year	39	(6)
Balance carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>(39)</u>

The balance of the deferred taxation account consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of

	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on fixed assets	-	(34)
Tax losses available	-	-
Other timing differences	-	(5)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(39)</u>

14 Derivatives

The fair value of derivatives held by the company at 31 December, not recognised in the financial statements is as set out below

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Forward exchange contracts	<u>94</u>	<u>(47)</u>

15 Contingent liabilities

There was a cross guarantee between certain companies in the group on all bank overdrafts with the HSBC Bank plc. At 31 December 2006 the amount thus guaranteed by the company was £nil (2005 - £nil)

16 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 8 and has not disclosed transactions with companies that are part of the TT electronics group of companies

During the year the company has, in the ordinary course of business purchased goods and services valued at £813 (2005 - £1,615) from companies which J W Newman, director of TT electronics plc, was interested at the year end. Such supplies were on normal credit terms. The balance at the year end included in trade creditors is £nil (2005 - £103)

17 Share capital

Authorised share capital

	2006 £000	2005 £000
2,852,500 Ordinary shares of £0.25 each	<u>713</u>	<u>713</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid

	2006		2005	
	No	£000	No	£000
Ordinary shares of £0.25 each	<u>2,852,500</u>	<u>713</u>	<u>2,852,500</u>	<u>713</u>

18 Reserves

	Profit and loss account £000
At 1 January 2006	(675)
Loss for the year	(149)
At 31 December 2006	<u>(824)</u>

19 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Loss for the financial year	(149)	(729)
Opening shareholders' funds	38	767
Closing shareholders' (deficit)/funds	<u>(111)</u>	<u>38</u>

20 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements amounted to £32,000 (2005 - £21,000)

21 Pension commitments

Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

The company participates in a defined benefit pension scheme to provide benefits to directors and employees. The scheme is set up under trust and its assets are therefore independent of those of the company.

The defined benefit scheme participated in by the company is a multi-employer pension scheme. The company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. Accordingly, the company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 17 and accounted for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme.

The total contributions charged by the company in respect of the year ended 31 December 2006 were £192,000 (2005 - £576,000). The difference between the accumulated charge and the payments made to the scheme is dealt with in debtors and creditors as appropriate.

The most recent valuation of the scheme has been updated by an independent qualified actuary, taking account of the requirements of FRS 17 to assess the liabilities of the scheme at 31 December 2006. The market value of the scheme assets at the year end was £93,835,000 and the present value of the scheme liabilities was £119,352,000.

22 Ultimate parent company

Crystalate Electronics Limited is the company's controlling party by virtue of its 100 per cent interest in the company

The company's ultimate controlling party and ultimate parent undertaking is TT electronics plc which is registered in England and Wales

Copies of TT electronics plc financial statements can be obtained from the registered office at Clive House, 12-18 Queens Road, Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 9XB