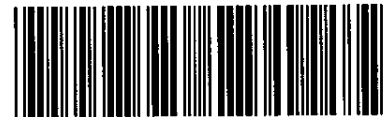


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Financial Statements
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J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Financial Statements

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Strategic Report

Year ended 31 December 2017

The Directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2017. The directors are satisfied with the group's financial position.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The Directors are pleased to report that turnover has almost matched last year, resulting in turnover of around £58m. The group has managed to maintain its gross profit margin at 23%. The group's balance sheet also discloses a very healthy and satisfactory net asset position of almost £2.4m.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The group is still trying to improve the results of some of its local subsidiary outlets. Also, the directors expect pressure on margins in the coming year or so, particularly with the unknown consequences of Brexit.

The group is still actively looking for new acquisitions in other geographical markets in the U.K.

FINANCIAL RISK AND MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Market Risk

As noted above, the market place is becoming ever more competitive. In order to improve margins across the group, focus will be placed upon achieving this through lower wastage and improved control of stock. Furthermore, building good working relationships with overseas growers will also continue to improve margins.

Foreign exchange risk

The group enters foreign exchange in order to hedge against any anticipated currency fluctuations.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 26 June 2018 and signed on behalf of the board by:



D. NEWHAM

Registered office:
Knapdale Nursery
Cattlegate Road
Enfield
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EN2 9ED

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Director's Report

Year ended 31 December 2017

The director presents her report and the financial statements of the group for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Directors

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

J Newham	
R Tamerus	(Appointed 28 July 2017)
Mr JC Van Der Sar	(Retired 28 July 2017)

Dividends

Particulars of recommended dividends are detailed in note 12 to the financial statements.

Disclosure of information in the strategic report

This has been included on Page 1.

Director's responsibilities statement

The director is responsible for preparing the strategic report, director's report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has 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 director must not approve the financial statements unless she is satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and the company and the profit or loss of the group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The director is 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. She is 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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Director's Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2017

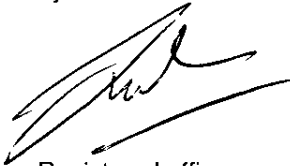
Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the group and the company's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group and the company's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 26 June 2018 and signed on behalf of the board by:

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

Registered office:
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J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Year ended 31 December 2017

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of financial position, company statement of financial position, consolidated statement of changes in equity, company statement of changes in equity, consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with chapter 3 of part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion section of our report, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of the group's profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for qualified opinion

The group accounts include the results of J Van Vliet New York LLC, a company incorporated in New York, in the United States of America. This subsidiary does not require a statutory audit. The results for this subsidiary for the year show a profit of £47,410 (2016:£99,788), together with aggregate profits of £456,089 (2016:£393,092). There were no other satisfactory audit procedures that we could adopt with respect to auditing the results of this subsidiary included in these consolidated accounts.

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 group 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 qualified opinion.

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2017

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the director has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the group's or the parent company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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 director is responsible for the other information. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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 the audit:

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

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2017

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the director's 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 by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of director's remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of the director

As explained more fully in the director's responsibilities statement, the director is 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 director determines 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 director is responsible for assessing the group's and the parent 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 director either intends to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or has 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the group's internal control.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2017

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the director.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the group's or the parent company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the group or the parent company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Mr Shenol Moustafa, FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Hurshens Limited
Chartered accountant & statutory auditor

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26 June 2018

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited
Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income
Year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Turnover	4	57,890,607	59,013,169
Cost of sales		<u>44,261,811</u>	<u>45,182,499</u>
Gross profit		13,628,796	13,830,670
Administrative expenses		<u>12,928,870</u>	<u>12,994,736</u>
Operating profit	5	699,926	835,934
Other interest receivable and similar income	9	3,880	6,604
Interest payable and similar expenses	10	<u>(11)</u>	<u>2,679</u>
Profit before taxation		703,817	839,859
Tax on profit	11	<u>213,122</u>	<u>200,439</u>
Profit for the financial year		490,695	639,420
Foreign currency retranslation		<u>15,587</u>	<u>(18,037)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		506,282	621,383

All the activities of the group are from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	13	20,000	42,600
Tangible assets	14	<u>2,696,803</u>	<u>2,974,604</u>
		2,716,803	3,017,204
Current assets			
Stock	16	2,657,401	3,126,437
Debtors	17	3,800,089	3,963,579
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,446,424</u>	<u>1,519,180</u>
		8,903,914	8,609,196
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>8,845,118</u>	<u>8,391,478</u>
Net current assets		58,796	217,718
Total assets less current liabilities		2,775,599	3,234,922
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	<u>373,334</u>	<u>536,837</u>
Net assets		2,402,265	2,698,085
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	21	51,000	51,000
Revaluation reserve	22	147,882	147,882
Profit and loss account	22	<u>2,203,383</u>	<u>2,499,203</u>
Shareholders funds		2,402,265	2,698,085

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 26 June 2018, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



J Newham
Director

Company registration number: 2990765

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J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

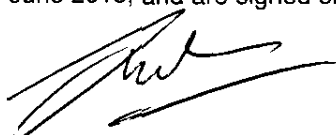
Company Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	14	297,229	278,758
Investments	15	351,704	351,704
		<u>648,933</u>	<u>630,462</u>
Current assets			
Stock	16	441,593	647,435
Debtors	17	636,090	799,220
Cash at bank and in hand		579,867	466,337
		<u>1,657,550</u>	<u>1,912,992</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>1,215,869</u>	<u>1,069,116</u>
Net current assets		<u>441,681</u>	<u>843,876</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>1,090,614</u>	<u>1,474,338</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	<u>221,174</u>	<u>322,174</u>
Net assets		<u>869,440</u>	<u>1,152,164</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	21	51,000	51,000
Revaluation reserve	22	147,882	147,882
Profit and loss account	22	670,558	953,282
Shareholders funds		<u>869,440</u>	<u>1,152,164</u>

The profit for the financial year of the parent company was £519,378 (2016: £566,741).

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 26 June 2018, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



J Newham
Director

Company registration number: 2990765

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 December 2017

		Called up share capital £	Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 January 2016		51,000	147,882	3,351,004	3,549,886
Profit for the year				639,420	639,420
Other comprehensive income for the year:					
Foreign currency retranslation		—	—	(18,037)	(18,037)
Total comprehensive income for the year		—	—	621,383	621,383
Dividends paid and payable	12	—	—	(1,473,184)	(1,473,184)
Total investments by and distributions to owners		—	—	(1,473,184)	(1,473,184)
At 31 December 2016		51,000	147,882	2,499,203	2,698,085
Profit for the year				490,695	490,695
Other comprehensive income for the year:					
Foreign currency retranslation		—	—	15,587	15,587
Total comprehensive income for the year		—	—	506,282	506,282
Dividends paid and payable	12	—	—	(802,102)	(802,102)
Total investments by and distributions to owners		—	—	(802,102)	(802,102)
At 31 December 2017		<u>51,000</u>	<u>147,882</u>	<u>2,203,383</u>	<u>2,402,265</u>

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Company Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 December 2017

		Called up share capital £	Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 January 2016		51,000	147,882	1,859,725	2,058,607
Profit for the year		—	—	566,741	566,741
Total comprehensive income for the year		—	—	566,741	566,741
Dividends paid and payable	12	—	—	(1,473,184)	(1,473,184)
Total investments by and distributions to owners		—	—	(1,473,184)	(1,473,184)
At 31 December 2016		51,000	147,882	953,282	1,152,164
Profit for the year		—	—	519,378	519,378
Total comprehensive income for the year		—	—	519,378	519,378
Dividends paid and payable	12	—	—	(802,102)	(802,102)
Total investments by and distributions to owners		—	—	(802,102)	(802,102)
At 31 December 2017		<u>51,000</u>	<u>147,882</u>	<u>670,558</u>	<u>869,440</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the financial year	490,695	639,420
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible assets	864,556	841,492
Amortisation of intangible assets	22,600	22,600
Other interest receivable and similar income	(3,880)	(6,604)
Interest payable and similar expenses	(11)	2,679
Gains on disposal of tangible assets	(30,159)	(15,385)
Tax on profit	213,122	200,439
Accrued expenses	180,566	112,555
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Stock	469,036	328,634
Trade and other debtors	163,490	1,122,309
Trade and other creditors	324,565	(1,377,952)
Cash generated from operations	<u>2,694,580</u>	<u>1,870,187</u>
Interest paid	11	(2,679)
Interest received	3,880	6,604
Tax paid	(279,572)	(225,804)
Net cash from operating activities	<u>2,418,899</u>	<u>1,648,308</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(650,330)	(605,942)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	118,431	76,495
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(531,899)</u>	<u>(529,447)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from borrowings	(157,654)	(685,833)
Dividends paid	(802,102)	(1,473,184)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(959,756)</u>	<u>(2,159,017)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	927,244	(1,040,156)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,519,180	3,866,066
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>2,446,424</u>	<u>2,825,910</u>

The notes on pages 14 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2017

1. General information

The company is a private company limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Knapdale Nursery, Cattlegate Road, Enfield, Middx, EN2 9ED.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Disclosure exemptions

The parent company satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following reduced disclosures available under FRS 102:

- (a) Disclosures in respect of each class of share capital have not been presented.
- (b) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- (c) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.
- (d) No disclosure has been given for the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel.

Consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the financial statements of J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included from or to the date that control passes.

The parent company has applied the exemption contained in section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its individual profit and loss account.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Stock provisions- The group sells flowers, plants and related sundry products. When considering stock provisions and write downs, management have to review market conditions and recoverability of stock held at the year end. See Note 15 for the net carrying amount of the stock.

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2017

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Revenue recognition

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods supplied and services rendered, stated net of discounts and of Value Added Tax.

Income tax

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences, which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax is only provided where it is considered to be material. Deferred taxation provisions are only made on the potential sale of freehold buildings where there is a binding agreement for the sale of such assets at the year end. There were no such binding agreements at the year end.

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are initially recorded in the functional currency, by applying the spot exchange rate as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the reporting date, with any gains or losses being taken to the profit and loss account.

Goodwill

This policy fairly reflects the carrying value of goodwill over its useful life and takes account the future cash flows as a result of the use of goodwill.

Amortisation

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

Goodwill - 10 years straight line

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2017

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation increase accumulated in equity in respect of that asset. Where a revaluation decrease exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains accumulated in equity in respect of that asset, the excess shall be recognised in profit or loss.

Depreciation

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

Freehold building	-	2% straight line
Plant and machinery	-	25% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	25% straight line
Motor vehicles	-	25% straight line

Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided.

4. Turnover

Turnover arises from:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Sale of goods and services	57,648,536	58,771,456
Commissions	242,069	241,711
	<u>57,890,605</u>	<u>59,013,167</u>

J. Van Vliet London Cash & Carry Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2017

4. Turnover *(continued)*

The director considers it to be seriously prejudicial to the interests of the company to disclose information regarding turnover.

5. Operating profit

Operating profit or loss is stated after charging:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Amortisation of intangible assets	22,600	27,600
Depreciation of tangible assets	865,121	843,431
Gains on disposal of tangible assets	(30,159)	(15,385)
Impairment of trade debtors	35,773	69,407
Operating lease rentals	5,545	10,956
Foreign exchange differences	19,352	(13,684)
Cost of stocks recognised as an expense	<u>44,261,811</u>	<u>45,182,499</u>

6. Auditor's remuneration

	2017	2016
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>42,085</u>	<u>41,955</u>

7. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year, including the director, amounted to:

	2017	2016
	No.	No.
Distribution staff	303	252
Administrative staff	18	20
Management staff	10	10
	<u>331</u>	<u>282</u>

The aggregate payroll costs incurred during the year, relating to the above, were:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	6,768,556	6,904,319
Social security costs	491,253	543,004
Other pension costs	52,213	29,560
	<u>7,312,022</u>	<u>7,476,883</u>

8. Director's remuneration

The director's aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services was:

	2017	2016
	£	£
Remuneration	<u>79,174</u>	<u>101,240</u>

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8. Director's remuneration *(continued)*

Apart from one director in the holding company, none of the other directors or key management are remunerated by the this company. It is not considered practicable to split their emoluments between these companies.

9. Other interest receivable and similar income

	2017	2016
	£	£
Interest on loans and receivables	3,085	6,291
Interest on cash and cash equivalents	<u>795</u>	<u>313</u>
	<u>3,880</u>	<u>6,604</u>

10. Interest payable and similar expenses

	2017	2016
	£	£
Other interest payable and similar charges	<u>(11)</u>	<u>2,679</u>

11. Tax on profit

Major components of tax expense

	2017	2016
	£	£
Current tax:		
UK current tax expense	152,454	164,330
Foreign current tax expense	<u>60,668</u>	<u>36,109</u>
Total current tax	<u>213,122</u>	<u>200,439</u>
Tax on profit	<u>213,122</u>	<u>200,439</u>

Reconciliation of tax expense

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is higher than (2016: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2016: 20%).

	2017	2016
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>703,817</u>	<u>839,859</u>
Profit on ordinary activities by rate of tax	<u>133,725</u>	167,972
Effect of capital allowances and depreciation	<u>62,202</u>	34,753
Foreign tax	<u>21,616</u>	15,393
Other tax adjustment	<u>(4,421)</u>	<u>(17,679)</u>
Tax on profit	<u>213,122</u>	<u>200,439</u>

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12. Dividends

Dividends paid during the year (excluding those for which a liability existed at the end of the prior year):

	2017	2016
	£	£
Equity dividends on ordinary shares	<u>802,102</u>	<u>1,473,184</u>

13. Intangible assets

Group	Goodwill
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017	<u>514,021</u>
Amortisation	
At 1 January 2017	471,421
Charge for the year	<u>22,600</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>494,021</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2017	<u>20,000</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>42,600</u>

The company has no intangible assets.

14. Tangible assets

Group	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 January 2017	1,759,392	4,102,074	2,161,011	1,381,127	9,403,604
Additions	–	147,734	234,292	268,304	650,330
Disposals	–	(87,514)	(9,283)	(218,625)	(315,422)
At 31 December 2017	<u>1,759,392</u>	<u>4,162,294</u>	<u>2,386,020</u>	<u>1,430,806</u>	<u>9,738,512</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2017	770,970	3,230,726	1,715,018	687,589	6,404,303
Charge for the year	78,030	295,116	190,765	300,645	864,556
Disposals	–	(66,452)	(9,301)	(151,397)	(227,150)
At 31 December 2017	<u>849,000</u>	<u>3,459,390</u>	<u>1,896,482</u>	<u>836,837</u>	<u>7,041,709</u>
Carrying amount					
At 31 December 2017	<u>910,392</u>	<u>702,904</u>	<u>489,538</u>	<u>593,969</u>	<u>2,696,803</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>988,422</u>	<u>871,348</u>	<u>445,993</u>	<u>693,538</u>	<u>2,999,301</u>

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14. Tangible assets *(continued)*

Company	Long leasehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 Jan 2017	286,592	810,306	693,005	149,353	51,167	1,990,423
Additions	–	752	25,011	–	117,786	143,549
Disposals	–	–	(4,460)	–	–	(4,460)
At 31 Dec 2017	<u>286,592</u>	<u>811,058</u>	<u>713,556</u>	<u>149,353</u>	<u>168,953</u>	<u>2,129,512</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 Jan 2017	225,937	722,208	634,096	87,826	41,598	1,711,665
Charge for the year	35,772	26,574	23,820	20,961	17,951	125,078
Disposals	–	–	(4,460)	–	–	(4,460)
At 31 Dec 2017	<u>261,709</u>	<u>748,782</u>	<u>653,456</u>	<u>108,787</u>	<u>59,549</u>	<u>1,832,283</u>
Carrying amount						
At 31 Dec 2017	<u>24,883</u>	<u>62,276</u>	<u>60,100</u>	<u>40,566</u>	<u>109,404</u>	<u>297,229</u>
At 31 Dec 2016	<u>60,655</u>	<u>88,098</u>	<u>58,909</u>	<u>61,527</u>	<u>9,569</u>	<u>278,758</u>

15. Investments

The group has no investments.

Company	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017	<u>351,704</u>
Impairment	
At 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017	<u>–</u>
Carrying amount	
At 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2017	<u>351,704</u>
At 31 December 2016	<u>351,704</u>

The company did not open or close any subsidiary companies.

All companies deal in the wholesale of flowers, plants and related products.

The company has dominant influence and control (where it has direct influence over operations and financing) over the following subsidiary companies, for which the results for each have been included in these consolidated accounts.

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15. Investments *(continued)*

Subsidiaries, associates and other investments

Details of the investments in which the parent company has an interest of 20% or more are as follows:

	Class of share	Percentage of shares held
Subsidiary undertakings		
J Van Vliet (Northampton) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Glasgow) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Zwetsloot) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Heathrow) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Derby) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Edinburgh) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Manchester) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Inverness) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Aberdeen) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Birmingham) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Southampton) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Ashton) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Gateshead) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Stoke on Trent) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet (Nottingham) Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet C&C Facilities Ltd	Ordinary £1 shares	100
J Van Vliet New York	LLC	100

16. Stock

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Stock for resale	<u>2,657,401</u>	<u>3,126,437</u>	<u>441,593</u>	<u>647,435</u>

17. Debtors

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	<u>2,854,854</u>	2,956,128	<u>197,271</u>	253,933
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>370,389</u>	481,702	<u>370,389</u>	481,702
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>559,366</u>	473,729	<u>60,888</u>	63,585
Corporation tax repayable	–	–	<u>7,542</u>	–
Other debtors	<u>15,480</u>	52,020	–	–
	<u><u>3,800,089</u></u>	<u>3,963,579</u>	<u><u>636,090</u></u>	<u>799,220</u>

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17. Debtors *(continued)*

The debtors above include the following amounts falling due after more than one year:

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	370,389	481,702	370,389	481,702
Other debtors	14,780	52,020	–	–
	<u>385,169</u>	<u>533,722</u>	<u>370,389</u>	<u>481,702</u>

Other Debtors of £14,780 (2016:£52,020) relates to various rent deposits.

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	162,845	156,996	100,992	100,992
Trade creditors	5,593,271	5,247,589	612,760	631,444
Amounts owed to group undertakings	–	–	100,000	–
Accruals and deferred income	1,022,501	832,825	162,558	80,485
Corporation tax	17,980	84,430	–	–
Social security and other taxes	2,048,521	2,069,638	239,559	256,195
	<u>8,845,118</u>	<u>8,391,478</u>	<u>1,215,869</u>	<u>1,069,116</u>

Bank loans and overdrafts are secured by a fixed and floating charge over all the assets of the company, together with cross guarantees between all companies within the group.

19. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>373,334</u>	<u>536,837</u>	<u>221,174</u>	<u>322,174</u>

The bank loan is charged at Barclay's Bank base rate plus 2.25%. Payments of £13,083 per month are payable and the loan is due for repayment in August 2021.

20. Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in profit or loss as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £52,213 (2016: £29,560).

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21. Called up share capital

Authorised share capital

	2017		2016	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>

Issued, called up and fully paid

	2017		2016	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>	<u>51,000</u>

22. Reserves

Profit and loss account - This reserve records retained earnings and accumulated losses.

23. Operating leases

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£	£	£	£
Not later than 1 year	-	74,480	-	-
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<u>175,578</u>	68,783	<u>62,500</u>	62,500
Later than 5 years	<u>242,559</u>	14,079	-	-
	<u>418,137</u>	<u>19,776</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>62,500</u>

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24. Related party transactions

Company

The company and group are under the control of its ultimate parent company Esmeralda Limited, which is incorporated in Malta.

The company is exempt from disclosing related party transactions with its 100% owned subsidiary companies.

However, the following group transactions occurred with related companies where the company has no ownership or control:-

During the year the group purchased goods in the normal course of business from J van Vliet Bloemenexport B.V. for £23,733,230 (2016:£24,280,483). The price charged was the normal market price in the case of each individual purchase. At the balance sheet date the amount due to this company amounted to £1,921,456 (2016:£2,023,652).

During the year the group purchased goods in the normal course of business from J van Vliet Potplants B.V. for £23,747,935 (2016:£4,112,972). The price charged was the normal market price in the case of each individual purchase. At the balance sheet date the amount due to this company amounted to £291,565 (2016:£289,350).

During the year the group purchased goods in the normal course of business from J van Vliet Transport B.V. for £22,709 (2016:£29,213). The price charged was the normal market price in the case of each individual purchase. At the balance sheet date the amount due to this company amounted to £17,072 (2016:£12,333).

During the year the group purchased goods in the normal course of business from J van Vliet S. A. Limited. for £2,894,323 (2016:£3,544,297). The price charged was the normal market price in the case of each individual purchase. At the balance sheet date the amount due to this company amounted to £405,202 (2016:£257,389).

These following companies are related by virtue of control by the ultimate holding company Esmeralda Limited, with the following transactions taking place:-

During the year, the group paid Mastermind Trading (UK) Ltd rent of £1203,650 (2016:£198,660).

During the year, the group paid Mr J van Vliet consultancy fees of £684,863 (£690,990).

Included within Debtors due after one year of £370,389 (2016:£481,702) are loans due from J van Vliet Turkey of £42,515 (2016:£113,161), J van Vliet Athens of £327,872 (2016:£327,872), and J van Vliet Vilnius UAB of £- (2016:£40,667). All loans carry an average rate of 1% p.a. and are repayable on demand, with £3,085 (2016:£6,291) received during the year on these loans.

25. Controlling party

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is Esmeralda Limited. It has included the company in its group accounts, copies of which are available from its registered office: Tower Gate Place, Tal-Qroqq Street, Msida, MSD 1703, Malta.