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# Antalis Group

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2016

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## **Antalis Group**

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## **Antalis Group**

### **Company Information**

<b>Directors</b>	D Hunter A P D Gourjon X G U Roy Contancin S G McCue
<b>Company secretary</b>	Abogado Nominees Limited
<b>Registered office</b>	100 New Bridge Street London EC4V 6JA
<b>Independent Auditors</b>	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Exchange House Central Business Exchange Midsummer Boulevard Milton Keynes MK9 2DF

## Antalis Group

### Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2016

The Directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the Company is that of an investment holding company holding shares in subsidiary undertakings, situated in the United Kingdom and overseas, which are principally engaged in the sale of paper and paper products.

#### **Fair review of the business**

The Company's activities have remained unchanged all year and the Directors do not foresee any alteration to its activities as an investment holding company in the foreseeable future.

The Company's loss for the financial year is £30k (2015: loss £6k).

#### **Key performance indicators ("KPIs")**

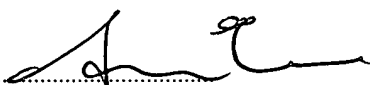
Given the straightforward nature of the business, the Company's Directors are of the opinion that analysis by using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance and position of the business.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The management of the business and the execution of the Company's strategy are subject to the following risks:

All borrowings are through a group treasury department, based in Paris, which operates a base rate plus system, so the Company is exposed to interest rate volatility. The Company operates in foreign currencies and is open to currency fluctuations.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 26 June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



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S G McCue  
Director

## Antalis Group

### Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2016

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### Directors of the Company

The Directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing were as follows:

D Hunter

A P D Gourjon

X G U Roy Contancin

S G McCue

#### Results

The loss for the year ended 31 December 2016, after tax amounted to £30k (2015: loss £6k). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2015: nil).

The future development of the business and financial risk management have been disclosed within the Strategic Report.

#### Disclosure of information to the independent auditors'

Each Director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information. The Directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditors are unaware.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 26 June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



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S G McCue  
Director

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### **Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

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

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), 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 apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

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### **Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Antalis Group**

#### **Report on the financial statements**

##### **Opinion on the financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements of Antalis Group (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its loss 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.

##### **What we have audited**

The financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), comprise:

- the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2016;
- the Profit and Loss Account and Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the Directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

##### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Strategic Report and 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.

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report. We have nothing to report in this respect.

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### **Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Antalis Group (continued)**

#### **Other matters on which we are required to report by exception**

##### **Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

##### **Directors remuneration**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified in law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

#### **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

##### **Our responsibilities and those of the Directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 4, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the parent company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.



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### Independent Auditors' Report to the members of Antalis Group (continued)

#### What an audit of the financial statements involves

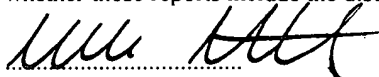
We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the Directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures within the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report. With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we consider whether those reports include the disclosures required by applicable legal requirements.



Mark Foster (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Statutory Auditor

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26 June 2017

## Antalis Group

### Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	Note	2016 £ 000	2015 £ 000
Turnover		-	-
Administrative expenses		(134)	(119)
Other operating income		<u>133</u>	<u>130</u>
Operating (loss)/profit	3	<u>(1)</u>	<u>11</u>
Interest receivable and similar income	5	93	100
Interest payable and similar charges	6	<u>(122)</u>	<u>(117)</u>
		<u>(29)</u>	<u>(17)</u>
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(30)	(6)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	7	-	-
Loss for the financial year		<u><u>(30)</u></u>	<u><u>(6)</u></u>

The operating loss derives from continuing operations.

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### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	2016 £ 000	2015 £ 000
Loss for the financial year	<u>(30)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
Total comprehensive expense for the financial year	<u><u>(30)</u></u>	<u><u>(6)</u></u>


The notes on pages 12 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2016

	Note	2016 £ 000	2015 £ 000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	8	127,463	127,463
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	9	10,125	10,053
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>98</u>	<u>76</u>
		10,223	10,129
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>(2,241)</u>	<u>(2,117)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>7,982</u>	<u>8,012</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>135,445</u>	<u>135,475</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	11	220,471	220,471
Share premium account		500	500
Profit and loss account		<u>(85,526)</u>	<u>(85,496)</u>
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>135,445</u>	<u>135,475</u>

These financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved and authorised by the Board on 26 June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



S G McCue  
Director

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### Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 December 2016

	<b>Called up share capital £ 000</b>	<b>Share premium account £ 000</b>	<b>Profit and loss account £ 000</b>	<b>Total equity £ 000</b>
At 1 January 2015	220,471	500	(85,490)	135,481
Loss for the financial year	-	-	(6)	(6)
Total comprehensive expense for the financial year	-	-	(6)	(6)
At 31 December 2015	220,471	500	(85,496)	135,475
	<b>Called up share capital £ 000</b>	<b>Share premium account £ 000</b>	<b>Profit and loss account £ 000</b>	<b>Total equity £ 000</b>
At 1 January 2016	220,471	500	(85,496)	135,475
Loss for the financial year	-	-	(30)	(30)
Total comprehensive expense for the financial year	-	-	(30)	(30)
At 31 December 2016	220,471	500	(85,526)	135,445

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **Antalis Group**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016**

#### **1 General information**

The Company is a private company limited by share capital incorporated in United Kingdom.

The address of its registered office is:

100 New Bridge Street

London

EC4V 6JA

The principal place of business is:

Gateway House

Interlink Way West

Coalville

Leicestershire

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These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 26 June 2017.

#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Company makes estimates of assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. However, there are no significant estimates or assumptions used on these financial statements that the Directors expect will have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

The Directors also consider that the key areas of estimation are deferred tax provision. As the Antalis and Arjo UK group of companies have significant tax losses, and anticipates further tax losses in later years, it is not known when deferred tax assets will be realised.

The Directors have not recognised the deferred tax asset in the current year.

The Directors believe that the assumption that Antalis Group is a going concern is a critical assumption. The financial information has been prepared on the going concern basis as the Company is expected to generate both cash and trading profits going forward.

##### **Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' ("FRS102") and with the Companies Act 2006.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

##### **Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value. The Company has taken the exemption from preparing a statement of cash flows (section 7 of FRS 102 p3.17 (d)) and certain financial instrument disclosures (FRS 102 p11.39 - 11.48A, 12.26 - 12.29).

On 15 February 2017, the ultimate parent company Sequana SA announced a proposed Initial Public Offering ("IPO") of Antalis International SA, the merchanting division of the Sequana SA group, of which this Company is a wholly owned subsidiary. Antalis International was listed on the stock exchange on 12 June 2017. Management have taken into account the IPO in assessing the preparation of the financial statements under the going concern basis.

The Company meets its day to day obligations through managing cash balances and working capital requirements. The Company's forecasts and projections, show that the Company should be able to operate within the level of its current facilities. After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Antalis International SA. Consequently the Company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 to not prepare consolidated financial statements.

##### **Income from group companies**

Income from group companies comprise dividends receivable on investments in other group companies, which are recognised as income once they are formally approved.

##### **Cash flow and related parties**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary company of a group headed by Antalis International SA and is included in the consolidated financial statements of that company, which are publically available (note 12). Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemptions from preparing a cash flow statement.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions not to disclose related party transactions with other members of the Antalis group on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of a group headed by Antalis International SA.

##### **Foreign currency**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the contracted rate or the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

##### **Tax**

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

## Antalis Group

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 2 Accounting policies (continued)

Deferred tax is recognised, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purpose which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the Directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing difference can be deducted.

#### Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recorded initially at their fair value and subsequently at amortised cost. They are classified as non current according to when the receipt or payment falls due.

##### • Debtors

Debtors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. When a debtor is unrecoverable, it is written off against the allowance account for debtors. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against "administrative expenses" in the profit and loss account.

##### • Cash

Cash includes cash in hand and deposits held with banks available on demand.

##### • Creditors

Creditors are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Fixed asset investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recorded at cost plus incidental expenses less any provision for impairment. The Directors perform impairment reviews when there has been an indication of potential impairment.

#### 3 Operating (loss) / profit

Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging / (crediting);

	2016 £ 000	2015 £ 000
Foreign currency gains	(1)	(12)
Auditors' remuneration	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>



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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 4 Particulars of employees

The Directors are employees of other group companies and their emoluments and contributions to pension schemes on their behalf are paid by other group companies. Their services to the Company are of a non executive nature and their remuneration, including pension benefits is deemed to be wholly attributable to their services to other group companies. Accordingly, none of the Directors received any remuneration for their services as a Director of the Company during the year (2015: none).

#### 5 Interest receivable and similar income

	2016 £ 000	2015 £ 000
Interest receivable on loans to group undertakings	<u>93</u>	<u>100</u>

#### 6 Interest payable and similar charges

	2016 £ 000	2015 £ 000
Interest on loans from group undertakings	<u>122</u>	<u>117</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 7 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

Tax charged/(credited) in the profit and loss account

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£ 000</b>	<b>£ 000</b>
<b>Current taxation</b>		
UK Corporation tax	(6)	(1)
Less: Group relief payable	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
UK corporation tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The tax on loss on ordinary activities before taxation for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2015 - higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK) of 20% (2015 - 20.25%).

The differences are reconciled below:

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>£ 000</b>	<b>£ 000</b>
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>(30)</u>	<u>(6)</u>
Corporation tax at standard rate	(6)	(1)
Losses surrendered to other group undertaking for no consideration	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>
Total current tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The UK corporation tax rate for 2016 was 20%. Changes to reduce the UK corporation Tax rate to 19% from 1 April 2017 and 17% from 1 April 2020 have been substantially enacted on 26 October 2015 and 6 September 2016 respectively.

As the change to 17% has been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date its effects are included in these financial statements.

Deferred tax assets of £114k (2015: £128k) in respect of losses carried forward, and depreciation in excess of tax allowances have not been recognised due to uncertainty of recovery. These unprovided assets have been calculated using a rate of 17%.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 8 Investments

Subsidiaries	£ 000
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2015	178,410
<b>Provision</b>	
At 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2015	50,947
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2016	127,463
At 31 December 2015	127,463

The directors believe the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets and the impairment recognised continues to be appropriate.

#### Details of undertakings

Details of the investments (including principal place of business of unincorporated entities) in which the company holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

Undertaking	Country of incorporation	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held	
			2016	2015
<b>Subsidiary undertakings</b>				
Antalis Holdings Limited 100 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6JA	UK	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
Antalis Overseas Holdings Limited 100 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6JA	UK	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
Antalis Limited 100 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6JA	UK	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
1st Class Packaging Limited 100 New Bridge St, London. EC4V 6JA	United Kingdom	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
Donington Packaging Supplies Limited 100 New Bridge St, London. EC4V 6JA	United Kingdom	Ordinary shares	100%	100%
Parkside Packaging Limited 100 New Bridge St, London. EC4V 6JA	United Kingdom	Ordinary shares	100%	100%

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 8 Investments (continued)

The principal activity of Antalis Holdings Limited is a holding company

The principal activity of Antalis Overseas Holdings Limited is a holding company

The principal activity of Antalis Limited is a paper merchant

The principal activity of 1st Class Packaging Limited is the supply of packaging materials

The principal activity of Donington Packaging Supplies Limited is the resale of packaging materials to the agricultural industry

The principal activity of Parkside Packaging Limited is the supply of packaging materials

#### 9 Debtors

	2016 £ 000	2015 £ 000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	10,094	9,995
Other debtors	12	33
Prepayments and accrued income	19	25
Total debtors	<u>10,125</u>	<u>10,053</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings is owed from Antalis International SA and is repayable on demand. The interest is calculated daily at LIBOR plus 0.5% (2015: LIBOR plus 0.5%).

#### 10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2016 £ 000	2015 £ 000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	2,239	2,116
Accruals and deferred income	2	1
	<u>2,241</u>	<u>2,117</u>

The loan is owed to Antalis Holdings Limited, a fellow group company, and is unsecured and repayable on demand. Interest is calculated daily at LIBOR plus 5.26% (2015: LIBOR plus 5.26%).

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2016 (continued)

#### 11 Called up share capital

##### Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2016		2015	
	No. 000	£ 000	No. 000	£ 000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>220,471</u>	<u>220,471</u>	<u>220,471</u>	<u>220,471</u>

No dividend has been paid or is proposed.

#### 12 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The Company's immediate parent is Antalis International SA, incorporated in France.

The ultimate parent is Sequana SA, incorporated in France which is the largest group to consolidate these financial statements.

These financial statements are available upon request from:

8 rue de Seine,  
92100 Boulogne Billancourt  
Paris  
France

Antalis International SA is the smallest group to consolidate these financial statements. These financial statements are available from the same address as above.