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EKF Diagnostics Holdings plc ("EKF", the "Company" or the "Group")

Interim Results

EKF Diagnostics Holdings plc (AIM: EKF), the point-of-care diagnostics business, announces its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2012.

Financial Highlights

- Revenue up 71% to £12.65m (H1 2011: £7.38m)
- · Gross margins up to 57% (H1 2011 restated: 48%)
- Operating profit of £0.34m (H1 2011: loss of £1.49m)
- Adjusted EBITDA before exceptional items and share based payments of £1.40m (H1 2011: £0.21m)
- Cash at 30 June 2012 was £3.16m, with a net cash position of £0.96m.

Operational Highlights

- · Consumable growth of 32% across four major volume products
- · Significant improvement in BHB reagent sales
- Commencement of shipments of HemoPoint H2 analysers and consumables to Alere in North America
- · Cuvette patent awards in USA and China
- Final exit from sports licensing business with disposal of IBL AG

Post-period end

- Alere orders for HemoPoint H2 already exceed first year minimum, five months after launch
- Commercial launch of Quo-Lab HbA1c analyser for emerging markets (early July)
- Collaboration with the Joslin Diabetes Centre to expand future pipeline
- Settlement of patent related litigation with HemoCue, resulting in release of provision for costs of £0.50m

Commenting on the Company's outlook, David Evans, Executive Chairman of EKF, said:

"We are confident that the recent product launches and other programmes that are in place will drive further organic growth in the second half of 2012 and beyond. We will continue to assess acquisition opportunities as they

present themselves and progress those which offer good synergy and represent good value for shareholders."

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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Dear Fellow Shareholder,

The first six months of the year have been a combination of challenges and opportunities in equal measure. The challenges have been primarily revenue related and are due to a combination of factors. Despite this, adjusted EBITDA for the period is sharply higher than for the same period last year, and with half the year gone we have already achieved more than 85% of 2011's figure.

The main driver for the improved adjusted EBITDA is the Company's decision to increase its sales focus on its higher margin products, in particular Beta-Hydroxybutyrate (BHB) liquid reagents. BHB is the primary ketone present during ketosis, a condition linked with diabetes and other conditions. Sales during the period grew from £0.54m in the second half of 2011 to £1.50m. This also had a significantly positive effect on our bottom line. We are continuing to look to expand sales of this product.

The launch of Quo-Lab, a cost effective HbA1c analyser for developing markets, was originally planned for the first half of the year. We made a conscious decision to delay the launch to review our sales strategy and ensure that the product was technically ready. Quo-Lab was commercially launched in early July and we have seen unexpectedly high initial demand already, demonstrating the opportunity for this product in emerging markets and the strong consumable pull-through associated with it.

We had also anticipated an earlier launch in the North American market of our HemoPoint H2 haemoglobin analyser through Alere but, for reasons outside of our control, the product launch did not occur until mid-April. Despite this, in the five months since launch Alere have already ordered in excess of the quaranteed first year minimum of 1,400 analysers, most of which are for delivery in the second half. We remain extremely confident of our partner's ability to penetrate the market. Our Hemo Control product line, which includes the H2, has benefited from the award of patents in the USA and China for the NXT cuvette, the new design for which ensures that blood can be collected at any angle without air bubbles collecting in the optical window thus reducing waste.

In addition, on 10 August 2012 we announced that we had entered into a Settlement Agreement with HemoCue in relation to patent-related litigation in Germany and the US. As a result of the Settlement Agreement all claims are mutually settled and finally resolved. The effect of this is that EKF's original design cuvette will continue to be sold in all countries other than China, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Finland, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, The Netherlands, Sweden, the United States and South Africa, while the NXT cuvette will continue to be sold in all countries world-wide. As well as dispelling uncertainty, following the settlement we have released the remaining provision for associated costs totalling £0.50m.

We continue to look to grow the business both organically and by acquisition. The launch of RenaStat has been delayed slightly but we are confident that the technical issues can be overcome. We have made encouraging progress on the development of other analytes on the Quo-Test platform with C-reactive protein (CRP) having passed proof of principle. This is particularly important as it will enable the menu of tests to be expanded and thus enhance the value of the platform beyond HbA1c.

The collaboration with the Joslin Diabetes Centre, Boston announced in July is one example of our efforts to expand our future pipeline. The licence will provide EKF's wholly owned subsidiary, Argutus Medical Ltd, with exclusive rights to the Joslin's Intellectual Property surrounding two markers, Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor 1 and 2, that, when found at elevated levels in the blood stream, can help identify patients with diabetes who are at increased risk of developing end stage renal disease up to ten years in advance. Another example is our investment in Arcis Biotechnology Holdings Limited where we have invested £0.25m for a 3.62% shareholding. We were simultaneously granted a licence by Arcis for DNA extraction which we believe will allow us an exposure to the continued growth of molecular diagnostics in particular in point of care. We continue to evaluate acquisition opportunities and as highlighted in my comments at the time of the Annual Report we are not in pursuit of acquisitions at any cost and such acquisitions must be compatible with our long-term value creation strategy.

Financial review

Revenue

Revenue has increased to £12.65m, an increase over the same period last year of 71%, largely as a result of the acquisition of Stanbio in June 2011. On a like for like basis, including Stanbio's revenue for the period prior to acquisition, revenue increased by 7%. As well as reflecting the delayed launches mentioned above, this reflects delays in tender business resulting from political uncertainty particularly in Mexico. During the period we have sold to over 100 countries worldwide.

Margins

Gross margins have increased from 48% to 57%, largely as a result of improved product mix, particularly where we have seen an increased contribution from consumables sales which were up 32% year on year across four major volume products. Comparative margins in the first half of 2011 have been restated to include certain direct costs which were previously included in administrative expenses.

Adjusted EBITDA

The Group has made a small operating profit in the period of £0.34m (H1 2011: loss of £1.49m). We continue to consider that at this stage of the Group's development adjusted EBITDA offers a more meaningful measure, although this will change as the business matures. Adjusted EBITDA was £1.40m for the period against £0.21m in the same period last year. Adjusted EBITDA excludes depreciation and amortisation of £1.52m, the effect of share based payments of £0.26m, and exceptional profits relating to the sale of listed securities (£0.21m) and to the release of the provision for costs following the settlement with HemoCue (£0.50m). Administration costs increased as the Group continued to invest in sales, marketing, and finance infrastructure.

During the period, the Group completed its exit from its former sports licensing business. As a result of the disposal of its Swiss subsidiary International Brand Licencing AG, accumulated translation differences have been recycled through the consolidated income statement in accordance with International Accounting Standard 21 as part of the profit on disposal of the discontinued business. These gains totalling £1.59m had previously been taken direct to reserves.

Balance Sheet

During the period the Group invested £0.32m in development costs and £0.34m in Plant, Machinery and Equipment. Capital projects in the second half will include investment in automation for Quo-Test and Quo-Lab, and a cuvette line capacity upgrade.

Group cash at 30 June 2012 amounted to £3.16m (30 June 2011: £5.52m) which is sufficient to maintain our continued programme of investment for the foreseeable future. Deferred consideration of £0.64m in relation to the acquisition of Stanbio has been paid during the period. Of the deferred consideration payable within 12 months, £2.51m is payable in shares.

Outlook

We are confident that the recent product launches and other programmes that are in place will drive further organic growth in the second half of 2012 and beyond. We will continue to assess acquisition opportunities as they present themselves and progress those which offer good synergy and represent good value for shareholders.

We are driving change hard and challenging our employees to achieve success. There remains much work to be done but our employees are dedicated and flexible and I would like to thank them for their hard work.

David Evans Executive Chairman

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUN	E 2012		Restated	Audited
	Notes	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2012 £'000	unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2011 £'000	Year ended 31 December 2011 £'000
Continuing operations				
Revenue	3	12,652	7,380	21,658
Cost of sales		(5,384)	(3,869)	(11,277)
Gross profit		7,268	3,511	10,381
Administrative expenses		(7,243)	(5,113)	(12,906)
Other income	4	313	112	485
Operating profit/(loss)		338	(1,490)	(2,040)
Depreciation and amortisation		(1,515)	(1,019)	(2,321)
Share based payments		(264)	(361)	(753)
Exceptional items	5	716	(320)	(534)
EBITDA before exceptional items				
and share based payments		1,401	210	1,568
Finance income		17	9	76
Finance costs		(203)	(71)	(396)
Profit/(loss) before income tax	_	152	(1,552)	(2,360)
Income tax (charge)/credit	6	(538)	34	(198)
Loss for the period from		(2.2.2)		(0 ==0)
continued operations		(386)	(1,518)	(2,558)
Discontinued operations				
Profit/(loss) for the period from				
discontinued operations		1,598	(108)	(187)
Profit/(loss) for the period		1,212	(1,626)	(2,745)
Profit/(loss) attributable to:				
Owners of the parent		1,151	(1,658)	(2,884)
Non-controlling interest		61	32	139
		1,212	(1,626)	(2,745)
Profit/(loss) per ordinary share from continuing and discontinued operations attributable to the equity holders of the company during the period	l 7			
		Pence	Pence	Pence
Basic		(0.42)	(0.00)	(4.00)
From continuing operations		(0.18)	(0.89)	(1.26)
From discontinued operations		0.64	(0.06)	(0.09)

Continued and discontinued operations	0.46	(0.95)	(1.35)
Diluted			
From continuing operations	(0.16)	(0.89)	(1.26)
From discontinued operations	0.57	(0.06)	(0.09)
Continued and discontinued operations	0.41	(0.95)	(1.35)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited Year ended 31 December 2011	
	6 months ended 30 June 2012	6 months ended 30 June 2011		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Profit/(loss) for the period Other comprehensive income:	1,212	(1,626)	(2,745)	
Actuarial loss on pension scheme	(3)	(5)	(2)	
Fair value adjustment in respect of available for sale assets	-	-	155	
Recycling of currency translations in respect of disposal of subsidiary	(1,587)	-	-	
Currency translation differences	(660)	752	(408)	
Other comprehensive income for the period	(2,250)	747	(255)	
Total comprehensive loss for the period	(1,038)	(879)	(3,000)	
Attributable to:				
Owners of the parent	(1,099)	(911)	(3,126)	
Non-controlling interests	61	32	126	
	(1,038)	(879)	(3,000)	

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

	Notes	Unaudited as at 30 June 2012 £'000	Restated unaudited as at 30 June 2011 £'000	Audited as at 31 December 2011 £'000
Assets				
Non-current assets Property, plant and equipment Intangibles	8	10,226 31,911	10,577 34,207	10,629 33,116
Investments		250	-	-
Deferred tax assets Available-for-sale financial		158	183	168
assets		54	135	280
Total non-current assets		42,599	45,102	44,193
Current Assets Inventories Trade and other receivables		5,685 4,422	5,517 4,482	4,811 4,273

Available for sale financial assets Deferred tax assets Cash and cash equivalents Total current assets Total assets	- 60 3,165 13,338 55,937	8	110 33 5,515 15,657 60,759	51 67 5,338 14,540 58,733
Equity attributable to owners Ordinary shares Share premium account	2,539 38,372	2	2,350 35,118	2,512 38,372
Other reserve	-		244	244
Foreign currency reserves Retained Earnings	(670) (4,008	3)	2,705 (4,988)	1,577 (5,664)
Non-controlling interest Total equity	36,233 363 36,596		35,429 311 35,740	37,041 386 37,427
Liabilities Non-current liabilities Borrowings Deferred consideration Deferred tax liability Retirement benefit obligation Total non-current liabilities	2,006 3,091 4,131 101 9,329		2,201 11,610 5,010 98 18,919	2,097 5,222 4,434 97 11,850
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Deferred consideration Current income tax liabilities Deferred tax liabilities Borrowings Provisions for other liabilities and charges Total current liabilities	4,416 4,514 429 457 196		4,516 146 392 477 569 6,100	4,793 2,932 317 392 435 587 9,456
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Proceeds from disposal of av	ailabla for s	eala accata	277				78	
Interest received	anabie-ioi-s	ale assets	16		8		8	
Net cash used in investing	(613	3)	(8,624)		(9,583)			
Cash flow from financing	activities							
Proceeds from issuance of or		res	27		12,774		12,774	
New borrowings			181		450		450	
Repayment of borrowings			(392		(212)		(451)	
Dividends paid to non-contro	•	sts	(84)		(45)		(45)	
Repayment of deferred consi			(637		-		(323)	
Net cash (used in)/genera	ted by fina	ncing activiti	ies (905	i)	12,967		12,405	
Net (decrease)/increase in	cash and	cash equivale	ents (2,0	05)	2,278		2,016	
Cash and cash equivalents at	beginning	of period	5,21	9	3,192		3,192	
Exchange gains on cash and	cash equiva	alents	(49)		45		11	
Cash and cash equivalents	at end of	period	3,16	5	5,515		5,219	
STATEMENT OF CHANGE		•						
FOR THE 6 MONTHS E			OIL	Foreign	D		N	m . 1
	Share Capital	Share Premium	Other Reserve	Currency Reserve	Retained earnings	Total	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2011	1.681	23,013	244		(3,686)		305	23,529
Comprehensive income	1,001	23,013	477	1,972	(3,000)	23,224	303	49,349
•					(1 650)		32	(1.636)
(Loss)/profit for the period Other comprehensive	-	-	-	-	(1,658)	(1,658)	32	(1,626)
income								
Actuarial loss on pension	-	-	-	-	(5)	(5)	-	(5)
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	733	-	733	19	752
Transactions with								
owners Proceeds from shares								
issued	669	12,105	-	-	-	12,774	-	12,774
Share based payment	-	-	-	-	361	361	-	361
Dividends payment to minority	-	-	-	-	-		(45)	(45)
At 30 June 2011	2,350	35,118	244	2,705	(4,988)	35,429	311	35,740
Comprehensive income								
(Loss)/profit for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,226)	(1,226)	107	(1,119)
Other comprehensive income						(=,===,		
Actuarial gain on pension	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	3
Fair value adjustment in respect of available-for-sale					155			155
financial assets	-	-	-	-	133	155	-	133
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	(1,128)	-	(1,128)	(32)	(1,160)
Transactions with						(1,120)		
owners Proceeds from shares	162	3,254						2 416
issued		3,234	-	-	-	3,416	-	3,416
Share based payment	-	-	-	-	392	392	-	392
At 31 December 2011	2,512	38,372	244	1,577	(5,664)	37,041	386	37,427
Comprehensive income					4.454		24	4.040
Profit for the period Other comprehensive	-	-	-	-	1,151	1,151	61	1,212
income								
Actuarial loss on pension	-	-	-	-	(3)	(3)	-	(3)
Recycling of reserves in respect of disposal of	-	-	(244)	(1,587)	244	(1,587)	-	(1,587)
subsidiary Currency translation				(000)		,,==-,		(000)
differences Transactions with	-	-	-	(660)	-	(660)	-	(660)
owners Proceeds from shares								_
issued	27	-	-	-	-	27	-	27
Share based payment	-	-	-	-	264	264	-	264
Dividends payment to minority	-	-	-	-	-		(84)	(84)
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At 30 June 2012

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. General information and basis of presentation

EKF Diagnostics Holdings plc is a public limited company incorporated in the United Kingdom (Registration Number 04347937). The address of the registered office is 14 Kinnerton Place South, London SW1X 8EH.

The Group's principal activity continues to be a business focused within the In-Vitro Diagnostics devices ("IVD") market place.

The financial information in these interim results is that of the holding company and all of its subsidiaries. It has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted for use in the EU (IFRSs). The accounting policies applied by the Group in this financial information are the same as those applied by the Group in its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 and which will form the basis of the 2012 financial statements except for a number of new and amended standards which have become effective since the beginning of the previous financial year. These new and amended standards are not expected to materially affect the Group.

The financial information presented herein does not constitute full statutory accounts under Section 434 of the Companies Act 2006 and was not subject to a formal review by the auditors. The financial information in respect of the year ended 31 December 2011 has been extracted from the statutory accounts which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The Group's Independent Auditor's report on those accounts was unqualified, did not include references to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report and did not contain a statement under section 498(2) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006. The financial information for the half years ended 30 June 2012 and 30 June 2011 is unaudited and the twelve months to 31 December 2011 is audited.

These interim accounts have not been prepared in accordance with IAS 34.

The unaudited information for the 6 months to 30 June 2011 has been restated to include within cost of sales certain direct costs totalling £1.21m which were previously included in administrative expenses. The balance sheet as at 30 June 2011 has been restated to show £0.03m deferred tax asset as current rather than non-current, and to show £0.39m deferred tax liability as current rather than non-current. These

changes are presentational and do not affect either the loss for the period or net assets.

2. Significant accounting policies

Intangible Assets

(a) Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of the acquisition. Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is included in 'intangible assets'. Goodwill has an infinite useful life and is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Impairment losses on goodwill are not reversed. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Goodwill is allocated to cash-generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units or Groups of cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose, identified according to operating segment.

(b) Trademarks and licences

Separately acquired trademarks and licences are shown at historical cost. Trademarks and licenses acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Trademarks and licenses have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of trademarks and licenses over their estimated useful lives of between 8 to 12 years and is charged to administrative expenses in the income statement.

(c) Contractual customer relationships

Contractual customer relationships acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. The contractual customer relationships have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method over the expected life of the customer relationship of between 6 to 12 years and is charged to administrative expenses in the income statement.

(d) Trade secrets

Trade secrets, includes technical knowhow, operating procedures, methods and processes, acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Trade secrets have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of trade secrets over their estimated useful lives of between 7 to 16 years and is charged to administrative expenses in the income statement.

(e) Research and Development costs

Research and development costs acquired in a business combination are recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Research and development costs have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost over their estimated useful lives of 15 years and is charged to administrative expenses in the income statement.

Expenditure incurred on the development of new or substantially improved products or processes is capitalised, provided that the related project satisfies the criteria for capitalisation, including the project's technical feasibility and likely commercial benefit. All other research and development costs are expensed as incurred.

Development costs are amortised over the estimated useful life of the products with which they are associated. Amortisation commences when a new product is in commercial production. The amortisation is charged to administrative expenses in the income statement. The estimated remaining useful lives of development costs are reviewed at least on an annual basis.

The carrying value of capitalised development costs is reviewed for potential impairment at least annually and if a product becomes unviable and an impairment is identified the deferred development costs are immediately charged to the income statement.

Inventories

Inventories and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated on a first in and first out basis and includes raw materials, direct labour, other direct costs and attributable production overheads, where appropriate. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and applicable selling costs. Where necessary, provision is made for slow moving and obsolete inventory. Inventory on consignment and their related obligations are recognised in current assets and payables respectively.

Provisions

Provision for restructuring costs and legal claims are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past event and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably measured. Restructuring provisions are recognised where the restructuring has been announced prior to the end of the reporting period. Restructuring costs include the costs of redundancy, outplacement fees and relocation where appropriate.

Provision is made for product warranty claims to the extent that the Group has a current obligation under warranties given. Warranty accruals are based on historic warranty claims experience. Provisions are discounted to their present value where the impact is significant.

Employee benefits

Share-based compensation

The Group operates a number of equity-settled, share-based compensation plans, under which the Group receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments of the Group. Equity-settled share-based payments are measured at fair value at the date of grant and are expensed

over the vesting period based on the number of instruments that are expected to vest. For plans where vesting conditions are based on share price targets, the fair value at the date of grant reflects these conditions. Where applicable the Group recognises the impact of revisions to original estimates in the income statement, with a corresponding adjustment to equity for equity-settled schemes. Fair values are measured using appropriate valuation models, taking into account the terms and conditions of the awards.

When the share based payment awards are exercised, the Company issues new shares. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium.

Revenue recognition

(a) Sale of goods and services

Revenue for the sale of medical diagnostic instruments and reagents is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents the invoiced value for the sale of the goods and services net of sales taxes, rebates and discounts. Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when a Group Company has delivered products to the customer, the customer has accepted the products and collectability of the related receivables is reasonably assured.

(b) Interest income

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount.

Exceptional items

These are items of an unusual or non-recurring nature incurred by the Group and include profits on disposal of listed securities, the one off effect of a litigation settlement, and in prior periods transactional costs and one off items relating to business combinations, such as acquisition expenses.

3. Segmental reporting

Management has determined the Group's operating segments based on the monthly management reports presented to the Chief Operating Decision Maker ('CODM'). The CODM is the Executive Directors and the monthly management reports are used by the Group to make strategic decisions and allocate resources.

The principal activity of the Group is the design, development, manufacture and selling of diagnostic instruments, reagents and certain ancillary products. This activity takes place across various countries, US, Germany, Poland, Russia, United Kingdom and Ireland, and as such the Board considers the business primarily from a geographic perspective. Although not all the segments meet the quantitative thresholds required by IFRS 8, management has concluded that given the recent acquisitions, all segments should be maintained and reported, given potential future growth of the segments.

The reportable segments derive their revenue primarily from the manufacture and sale of medical diagnostic equipment. Other services include the servicing and distribution of other Company products under separate distribution agreements.

Currently the key operating performance measures used by the CODM are Revenue and adjusted EBITDA.

The segment information provided to the Board for the reportable segments is as follows:

Period ended 30 June 2012 unaudited

	Germany £'000	UK £'000	USA £'000	Ireland £'000	Poland £'000	Russia £'000	Discontinued £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
Income statement									
Revenue	5,566	648	7,106	286	552	1,285	-	-	15,443
Inter segment	(2,714)	(73)	-	-	(4)	-	-	-	(2,791)
External revenue	2,852	575	7,106	286	548	1,285	-	-	12,652
Adjusted EBITDA	917	(325)	1,448	(353)	119	196	-	(601)	1,401
Share based payment Exceptional	- 503	-	-	-	-	-	-	(264) 213	(264) 716
items		-		-		-	-		
EBITDA	1,420	(325)	1,448	(353)	119	196	-	(652)	1,853
Depreciation	(284)	(89)	(134)	(18)	(13)	(6)	-	(10)	(554)
Amortisation Operating	(289)	(106)	(384)	(104)	(56)	(22)	-	-	(961)
profit/(loss)	847	(520)	930	(475)	50	168	-	(662)	338
Net finance income/(costs)	2	-	(148)	-	(1)	-	-	(39)	(186)
Income tax	(188)	(7)	(280)	(18)	(12)	(33)	-		(538)
Discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,598	-	1,598
Retained profit/(loss) Segment	661	(527)	502	(493)	37	135	1,598	(701)	1,212
assets Operating assets	16,603	7,517	22,039	2,892	1,404	1,114	_	26,079	77,648
Inter segment		(15)	22,033	2,032	1,404	1,114		•	·
assets External	(322)	(13)	-	-	-	-	-	(24,539)	(24,876)
operating assets	16,281	7,502	22,039	2,892	1,404	1,114	-	1,540	52,772
Cash and cash equivalents	984	81	535	68	47	313	-	1,137	3,165
Total assets	17,265	7,583	22,574	2,960	1,451	1,427	-	2,677	55,937
Segment liabilities									
Operating	8,329	3.976	18,093	1,463	194	118	_	9.752	41,925
liabilities Inter segment		,						3,702	
liabilities	(6,341)	(3,703)	(13,385)	(1,241)	(116)	-	-	-	(24,786)
External operating liabilities	1,988	273	4,708	222	78	118	-	9,752	17,139
Borrowings	558	-	1,632	-	12	-	-	-	2,202
Total liabilities Other segmental information	2,546	273	6,340	222	90	118	-	9,752	19,341
Non current assets - PPE Non current	3,208	677	4,320	77	207	26	-	1,711	10,226
assets - Intangibles	9,419	5,681	13,430	2,185	777	419	-	-	31,911

Year ended December 2011 audited

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	Germany	UK	USA	Ireland	Poland	Russia	Switzerland (Discontinued)	Other	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income									
statement Revenue	11,430	1.074	8,396	799	1.062	3,233			25,994
Inter segment	(4,247)	(80)	0,390	799	(9)	3,233	-		(4,336)
External revenue	7,183	994	8,396	799	1,053	3,233	-	-	21,658
Adjusted	7,100	551	0,000	700	1,000	0,200			21,000
EBITDA*	1,883	(1,024)	2,056	(245)	251	436	-	(1,789)	1,568
Exceptional items	-	-	(137)	-	-	-	-	(397)	(534)
Share based									
payment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(753)	(753)
EBITDA	1,883	(1,024)	1,919	(245)	251	436	-	(2,939)	281
Depreciation Amortisation	(622) (595)	(106) (197)	(131) (262)	(44) (187)	(13) (111)	(4) (44)	-	(5)	(925) (1,396)
Operating	, ,	, ,	` '	, ,	` '	` ,	-		
profit/(loss)	666	(1,327)	1,526	(476)	127	388	-	(2,944)	(2,040)
Net finance costs	(156)	-	(146)	-	(1)	-	-	(17)	(320)
Income tax	86	39	(241)	(1)	(14)	(67)	-	-	(198)
Discontinued		_	_	_	-	-	(187)	_	(187)
operations Retained							(-)		, ,
profit/(loss)	596	(1,288)	1,139	(477)	112	321	(187)	(2,961)	(2,745)
Segment assets									
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Operating assets	17,709	7,167	21,948	2,881	1,417	1,027	53	25,526	77,728
Inter segment assets	(1,104)	(25)	-	-	-	-	-	(23,204)	(24,333)
External operating									
assets	16,605	7,142	21,948	2,881	1,417	1,027	53	2,322	53,395
Cash and cash	782	42	1 210	55	14	473	19	2.742	E 220
equivalents	/02	42	1,210	33	14	4/3	19	2,743	5,338
Total assets	17,387	7,184	23,158	2,936	1,431	1,500	72	5,065	58,733
Segment									
liabilities									
Operating	10,138	3,069	18,758	910	215	86	32	9,899	43,107
liabilities Inter segment									
liabilities	(7,383)	(2,634)	(13,534)	(631)	(151)	-	-	-	(24,333)
External operating	0.555	405	5 004	0.70	0.4	0.0		0.000	40.554
liabilities	2,755	435	5,224	279	64	86	32	9,899	18,774
Borrowings	840	-	1,677	-	15	-	-	-	2,532
Total liabilities	3,595	435	6,901	279	79	86	32	9,899	21,306
Other segmental									
information									
Non current	3,443	735	4,412	96	208	32	_	1,703	10,629
assets - PPE	5,775	, 55	7,714	50	200	52		1,/00	10,023
Non current	10.000	F CC0	10.050	2.202	020	451			22.110
assets -	10,000	5,669	13,973	2,203	820	451	-	-	33,116
Intangibles									

Period ended 30 June 2011 unaudited

	Germany	UK	USA	Ireland	Poland	Russia	Switzerland (Discontinued)	Other	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income									
statement									
Revenue	9,619	470	458	537	490	1,196	-	-	12,770
Inter segment	(5,390)	-	-	-	-	-	-		(5,390)
External revenue	4,229	470	458	537	490	1,196	-	-	7,380
Adjusted EBITDA*	1,180	(478)	41	(127)	99	102	-	(607)	210
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(320)	(320)
Share based payment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(361)	(361)
EBITDA	1,180	(478)	41	(127)	99	102	-	(1,288)	(471)
Depreciation	(306)	(45)	(8)	(24)	(2)	(2)	-	-	(387)
Amortisation	(320)	(95)	(19)	(107)	(67)	(24)	-	-	(632)
Operating profit/(loss)	554	(618)	14	(258)	30	76	-	(1,288)	(1,490)
Net finance costs	(73)	-	(3)	1	-	-	-	13	(62)

Income tax	14	24	(7)	27	(11)	(13)	-	-	34
Discontinued operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	(108)	-	(108)
Retained profit/(loss)	495	(594)	4	(230)	19	63	(108)	(1,275)	(1,626)
Segment assets									
Operating assets	20,813	6,780	20,924	2,888	1,621	1,298	1,897	19,661	75,882
Inter segment assets	(1,252)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,661)	(17,725)	(20,638)
External operating assets	19,561	6,780	20,924	2,888	1,621	1,298	236	1,936	55,244
Cash and cash equivalents	309	182	190	209	15	172	76	4,362	5,515
Total assets	19,870	6,962	21,114	3,097	1,636	1,470	312	6,298	60,759
Segment liabilities									
Operating liabilities	14,739	2,609	22,763	1,003	422	321	269	6,209	48,335
Inter segment liabilities	(7,969)	(1,769)	(8,696)	(372)	(171)	-	-	(1,661)	(20,638)
External operating liabilities	6,770	840	14,067	631	251	321	269	4,548	27,697
Borrowings	(1,025)	-	(1,653)	-	-	-	-	-	(2,678)
Total liabilities	5,745	840	12,414	631	251	321	269	4,548	25,019
Other segmental information									
Non current assets - PPE	3,771	547	4,331	120	113	4	-	1,691	10,577
Non current assets - Intangibles	11,106	5,681	13,543	2,291	1,061	525	-	-	34,207

^{*-} Adjusted EBITDA excludes exceptional items and share based payments

Other primarily relates to the Holding company.

Disclosure of Group revenues by geographic location

_ concern or	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2012	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2011	Audited Year ended 31 December 2011
	£000	£000	£000
Americas			
United States of America	4,313	1,229	4,751
Rest of Americas	1,634	129	3,683
Europe, Middles East and Africa (EMEA)			
Germany	1,701	993	3,097
United Kingdom	270	25	153
Rest of Europe	1,387	1,863	2,568
Russia	1,298	1,478	3,244
Middle East	258	225	423
Africa	500	554	1,077
Rest of World			
China	617	579	1,273
Rest of Asia	656	293	1,365
New Zealand/Australia	18	12	24
,	12,652	7,380	21,658

4 Other income

Other income is split as follows:

Unaudited	Unaudited	Audited
6 months	6 months	Year ended
ended 30	ended 30	31 December
June 2012	June 2011	2011
£000	£000	£000

Profit on disposal of available-for-sale assets	213	-	-
Grant income	100	112	485
	313	112	485

5. Exceptional items

Included within administration expenses and cost of sale are exceptional items as shown below:

	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2012	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2011	Audited year ended 31 December 2011
	£000	£000	£000
Exceptional items includes:			
- Transaction costs relating to business combinations (note a)	-	(320)	(397)
- Loss on stock (note b)	-	-	(137)
- Profit on disposal of available-for- sale assets (note c)	213	-	-
- Release of patent litigation provision (note d)	503	-	-
Exceptional items - continuing	716	(320)	(534)
Exceptional items - discontinued (note e)	-	-	(49)

- $\it (a)$ Transaction costs relating to business combinations included within administrative expenses
- (b) Loss on stock included within cost of sales

Under the requirements of IFRS 3 'Business combinations' the value of inventory acquired with the acquisitions was uplifted to its sales value less cost to sell. The post-acquisition impact of selling the acquired inventory at its uplifted sales value has been to reduce gross profit.

- (c) Profit on the disposal of listed securities
- (d) Release of provision for patent litigation costs following the settlement with HemoCue. This is a post-balance sheet adjustment.
- (e) Discontinued exceptional items relate to an impairment charged in respect to an asset available for sale.

6. Income tax charge/(credit)

	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2012 £000	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2011 £000	Audited Year ended 31 December 2011 £000
Current tax Current tax on loss for the period Deferred tax	678	130	586
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(140)	(164)	(388)
	538	(34)	198

7. Profit/(loss) per share

Basic profit/(loss) per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. The Company has three categories of dilutive potential ordinary share: equity based long term incentive plans, equity based bonus incentive plans and share options.

	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2012 £'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2011 £'000	Audited year ended 31 December 2011 £'000
Profit/(loss) attributable to equity holders of the company Loss from continuing operations	1,151	(1,658)	(2,884)
attributable to equity holders of the company Profit/(loss) from discontinued operations	(447)	(1,550)	(2,697)
attributable to equity holders of the company	1,598	(108)	(187)
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue	252,713,846	174,055,862	213,580,118
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares	26,215,457	-	-
Weighted average number of ordinary shares - diluted	278,929,303	174,055,862	213,580,118
Basic	Pence	Pence	Pence
Profit/(loss) per share	0.46	(0.95)	(1.35)
Loss per share from continuing operations	(0.18)	(0.89)	(1.26)
Profit/(loss) per share from discontinued operations	0.64	(0.06)	(0.09)
P 1	Pence	Pence	Pence
Diluted Profit/(loss) per share	0.41	(0.95)	(1.35)
Loss per share from continuing operations	(0.16)	(0.89)	(1.26)
Profit/(loss) per share from discontinued operations	0.57	(0.06)	(0.09)

8. Intangible Fixed Assets

Group	Goodwill £'000	Trademarks trade names & licences £'000	Customer relationships £'000	Trade secrets £'000	Development costs £'000	Total £'000
Cost						
At 1 January 2011	9,086	414	1,839	9,371	-	20,710
Acquisition of subsidiaries 4	4,643	1,119	6,963	602	236	13,563
Additions	-	-	-	-	352	352
Exchange differences	253	28	89	319	-	689

A+ 20 June 2011	13,982	1,561	8,891	10,292	588	35,314
At 30 June 2011 Additions Exchange differences	13,902	28	-	10,292	279	307
	(195)	7	42	(536)	9	(603)
At 31 December 2011	13,787	1,596	8,933	9,756	876	34,948
Additions	-	15	-	-	318	333
Exchange differences	(225)	(28)	(119)	(226)	(16)	(614)
At 30 June 2012	13,562	1,583	8,814	9,530	1,178	34,667
Amortisation						
At 1 January 2011	-	24	114	312	-	450
Exchange differences	-	7	6	12	-	25
Charge for the year	-	23	142	448	19	632
At 30 June 2011 Exchange	-	54	262	772	19	1,107
differences	-	(2)	(16)	(21)	-	(39)
Charge for the year	-	63	281	402	18	764
At 31 December 2011	-	115	527	1,153	37	1,832
Exchange differences	-	(3)	(5)	(29)	-	(37)
Charge for the year	-	75	407	435	44	961
At 30 June 2012	-	187	929	1,559	81	2,756
Net book value						
30 June 2012 31 December 2011	13,562 13,787	1,396 1,481	7,885 8,406	7,971 8,603	1,097 839	31,911 33,116
30 June 2011	13,787	1,461	8,629	9,520	569	34,207

9. Dividends

There were no dividends provided or paid during the six months.

10. Share capital

On 21 March 2012 2,650,976 share options were exercised at 1p per share.

11. Press

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