



AMALGAMATED METAL CORPORATION PLC

Annual Report & Accounts 2023

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About us

We are a midstream metals business, with activities in recycling, trading, and upgrading metals used in the electrification of the planet. The Company, founded in 1929, prides itself on reliability, integrity and professionalism.





The majority of our revenue relates to tin and copper. In the tin market, we are a significant global player, with operations ranging from trading to smelting to the manufacture of performance materials. We are also active in other industrial non-ferrous metals, including nickel, aluminium, lead and zinc, as well as minor metals, such as cobalt, molybdenum, tantalum and tungsten. Our brokerage business was one of the founding members of the London Metal Exchange, and we remain one of the leading providers of liquidity in futures contracts across the non-ferrous metals suite.

2023 Highlights

We were once again able to perform well and progress towards our strategic aims:

- Our capital expenditure totalled **£5.1m** (2022: £2.6m) as we continue to invest in industrial automation, energy efficiency, R&D, patents, equipment, people, processes and information flows.
- Our sustainability efforts continue to **reduce our energy intensity with investments in renewable energy** and increased flows of recycled content through our businesses.
- We continued to maintain our **excellent record of reliability and responsible sourcing** in a rapidly decarbonising world.
- We recorded our **38th consecutive annual pre-tax profit**, a robust performance in a traditionally cyclical industry, at £47.1m (2022: £46.2m).

38th

consecutive
annual pre-tax
profit

Excellent record
of **reliability
and responsible
sourcing**

Locations

Brookside Metal Trading Ltd
Willenhall, UK
www.brooksidemetal.co.uk

Thermox Performance Materials Ltd
Stoke-on-Trent, UK
www.tinoxide.co.uk

Keeling & Walker Ltd
Stoke-on-Trent, UK
www.keelingwalker.co.uk

William Rowland Ltd
Sheffield and Birmingham, UK
www.william-rowland.com

Mil-Ver Metal Company Ltd
Coventry, UK
www.milvermetal.com

William Rowland Metal Finishing Ltd
Sheffield, UK
www.wrmetalfinishing.co.uk

Scanmetals (UK) Ltd
Willenhall, UK
www.scanmetals.com



William Rowland Americas LP
www.william-rowland.ca

Amalgated Metal Trading Ltd
London, UK
www.amt.co.uk

Amalgamet Ltd
London, UK
www.amalgamet.co.uk

AMT Futures Ltd
London, UK
www.amtfutures.co.uk

Alloys Metals and Ceramics Holdings (Pty) Ltd
Boksburg, South Africa
www.amcgroup.com



operations in 10 countries

Thermox Performance
Materials GmbH
Essen, Germany
www.thermox.eu



Sansing Limited
Hong Kong
www.sansinghk.com

Amalgamated Metal Trading
(Singapore) Pte Ltd
Singapore
www.amt.co.uk

British Metal Corporation
(India) Pvt Ltd
Mumbai, India
www.britishmetal.com

Thailand Smelting and
Refining Co Ltd
Phuket, Thailand
www.thaisarco.com

Consolidated Alloys
Thomastown, Australia
www.cagroup.com.au

Consolidated Alloys (NZ) Ltd
Auckland, New Zealand
www.dlmwallace.co.nz

Vespol Pty Ltd
Ingleburn, Australia
www.vespol.com.au

Chairman's Message

Economic forecasts of a global recession in 2023 did not materialise and consequently central banks across major western economies continued to use monetary policy to combat inflation.

This, together with the wider ramifications of the Russia -Ukraine conflict, impacted expectations for the global economy in 2023. Higher borrowing costs have negatively impacted those suppliers and customers operating on leverage, which in turn has generally led to reduced investments and a reduction in inventories. These factors weighed on base metal prices and, intermittently, volumes.

However, the Group faced less challenging operating conditions in 2023 than in the previous year, characterised by fewer supply chain disruptions, a less volatile pricing environment for base metals and decreasing wholesale energy costs in its Industrial division. On the other hand, inflation continued to impact costs across all geographies and most cost categories.

I am pleased that in this environment the Group continued to execute well, manage risks appropriately and be a reliable supplier and service provider for the non-ferrous metal community. This enabled the Group

to consolidate its strength and record a very satisfactory pre-tax profit to £47.1m with a net cash inflow. The group enters 2024 with a strong balance sheet enabling it to support business expansion.

Fears of rising oil prices, high borrowing costs and China's economic slowdown loom on global economic prospects. The Group is well positioned to address these challenges.

Once again my thanks go to all staff for their commitment to the Group, their resourcefulness, and their contribution to yet another successful year that has helped us cement our position as a trustworthy and reliable partner in the non-ferrous metal industry.



V H Sher
26 March 2024

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GROUP MANAGING DIRECTOR'S

Strategic Report

In 2023, the Group once again performed aptly, recording a robust 38th consecutive annual profit. This was delivered in a subdued market environment and as we adopted a defensive stance, impacted by high inflation, rising borrowing costs and geopolitical instability. Metal markets shifted from uncertainty to less stressed conditions that saw both heightened competition for volumes and a lower overall price environment.

Our performance remained resilient despite this environment. Pre-tax profit increased once again by 2% to £47.1m (2022: £46.2m), delivering our 8th successive year of progress.

Revenue decreased 20% to £997m (2022: £1,244m), reflecting a lower overall price environment for metals, and our defensive stance. This involved strengthening the balance sheet and the prioritisation of tight working capital management over the chase for marginal business volumes.

We were also able to continue to make steady progress towards some of our strategic goals. As mentioned in our previous reports, since 2015 we have focused on two secular themes:

- Metals used in the electrification of the planet, with tin and copper, the key electrical conductors in particular, now accounting for circa 69%* of our turnover;
- Recycled flows growing to represent over 34%** of our overall raw materials and goods purchased for resale.

Within this Annual Report we release our first TCFD report, highlighting both the key opportunities and risks that lie ahead for AMC from climate change. The world of tomorrow will look very different with increased consumption of energy and scarcity of natural resources. The pace with which the world embraces low carbon electricity as the priority energy source, and low embedded carbon materials as the priority materials source, looks set to intensify in the years ahead. In this rapidly decarbonising world, the metals we produce, source and sell will support this global ambition. We believe we are well positioned to capitalise on these tailwinds and we will continue to invest in low carbon and energy transition metals.

We continue to work hard on reducing our direct CO2 emissions, concentrated in our energy-intensive pyrometallurgical assets, of which the largest are Milver and Thaisarco. Our main sustainability focus in these assets is to increase the proportion of recycled content flowing through these plants and to improve their energy efficiency.

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As mentioned in our previous Annual Report, Milver were selected in 2022, as part of HM Government's Industrial Heat Recovery Scheme (IHRS), as a pilot site to assess the feasibility of using hydrogen as a fuel replacing a proportion of our natural gas usage, and together with our joint venture partner ScanMetals (UK), Milver were also selected in the same year to take part in a £10m combined government and industry led project initiated by the Advanced Propulsion Centre to bring forward a circular economy and decarbonise the automotive sector. Recycling aluminium scrap back into new ingot uses 95% less energy than is required to produce the same weight of primary aluminium from bauxite.

Further, this year we have installed solar photovoltaic systems at William Rowland, Keeling & Walker and Thaisarco sites, thereby further reducing the carbon intensity of our production as well as part-insulating the production from future electricity price variability.

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Finally, in September 2023, together with our London based trading units, we relocated our corporate headquarters to 110 Bishopsgate. The new, contemporary office space now occupied by our London businesses is not only conducive to increased collaborative working but it should also result in lower energy consumption due to its smaller floor area, high energy efficiency and modern facilities.

Our **Trading Division**, once again, recorded good levels of profitability. As noted above, non-ferrous metal prices generally continued to slide in 2023 due to reduced demand and higher interest costs. Despite this AMT continued to enjoy demand for hedging services as industry participants looked to protect themselves from volatility and, on the back of this, recorded very good levels of profitability. Amalgamet and Sansing also traversed these challenging market conditions well, with an unabated focus on disciplined buying and strong counterparty selection. William Rowland performed satisfactorily and worked hard to reduce its working capital as a prerequisite to improving returns on capital employed. Generally, the broader spreads between buy and sell prices that were noticed in 2022 have started to narrow in 2023 whilst inflation has started to ease in the second part of the year. Higher interest rates favoured those business units that could swiftly reduce their working capital and retain a high level of cash generation.

For our **Industrial Division**, inflationary pressures continued to be felt, however energy costs gradually reduced when compared against the highs experienced in 2022. The units continued to focus on inventory holding, productivity and margin preservation. The overall division result was satisfactory, with CA Group, Milver and Keeling & Walker recording good levels of profitability. Thaisarco suffered from increased competition and reduced levels of tin concentrate supplies. The results recorded at our joint venture, ScanMetals (UK), were good.

In 2023 we invested £5.1m in capital expenditure (2022: £2.6m). In addition to the above-mentioned office move and solar

photovoltaic systems, productivity and energy efficiency focused projects were undertaken at Thaisarco, Keeling & Walker and William Rowland. We continue to invest strategically in R&D, organic growth and innovation whilst also pursuing value creating M&A that aligns with our strategic objectives.

During the year our units continued to focus on performance risk management, pricing, operational optimisations and working capital management. As a result, and partly aided by falling metal prices, our liquid resource requirements decreased for a second year in a row and the Group recorded a cash inflow. This has also permitted our Group to record net interest income in the year. We ended the year with a net cash*** position of £108.9m (2022: £95.1m net cash).

With a highly uncertain geopolitical and economic outlook, we do not expect the market conditions that enabled this year's result to be necessarily repeated in 2024. Whatever conditions emerge, we will continue to approach business carefully and with a sharp eye on our long-term objectives. The combination of a robust balance sheet, good liquidity (through the availability of undrawn facilities) and our reputation as a reliable partner gives us the ability to remain agile in the face of risks and opportunities and continues to be the source of competitive advantage for the Group, as metal producers and consumers look to do business with reliable counterparties.

On behalf of the AMC Board, I thank once again our employees for their continued ability to meet challenges head on, and for their hard work and dedication to the business.

D Sher



26 March 2024

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***Net debt/net cash definition – please refer to 'net funds' as per note 22 of this Annual Report.

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Directors' Report

Directorate

The Directors of the Company are named on page 20. At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, Mr G.P. Robbins will retire and, being eligible, will offer himself for re-election. At no time during the year has any Director been materially interested in any significant contract in relation to the Company's business.

Results and dividends

The profit for the financial year attributable to the owners of the Parent Company amounted to £33,582,000 (2022: £33,879,000).

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Preference dividends paid and accrued	130	130
Ordinary dividends: Interim paid	3,000	1,500
	3,130	1,630

Matters of strategic importance

The Group's business activities, key performance indicators and financial position have been included separately in the Strategic Report in accordance with section 414C (11) of the Companies Act 2006 and the s172(1) Statement (as required under Section 414CZA of the Companies Act 2006) within this Report on pages 18-20.

Employee involvement

Refer to the s172(1) Statement on page 18.

Employment of disabled persons

Group companies give full and fair consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons. Depending on their skills and abilities, employees with disabilities have the same opportunities for promotion and career prospects as other employees. We also make necessary provisions and adapt working environments where appropriate and reasonable for those employees who have become disabled during the period they were employed by the Company.

Directors' liability insurance and Indemnity

The Group has arranged insurance cover in respect of legal action against its Directors. To the extent permitted by UK law, the Group also indemnifies the Directors. These provisions were in force throughout the year and in force at the date of this report.

Events after the reporting period

There were no events after the reporting period which require disclosure.

Auditors

The Directors have taken all reasonable steps to acquaint themselves with any relevant audit information and have ensured that the auditors have received such information. The Directors are not aware of any relevant audit information that has not been passed to the auditors.

Further, in accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Moore Kingston Smith LLP be reappointed will be put to the members at the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

Financial instruments: Risk and risk management

The Group's risk, and principal risk management policies and procedures, are as follows

Financial instruments of significance to the Group comprise primary financial instruments (mainly cash, borrowings, debtors and creditors) and derivative financial instruments (mainly London Metal Exchange ("LME") forward contracts and foreign exchange contracts). Businesses within the Group are exposed to potential losses in the event that counterparties to financial instruments (and other contracts for the future delivery of metal) fail to meet their contractual obligations. Credit control policies approved centrally, including the use of credit limits, credit insurance, guarantees and the margining of customers, are used to mitigate the risk of loss. The spread of the Group's businesses reduces its exposure to the risk of material loss due to significant concentrations of credit risk.

In its business activities, the Group is exposed to financial risk from a number of sources that can be categorised as market risk, counterparty risk and liquidity risk. Market risk is the risk that movements in metal prices or foreign exchange rates will cause fluctuations in the values of, or cash flows arising from, financial assets and liabilities, and from other contracts for the future delivery of metal.

AMT Futures, the Group's commodities and financial futures brokerage, does not take positions in derivatives as all trading is on a back-to-back basis. Clients are allowed to trade only on a fully margined basis, which substantially reduces credit risk.

Exposures to metal price movements are restricted by the imposition of trading position limits for relevant members of the Group. Where appropriate, LME forward contracts are used to offset the metal price exposure inherent in physical metal contracts. LME forward contracts are also traded by AMT, the Group's LME ring dealing member, again within trading position limits. Operations are required to report, at pre-determined intervals, their actual positions against the limits delegated.

The risk that adequate funding is not available for the Group to meet its commitments associated with financial instruments is liquidity risk. The Group plans its future business in conjunction with its available borrowing facilities to avoid liquidity problems, and maintains relationships with lenders to ensure that facility levels, including facilities for the derivatives noted above, are adequate and can be adjusted to address any changes in the Group's requirements. Cash is placed on deposit only with approved banks. There is a credit risk associated with balances held with banks, which is mitigated by holding them with highly rated financial institutions. The Board takes liquidity risk very seriously and considers it one of the most important risks for the Group to address satisfactorily. The Board considers it necessary to maintain significant cash balances or alternative sources of available liquidity, such as undrawn facilities, or a combination of both, in order to satisfactorily address liquidity requirements associated with rapid movements in metal prices.

Most entities within the Group are exposed to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. These can arise because they buy or sell products priced internationally, mainly in US dollars, or due to cross-border trade. Group entities are required to hedge all such exposures as they contractually arise, and this is done with foreign exchange contracts, including forward contracts, or sometimes by taking out foreign currency borrowings. Only the Group's Treasury centres and AMT are permitted to hold foreign currency positions, again within position limits. The Group is exposed to the risk of losses in the sterling value of its net investment in foreign operations caused by exchange rate fluctuations, and on occasions uses forward exchange contracts to reduce this risk.

Responsibility

Statement by the Directors in performance of their statutory duties in accordance with s172(1) Companies Act 2006

The Board of Directors of Amalgamated Metal Corporation PLC consider that they have acted in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole (having regard to the stakeholders and matters set out in s172(1)(a-f) of the Companies Act 2006) in the decisions taken during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Our People

People are a key factor for our business to succeed. We are proud of the average length of service of our employees. We intend to retain people for the long term and our recruitment strategy is based on offering long, sometimes lifetime, careers in fairly paid and stable jobs. In our UK operations, we avoid “zero hour contracts” and where possible we seek to recruit locally.

We promote a culture of safety, particularly for the staff in our Industrial division who are working with the significant risks associated with hot metal and moving vehicles. Monthly meetings across units in our Industrial division always start with a review of that unit’s health and safety record and the message remains that the safety of our staff comes first.

We are committed to a policy of equal opportunities regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender in all aspects of employment. Our remuneration principles ensure that race, ethnicity and gender are not a factor in how people are paid or rewarded.

We encourage our employees to have both fulfilling careers and balanced lives. Across our Group in recent years, we have invested in training programmes relevant to each business unit or department.

We engage with and listen to our people and we look to our employees to contribute ideas

for our future growth, and share the rewards of the business, primarily through discretionary annual bonus schemes. We publish our annual reports on our intranet and corporate website and we actively encourage their review by all employees. Divisional executives engage with staff keeping them apprised of news and developments, through regular updates.

Business Relationships

We value long term relationships with our suppliers and customers and many of our relationships span years and some span decades. We spend considerable time with them to understand their needs and views and we use this knowledge to inform our decision-making.

We employ robust “know your customer” and “know your supplier” due diligence processes across our operations, and we are typically cautious when entering into new relationships.

In 2023, Amalgamet (our physical metal trader), was awarded for a third year in a row a “Fast Payer Award” by the Good Business Pays initiative in recognition of its supplier payment practices.

Community, Environment and Reputation

Community

We believe that a positive and strong culture is the best way to ensure a high level of professional conduct when it comes to health and safety, environment, regulations or business dealings.

Our businesses and employees partner with local and national charities to raise awareness and funds for causes that matter to them and their communities. Further, in 2020 the Group established The AMC Financial Hardship Foundation (the “Foundation”).

This is an exclusively charitable organisation which has been established with the sole objective of preventing or relieving poverty or financial hardship among employees and former employees, and the dependants and local communities of employees and former employees, of Amalgamated Metal Corporation PLC and its associated companies, through the provision of grants.

Environment

While our actions shape the success of the Group, they also have an impact on the environment. We encourage strong and open relationships with environmental regulators wherever we operate.

The AMC Group believes that climate change is one of the defining challenges of this era. As an industrial energy user whose operations are increasingly focused on the circular economy, we acknowledge that while we are contributing to efforts to combat this change, we are nevertheless affected by it.

We are reporting against the recommendations of TCFD for the first time this year. This has both sharpened the Board's focus on the risks and opportunities for the Group from climate change. We are committed to monitoring our CO2 emissions and taking actions to minimise them, where technically and economically feasible, and believe the move over time towards the mainstream measurement of Scope 3 supply chain emissions will ultimately be a boon for the recycling segments of our business; segments we intend to grow. Targets and metrics in this regard rely on good supply chain data becoming widely available.

Our energy efficiency actions are further described in our Energy and Carbon Report on page 25.

For a number of reasons, the world is on a trajectory of increased electrification, with fossil fuels being gradually replaced. Our Group, through both its Trading and Industrial divisions, aids in this process through the supply of much needed metals for this electrification transformation. Despite the cautious stance we took in 2023, sale of Copper and Tin products* remained a

significant proportion of our revenue (69% compared to 74% in 2022).

Furthermore, recycling of metals not only saves and reduces the waste of key resources, but can also offer energy savings and new commercial opportunities. In 2023, 34% of the materials used in our operations were of a recycled origin** (2022: 29%).

Reputation

The AMC Board is acutely aware of its responsibility for setting the tone from the top and believes that the Group's business should be conducted with the highest standards of business ethics, professionalism and with personal integrity. Across our Group we have invested in the procedures underlying our responsible sourcing and engagement with reputable counterparties. This includes policies and procedures, risk assessments, training and awareness, monitoring and communicating openly. The Group's policy is to operate in supply chains that are free from conflict minerals, modern slavery and human trafficking. Further details on these policies can be accessed on our website.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) regulates our AMT and AMTF businesses. We maintain positive and open relationships with our regulators based on cooperation and responsible behaviour, and we conduct regular compliance training for our regulated staff.

The Board is regularly updated on health and safety, environmental, legal and regulatory developments and takes these into account when considering future actions.

Capital allocation and long term decisions

Our Group comprises a number of businesses, all of which have extensive engagement with their own unique stakeholders as well as other businesses in the Group. The governance framework delegates authority for local decision-making at business unit level up to defined levels, which allows the individual businesses to take account of the needs of their own stakeholders in their decision-making. The Company's Directors and Senior Group Executives have representation on

subsidiary boards and ensure that through their presence on these boards, the Group's principles are cascaded through the organisation and that the obligations of the Group are being fully met. A consultative approach is encouraged so stakeholders' views are heard and considered when decisions are taken.

On an annual basis the Board reviews the financial budgets, resource plans and investment decisions for the Group. In making decisions concerning the business plan and future strategy, the Board has regard to a variety of matters including the interests of stakeholders, long term consequences of our capital allocation (such as expenditure

needed to ensure our long term viability whilst maintaining adequate liquidity), the impact on the communities in which we operate, and our reputation. Where relevant, our capital expenditure assessments consider not only the financial aspects of such investments but also environmental, energy and safety aspects.

Key decisions on capital allocation and developments in the financial year are detailed in our Strategic Report, pages 12 to 15.

Decisions on the level of dividend take into account the general profitability, liquidity and funding needs of the Group and Company.

Directors and Senior Group Executives

Executive Chairman V H Sher	Deputy Chairman G C L Rowan	Non-Executive Director G P Robbins	Group Managing Director D S Sher	Group Finance Director H Michie
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Senior Group Executives

P Day – Group Technology Director	I Bell – Director, Industrial Division
S Dempsey – General Counsel and Company Secretary	A Istratescu – Director, Financial Control

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Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures ('TCFD')

This is our first year of reporting in line with the TCFD recommendations. The Company complied with the TCFD recommendations during the year ended 31 December 2023, with the exception of the recommendations under the Metrics and Targets pillar where we have provided explanations.

Our approach to the governance and risk management pillars of TCFD is integrated into our wider processes, and our reporting in relation to these areas is therefore set out within the relevant sections of the Annual Report.

Governance

Describe the Board's oversight of climate-related risks and opportunities

The Board has overall responsibility and accountability for all risks and opportunities, including all climate-related matters. On an annual basis, the Board formally assesses the business plans of our units as well as their principal risks and opportunities, including those arising from climate change. The Board monitors the impact of climate change on our principal risks and opportunities, including their materiality, as part of its ongoing monitoring of actual and emerging group-wide business risks.

Describe management's role in assessing and managing climate-related risks and opportunities

The Group's governance framework delegates authority for local decision-making and risk monitoring to its business units up to defined levels. This in turn allows unit management to monitor and respond with agility to actual and emerging unit-level risks. Unit management leads the identification of climate-related risks and opportunities as part of their responsibility for delivering the business unit strategy while identifying and managing climate-related risks within their relevant areas.

Strategy

Describe the resilience of the organisation's strategy, taking into consideration different climate-related scenarios, including a 2°C or lower scenario

We have undertaken qualitative analysis using publicly available exploratory climate scenarios to understand how the climate-related risks and opportunities that we face may manifest themselves. As per the TCFD recommendations, two climate scenarios were considered:

- "An unequal world" - in this scenario, governments fail to coordinate a response to climate change throughout the 2020s. As a result, individual nations, local authorities, companies as well as individuals take it upon themselves to tackle climate change. The UK, EU, USA and Japan implement various carbon tax schemes aimed at ensuring that emissions are brought down to a level that aims to keep global warming below 2°C by 2100. Raw materials and resources become more expensive. Some companies try to absorb these additional costs but, in many cases, they are forced to pass on the additional costs to consumers. This century global warming reaches 2.5°C above pre-industrial revolution levels. The world witnesses an increase in regional extreme weather events. By 2050 the advanced economies successfully transition to a low carbon economy, with a number of global winners and losers.

Describe the resilience of the organisation's strategy, taking into consideration different climate-related scenarios, including a 2°C or lower scenario (continued)

- “Steady path to sustainability” – in this scenario, compatible with the goals of the Paris Agreement, governments coordinate efforts to reduce emissions by 2050 and avert the worst effects of climate change. Throughout the 2020s a robust framework of regulations limits the extraction and use of fossil fuels in all major economies, followed by a coordinated and international approach in the 2030s, including carbon pricing of c. \$100/ tonne of CO₂ emitted, to aggressively reduce emissions. Companies which fail to demonstrate significant progress on decarbonizing their activities struggle to attract investors and obtain credit from banks. By mid-century net zero targets are achieved in most advanced economies and carbon pricing rises to c. \$180/ tonne of CO₂ emitted. This century global warming is limited to less than 2.0°C above pre-industrial revolution levels.

The risks, our resilience and mitigating actions identified have been described in more detail in the section below.

Describe the climate-related risks and opportunities the organisation has identified over the short, medium, and long term, and their impact on the organisation's business, strategy, and financial planning

Whilst the risks and opportunities for our business are identified through existing business planning and risk management processes, we used our first year of TCFD reporting as an opportunity to perform a deeper analysis of climate-related risks and opportunities. The potential impact of these risks and opportunities if they were to occur is outlined here, along with our resilience to these risks and opportunities.

Climate change requires thinking that goes beyond typical business planning. As such, the risks and opportunities were assessed from a long-term perspective, in accordance with the climate scenarios described below. We have considered them according to the following timeframes:

- Short: 0–5 years
- Medium: 5–10 years
- Long: more than 10 years

The key risks and opportunities identified through the review are set out below:

- The demand for some of our products will change. In particular we expect the demand for Tin, Copper and some Minor Metals supplied by our Group to increase in the medium and long term as the electrification of the world increases and fossil fuels are gradually replaced.
 - Risk – The increased demand for Tin, Copper and Minor Metals will likely result in higher prices leading to increased working capital demands which will require greater deployment of financial resources.
 - Opportunity - The increased demand for the metals supplied by our Group should create opportunities for income generation.
- Climate regulation and taxation will affect our operations, predominantly in our Industrial units over the short and medium term. This poses both a risk and an opportunity:
 - Risk – Regulation and taxation will likely attract higher compliance costs which will lead to higher transport costs as well as increased input costs for energy and other materials used in our processing facilities. Should the regulatory environment in these respects be consistent across the world, we believe that costs will most likely increase for a large number of participants in the metal industry. However, steps taken in recent years and continued investments in energy and process efficiency will help the AMC Group remain competitive.
 - Opportunity – Increased regulation and taxation could have a counter-benefit by increasing demand for our products where these are used to manufacture goods that reduce dependency on fossil fuels or where recycled metals result in lower carbon tax.

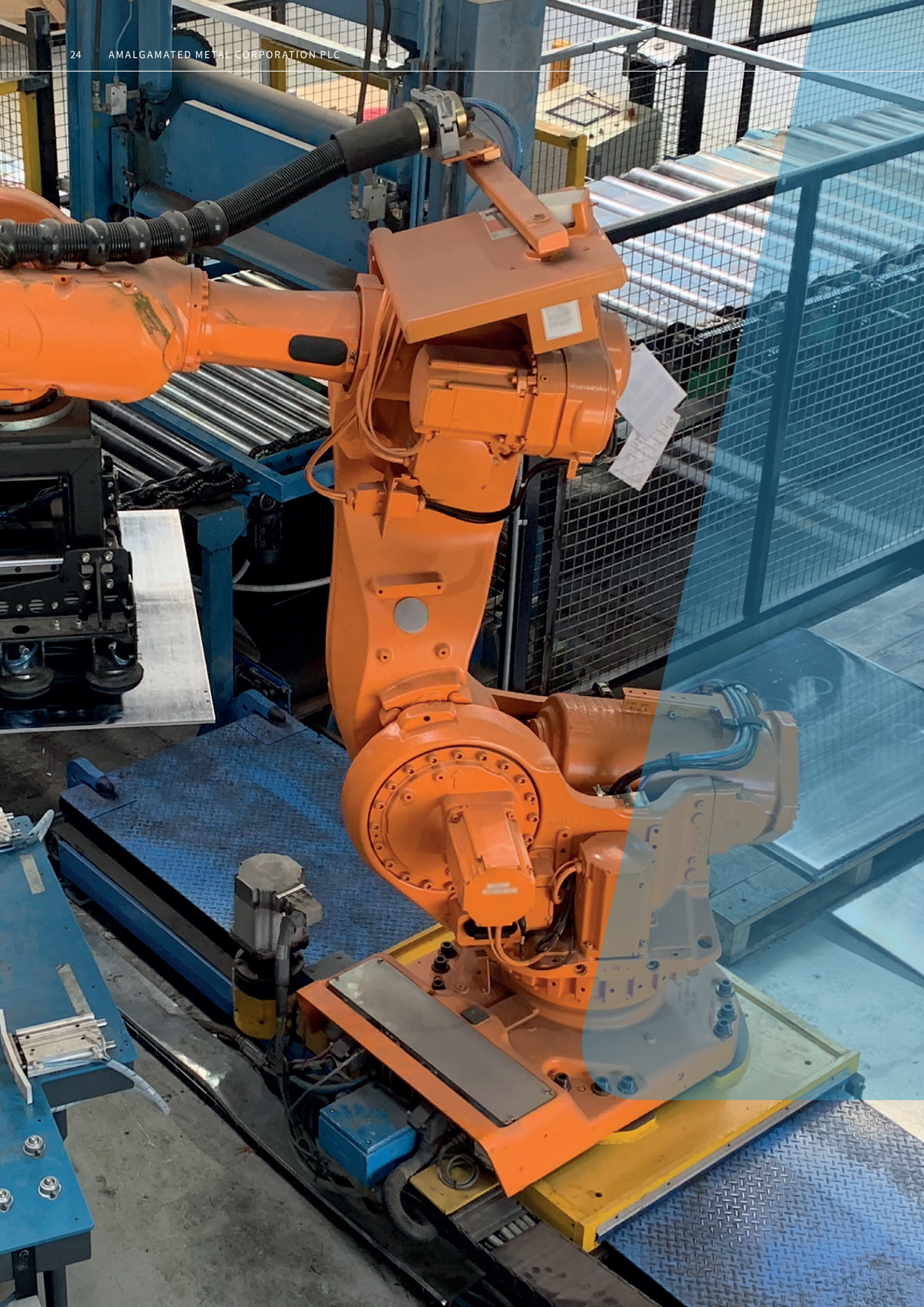
<p>Describe the climate-related risks and opportunities the organisation has identified over the short, medium, and long term, and their impact on the organisation's business, strategy, and financial planning (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The physical and social impacts of a changing climate, such as resource scarcity and more frequent extreme weather events, may affect our operations and host communities. This again poses both a risk and an opportunity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk – There could be an adverse impact on the availability of insurance and premiums may rise for all market participants. Our physical infrastructure and working environments, particularly those in hot geographies such as Australia and Thailand, may require various peripheral upgrades in order to ensure that our manufacturing, processing, distribution and service capabilities are effectively supported. The AMC Board and unit management continually monitor these aspects and appropriate investments will be made as and when necessary, in order to ensure that our businesses have long-term viability, are compliant with relevant regulations, and that we provide a safe and comfortable working environment for our employees. • Opportunity – Resource scarcity, changing social attitudes to natural resource extraction and increasing demand for low carbon metals will most likely continue to positively impact the demand for our recycled products. We will continue to seek business opportunities and target investments in this area. <p>More broadly, we have adopted practices to improve energy efficiency in our operations and have incorporated energy efficiency and carbon emissions considerations into our capital expenditure assessments in order to encourage the use of low or zero carbon and energy efficient products and materials.</p> <p>In recent years we have increased the use of renewable energy in our operations including through on-site energy generation and the purchase of renewable energy. Where applicable and financially viable, we will continue to make investments in this area.</p>
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Risk Management

<p>Describe the organisation's processes for identifying, assessing and managing climate-related risks and how those processes are integrated into the organisation's overall risk management</p>	<p>Our processes for identifying, assessing and managing the impact of climate change on our principal risks are integrated into our existing risk management processes.</p>
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Metrics and Targets

<p>Disclose the metrics used by the organisation to assess climate-related risks and opportunities in line with its strategy and risk management process</p>	<p>As mentioned elsewhere in this Annual Report, our group-wide strategy is focused on two secular themes, namely the electrification of the planet as fossil fuel use is minimized and the circular economy. We provide metals used in the energy transition and parts of our business focus on sourcing and supplying recycled materials. The metrics relating to these aspects of our business are stated on page 12.</p> <p>We have not yet agreed metrics to assess all of our climate-related risks and opportunities, in particular those relating to the risk and opportunity posed by the taxation of carbon. This is under consideration and we will provide an update in future reporting.</p>
<p>Disclose Scope 1, Scope 2, and, if appropriate, Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions, and the related risks</p>	<p>We monitor emissions across our Group and our in scope emissions are disclosed on page 25 in accordance with the Energy and Carbon Regulations (SECR) for the large, UK-based subsidiaries that are within scope of these regulations.</p>
<p>Describe the targets used by the organisation to manage climate-related risks and opportunities and performance against targets</p>	<p>We have not yet agreed targets to manage our identified risks and opportunities. These are under consideration and we will provide a further update in future reports.</p>



Energy and Carbon Report

Scope

As required by the Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018 ("the 2018 Regulations") we have included

in this report the emissions of Amalgamated Metal Corporation PLC, Amalgamet Limited and William Rowland Limited, with the remaining Group business being exempt from reporting under the legislation.

Performance summary

Scope	2023		2022	
	UK and offshore energy use (kWh)	Green House Gas emissions (tonnes CO ₂ e)	UK and offshore energy use (kWh)	Green House Gas emissions (tonnes CO ₂ e)
Natural gas	289,854	53	229,844	42
Electricity	538,239	111	528,448	102
Other fuels	162,774	38	84,761	20
Company and non-company cars	53,521	13	129,167	28
Total	1,044,388	215	972,220	192
kWh/tCO₂e / employee	12,583.0	2.6	12,792.4	2.5
kWh/tCO₂e / £m of revenue	2,990.2	0.6	1,891.8	0.4

- The ratio of emissions to £m revenue has increased during the year as average metal prices have decreased during 2023 when compared against 2022 whilst the ratio of emissions to employees has remained stable.

Our energy efficiency actions

- At William Rowland we installed in 2023 a large solar photovoltaic system on the roof of our Tankersley facility.
- At Keeling & Walker we installed in 2023 a medium solar photovoltaic system on the roof of our Stoke facility.
- At Thaisarco we installed in 2023 a medium solar photovoltaic system on the roof of our Phuket facility.
- At Milver we have continued to allocate a greater share of our production to the most energy efficient equipment chain.

Methodology

The above emissions were calculated in accordance with the requirements of the "Environmental Reporting Guidelines: Including streamlined energy and carbon reporting guidance March 2019" and using the tables and conversion factors set out in the "2023 UK Government GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting".

On behalf of the Board:



D S Sher
26 March 2024

Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report and the 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Company and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d. prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group and the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's and the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and 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 Group and the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Group's business activities, performance, financial position and risk management policies and processes are set out in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report on pages 12 to 25. The Group has considerable financial resources and, as a consequence, the Directors believe that the Group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully. The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for more than 12 months after signing the financial statements and accordingly they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

By Order of the Board.



Stephen Dempsey
Company Secretary
26 March 2024

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Consolidated Income Statement Year ended 31 December

		2023	2022
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Turnover	4	996,564	1,243,847
Change in stocks of finished goods and work in progress		(11,994)	(54,225)
(Loss) on sale of tangible fixed assets		(64)	(10)
Other operating income		826	334
Total operating income		985,332	1,189,946
Operating costs	5	(946,783)	(1,143,581)
Profit from participating interests	14	2,232	1,597
Operating profit		40,781	47,962
Net interest income/ (expense)	8	6,286	(898)
Other finance costs	9	(4)	(885)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		47,063	46,179
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	10	(10,383)	(8,708)
Profit for the financial year		36,680	37,471
Profit attributable to:			
Owners of the Parent		33,582	33,879
Non-controlling interests		3,098	3,592
		36,680	37,471

All activities of the Group are continuing.

The notes on pages 38 to 75 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income Year ended 31 December

		2023	2022
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Profit for the financial year		36,680	37,471
Other comprehensive (loss)/ income			
Foreign exchange:			
Currency translation differences		(7,751)	12,831
		(7,751)	12,831
Actuarial (losses)/ gains on defined benefit pension scheme	23 e)	(524)	42,824
Movement on the valuation of other investments	14	(350)	-
Taxation in respect of other comprehensive income	10	623	(11,321)
Other comprehensive (loss)/ income for the year		(8,002)	44,334
Total comprehensive income for the year		28,678	81,805
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to:			
Owners of the Parent		26,492	76,699
Non-controlling interests		2,186	5,106
		28,678	81,805

The notes on pages 38 to 75 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Balance Sheet At 31 December

		2023	2022
	Notes		
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	12	1,333	1,583
Tangible assets	13	31,183	30,234
Investments	14	5,937	5,598
		38,453	37,415
Current assets			
Stocks	15	169,349	155,372
Debtors	16	184,827	191,343
Cash at bank and in hand	22	138,759	119,633
		492,935	466,348
		531,388	503,763
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	19,214	19,214
Share premium account		2,558	2,558
Revaluation reserve		3,805	4,231
Profit and loss account		290,271	266,483
Equity attributable to the owners of the Parent Company		315,848	292,486
Non-controlling interests		16,414	15,890
Total equity		332,262	308,376
Provisions for liabilities	18	804	850
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year			
Bank loans and overdrafts	22	29,817	24,537
Other creditors	20	168,505	170,000
		198,322	194,537
Equity and liabilities excluding pension liability		531,388	503,763
Net defined benefit pension liability	23	-	-
		531,388	503,763

The notes on pages 38 to 75 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 March 2024.



H Michie
Group Finance Director



D S Sher
Group Managing Director

Company Balance Sheet At 31 December

		2023	2022
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	12	73	95
Tangible assets	13	2,168	212
Investments	14	272	272
		2,513	579
Current assets			
Debtors	16	128,678	120,208
Cash at bank and in hand		71,123	58,370
		199,801	178,578
		202,314	179,157
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	19,214	19,214
Share premium account		2,558	2,558
Profit and loss account		151,043	136,544
Total equity		172,815	158,316
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year:			
Other creditors	20	29,499	20,841
		29,499	20,841
Equity and liabilities excluding pension liability		202,314	179,157
Net defined benefit pension liability	23	-	-
		202,314	179,157

The notes on pages 38 to 75 form part of these financial statements.

Company registered in England: number 244159.

Separate financial statements of the Parent Company

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the statement of comprehensive income of the Parent Company is not included with these financial statements. The profit before dividends payable for the year ended 31 December 2023 in the accounts of the Parent Company is £18,022,000. A dividend of £10,500,000 was received from its subsidiary, Amalgamated Metal Investment Holdings Ltd (2022: profit of £3,201,000; £1,500,000 dividend received).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 March 2024.



H Michie
Group Finance Director



D S Sher
Group Managing Director

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Revaluation reserve £'000	Profit & loss account £'000	Total attributable to owners of the Parent Company £'000	Non controlling interests £'000	Total equity £'000
At 1 January 2023	19,214	2,558	4,231	266,483	292,486	15,890	308,376
Profit for the year	-	-	-	33,582	33,582	3,098	36,680
Foreign exchange:							
Currency translation differences	-	-	(163)	(6,676)	(6,839)	(912)	(7,751)
	-	-	(163)	(6,676)	(6,839)	(912)	(7,751)
Actuarial losses on the defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	(524)	(524)	-	(524)
Movement on the valuation of Other Investments (note 14)	-	-	(350)	-	(350)	-	(350)
Taxation in respect of other comprehensive income	-	-	87	536	623	-	623
Other comprehensive (loss) for the year	-	-	(426)	(6,664)	(7,090)	(912)	(8,002)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(426)	26,918	26,492	2,186	28,678
Contributions by and distributions to owners							
Dividends (note 11)	-	-	-	(3,130)	(3,130)	-	(3,130)
Capital redemption - Sansing (note 11)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,662)	(1,662)
At 31 December 2023	19,214	2,558	3,805	290,271	315,848	16,414	332,262

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (continued)

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Revaluation reserve £'000	Profit & loss account £'000	Total attributable to owners of the Parent Company £'000	Non controlling interests £'000	Total equity £'000
At 1 January 2022	19,214	2,558	4,269	191,486	217,527	11,521	229,048
Profit for the year	-	-	-	33,879	33,879	3,592	37,471
Foreign exchange:							
Currency translation differences	-	-	58	11,259	11,317	1,514	12,831
	-	-	58	11,259	11,317	1,514	12,831
Actuarial gains on the defined benefit pension scheme	-	-	-	42,824	42,824	-	42,824
Taxation in respect of other comprehensive income	-	-	(96)	(11,225)	(11,321)	-	(11,321)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(38)	42,858	42,820	1,514	44,334
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(38)	76,737	76,699	5,106	81,805
Contributions by and distributions to owners							
Change in minority interest - Brookside Metal Trading				(110)	(110)	110	-
Dividends (note 11)	-	-	-	(1,630)	(1,630)	-	(1,630)
Distribution on liquidation of Escoy (note 11)	-	-	-	-	-	(323)	(323)
Capital redemption - Sansing (note 11)	-	-	-	-	-	(524)	(524)
At 31 December 2022	19,214	2,558	4,231	266,483	292,486	15,890	308,376

The revaluation reserve is attributable to the following categories of asset, including deferred tax where appropriate:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Investment properties	310	310
Other freehold properties	2,975	3,101
Fixed asset investments	520	820
	3,805	4,231

The notes on pages 38 to 75 form part of these financial statements.

Company Statement of Changes in Equity

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Profit & loss account £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2023	19,214	2,558	136,544	158,316
Profit for the year	-	-	18,022	18,022
Actuarial losses on the defined benefit pension scheme			(524)	(524)
Taxation in respect of other comprehensive income	-	-	131	131
Other comprehensive (loss) for the year	-	-	(393)	(393)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	17,629	17,629
Contributions by and distributions to owners				
Dividends (note 11)	-	-	(3,130)	(3,130)
At 31 December 2023	19,214	2,558	151,043	172,815
At 1 January 2022	19,214	2,558	103,150	124,922
Profit for the year	-	-	3,201	3,201
Actuarial gains on the defined benefit pension scheme			42,824	42,824
Taxation in respect of other comprehensive income	-	-	(11,001)	(11,001)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	31,823	31,823
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	35,024	35,024
Contributions by and distributions to owners				
Dividends (note 11)	-	-	(1,630)	(1,630)
At 31 December 2022	19,214	2,558	136,544	158,316

The notes on pages 38 to 75 form part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement Year ended 31 December

		2023	2022
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash inflow from operations	21	30,865	170,983
Interest received		11,293	2,731
Interest paid		(5,063)	(3,699)
Tax paid		(13,839)	(8,364)
Net cash generated from operating activities		23,256	161,651
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets		16	126
Payments for tangible and intangible fixed assets		(5,149)	(2,647)
Dividends received from associates		845	-
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(4,288)	(2,521)
Cash flows from financing activities			
(Decrease) in bank borrowings	22	(1,618)	(3,715)
Ordinary dividends paid	11	(3,000)	(1,500)
Preference dividends paid	11	(130)	(130)
Dividends/ capital redemption paid to non-controlling interests	11	(1,662)	(1,230)
Net cash (used in) financing activities		(6,410)	(6,575)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		12,558	152,555
Foreign exchange differences		(371)	818
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		96,755	(56,618)
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward		108,942	96,755
Reconciliation of movement in cash and cash equivalents to movement in net funds			
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		12,558	152,555
Movements in other borrowings		1,618	3,715
Foreign exchange differences		(330)	858
Movement		13,846	157,128
Net cash/ (debt) brought forward		95,096	(62,032)
Net cash carried forward		108,942	95,096

The notes on pages 38 to 75 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

1. General information

The AMC Group (the “Group”) comprises Amalgamated Metal Corporation PLC (“AMC” or the “Company”), a public company limited by shares, incorporated in England and Wales with its registered office at Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AY, and its subsidiaries.

2. Basis of preparation and consolidation

The Directors have concluded that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group’s financial position, financial performance and cash flows, and that the Group has complied with FRS 102. A summary of the principal Group accounting policies under FRS 102 is given below.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Group’s management to exercise judgement in applying the Group’s accounting policies.

Except as set out in notes 3e, g, h, j, k, and o below, the Group consolidated financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis. They incorporate the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 of the Company and all its subsidiary undertakings.

3. Going concern

The Board has carefully considered those factors likely to affect the Group’s future development, performance and financial position in relation to the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern. As explained more fully in the Strategic Report on page 12, geo-political factors, increased interest rates, inflation and supply chain constraints look likely to continue being the dominant factors driving the global economy in 2024. This in turn may have negative consequences for our results and performance in 2024, however mitigating actions have been put in place. The Group has access to liquidity/ undrawn facilities and a robust liquidity management framework. As a consequence, the Directors believe that the Group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully and have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for more than 12 months after signing the financial statements. For these reasons, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Group’s financial statements.

3.1 Accounting policies

(a) Parent company disclosure exemptions

In preparing the separate financial statements of the Company, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemption available under FRS 102:

No cash flow statement has been presented for the Parent Company.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(b) Basis of consolidation

The results of subsidiary undertakings and businesses acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income from their dates of acquisition or up to their dates of disposal.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the results of business combinations using the purchase method. In the balance sheet, the acquired subsidiary's identifiable assets and liabilities are initially recognised at their fair value at the acquisition date. Any excess of the cost of a business acquired over the fair value of the Group's share of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition is goodwill.

Goodwill is included in intangible fixed assets at cost less accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is amortised using the straight line method over its estimated useful life. If a reliable estimate cannot be made, the maximum presumed useful life is five years. Goodwill is being amortised over periods ranging from five to twenty years.

The Group accounts for its interests in its associated companies using the equity method of accounting.

The net assets and total comprehensive income of non-wholly owned subsidiaries are attributed to owners of the Parent Company and to non-controlling interests in proportion to their relative ownership interests.

(c) Exchange differences

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The consolidated financial statements are presented in sterling, which is the Company's functional and the Group's presentation currency.

On consolidation, profits and losses and other transactions in the year in the financial statements of subsidiary undertakings expressed in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at average rates of exchange for the year, which are a reasonable approximation for the exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Assets and liabilities are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling on the balance sheet date. Exchange translation differences arising on consolidation net of the results of related foreign exchange transactions, which are themselves valued at forward exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date, are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Exchange differences arising from trading operations and from conversion of short-term currency balances are included in operating profit.

(d) Subsidiary undertakings

In the separate balance sheet of AMC, subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost, less provisions for impairment.

(e) Tangible and Intangible fixed assets

As permitted under the rules for transition to FRS 102, the Group has elected to use the former UK GAAP revaluation of freehold properties (excluding investment properties, note below) as the deemed cost of such properties. These properties are stated at deemed cost plus the historical cost of subsequent additions and less subsequent accumulated depreciation and any subsequent impairment losses.

Investment properties are measured at fair value at each balance sheet date. No depreciation is provided. Changes in fair value are included in the income statement. The Group has elected to transfer accumulated gains to the revaluation reserve.

Other tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Intangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

The historical cost of an asset includes its purchase price and expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of that asset, and bringing it to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Borrowing costs are not capitalised.

Under certain circumstances, when subsequent expenditure improves a fixed asset, such expenditure is capitalised. These circumstances are when the expenditure enhances the asset (for instance by extending its useful life or increasing its capacity), or when it replaces a component of an asset that has been treated separately for depreciation, for instance as part of an overhaul when the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance costs are charged to profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

Assets are depreciated and amortised over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method at rates appropriate to the types of assets. The following annual rates are used:

Land	nil
Buildings	2%
Long leaseholds	2%
Short leaseholds	according to life of lease
Plant and machinery, fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	5% – 33%
Software	10% - 33%

Assets in the course of construction are not depreciated until utilisation is commenced.

(f) Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill

Assets that are subject to depreciation or amortisation are assessed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any

indication that the assets are impaired. Where there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the carrying value of the asset (or cash generating unit (“CGU”) to which the asset has been allocated), is tested for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset’s carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset’s (or CGU’s) fair value less costs to sell, and its value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows. Assets that have been previously impaired are reviewed at each balance sheet date to assess whether there is any indication that the impairment losses recognised in prior periods may no longer exist or may have decreased.

(g) Stocks

Stocks, including work-in-progress, other than those stocks held by certain trading operations (below), are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises costs of purchase and appropriate overheads, and is calculated using specific cost, first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) or weighted average cost as appropriate to the business. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell.

At each balance sheet date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stocks are impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Stocks held by certain trading operations are stated at fair value (determined with reference to prevailing market prices at the balance sheet date) less costs to sell with any changes recognised in the income statement.

(h) Financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets include cash at bank and in hand, trade and other debtors, fixed asset investments and derivative financial instruments. Financial liabilities include bank loans and overdrafts, trade and other creditors and derivative financial instruments.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

The derivative financial instruments of most significance to the Group are London Metal Exchange (“LME”) forward contracts and foreign exchange contracts.

Derivatives are carried on the balance sheet at fair value, with gains or losses recognised in the income statement unless the derivatives are designated and qualify for hedge accounting.

The fair value changes on the effective portion of derivatives which are designated and qualify for hedge accounting are included in other comprehensive income and transferred to the income statement when the hedged transaction is realised. The fair value changes on the ineffective portion are recognised immediately in the income statement.

Other than amounts relating to derivatives, trade and other debtors are initially recognised at the transaction amounts, and subsequently they are measured at amortised cost. Due to the short term nature of trade and other debtors, amortised cost equates to transaction amount less any allowance required for irrecoverable debts.

Other than amounts relating to derivatives, trade and other creditors are initially and subsequently recognised at the transaction amounts, which equate to amortised cost.

Other than investments in associated companies, fixed asset investments whose fair value can be measured reliably are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss. The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable data where it is available. Other fixed asset investments are measured at cost less impairment.

LME forward contracts are valued at closing prices quoted by the London Metal Exchange and foreign exchange contracts are valued at the market rates prevailing at the close of business on the balance sheet date.

In the consolidated cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand, demand deposits and short term deposits with banks and similar institutions with original maturities of three months or less that are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, less bank overdrafts repayable on demand.

(i) Dividends

Dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim dividends are recognised when paid. Final dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

(j) Terminal market contracts: Amalgamated Metal Trading Ltd

Forward terminal market contracts are valued at the relevant forward prices ruling at the balance sheet date. The profits and losses arising from this valuation are included in the income statement. Each client’s balance comprises the net of one or both of this valuation and a realised element, and this net amount is reported in the balance sheet within debtors and creditors as appropriate. In addition, adjustments are made to reflect the market conditions prevailing at the balance sheet date and these are included in the income statement.

(k) Trading in commodity metals

The overall position in each metal is valued at the prevailing market price and differences arising are included in the income statement, and within debtors and creditors as appropriate, with due allowance made for the costs of completing contracts.

(l) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when at the balance sheet date there is a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Group will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(m) Leased assets

Leases are classified as finance leases when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased asset to the Group. Such assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments over the term of the lease. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as amounts payable to the lessor.

All other leases are classified as operating leases. Hire and rental charges under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

(n) Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the period comprises current tax and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except that tax attributable to an item of income or expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is itself recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where Group companies operate and generate taxable income.

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the rates substantially enacted by the balance sheet date except that:

Deferred tax assets are only recognised when it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and

Deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for obtaining associated tax allowances have been met.

(o) Pensions and retirement benefits

The Group maintains both defined benefit and defined contribution schemes for Group employees. Contributions to defined benefit schemes are made in accordance with actuarial advice. The assets of the defined benefit scheme are held separately from those of Group companies.

The net defined benefit liability or asset of a scheme is the difference between its defined benefit obligation and the fair value of the scheme's assets. The defined benefit obligation is the present value of expected future payments required to settle the scheme's obligation resulting from employee service in the current and prior periods, and is measured using a projected unit method and discounted at the current rates of return on high quality corporate bonds of equivalent currency and term to the scheme's obligation. The movements in the defined benefit liability or asset are split between those in the income statement, and those in the statement of other comprehensive income.

The Company and a number of its subsidiaries are members of the Amalgamated Metal Corporation pension scheme, a group defined benefit plan. There is no agreement or policy for charging the defined benefit cost of the plan to other members. The full amounts of plan income, costs (net of discretionary recharges to other members), assets and liabilities are included in the financial statements of the Company.

(p) Revenue

Revenue is reported as turnover, which represents sales as principal to customers and clients outside the Group.

- Sale of goods -turnover is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the buyer, and it is probable that the Group will receive the previously agreed consideration. Generally this occurs at the point of agreed delivery to the buyer.

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- Sale of services - in the case of futures brokerage transactions, turnover represents net commission earned plus, where applicable, the net result of the market making activities. Commission is recognised as earned on trade date.

(q) Associates and jointly controlled entities

In the Group financial statements, investments in associates are accounted for using the equity method. Investments in associates are initially recognised at the transaction price (including transaction costs) and are subsequently adjusted to reflect the Group's share of profit or loss of the associate. In the Company financial statements, investments in associates are accounted for at cost less impairment.

(r) Equity reserves

The share premium reserve contains the premium arising on issue of equity shares, net of issue expenses.

The revaluation reserve represents the cumulative effect of revaluations of freehold land and buildings, investment properties and fixed asset investments which are revalued to fair value at each reporting date.

(s) Government grants

Grants are accounted for under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to the profit and loss account at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grants is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in "other operating income" within profit or loss in the same period as the related expenditure.

3.2 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing financial statements, the Group makes estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and reported amounts. Actual results may differ from these estimates, and the differences arising may cause material adjustments to the carrying value of assets and liabilities in the next financial year. Estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing such a material adjustment in the next financial year are addressed below.

Pensions and retirement benefits

The present value of defined benefit pension scheme obligations (notes 2(o) and 23) is sensitive to changes in a number of actuarial assumptions at the balance sheet date that are set out in note 23. Any changes in such assumptions will impact the carrying amount of these obligations that are included in both the Consolidated and Company balance sheets at £140,856,000 (2022: £138,211,000).

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4. Turnover

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Analysis by class of business		
AMC Trading	690,544	837,058
AMC Industrial	306,020	406,789
	996,564	1,243,847
Analysis of country by destination		
UK and Continental Europe	268,734	375,832
Far East and Australasia	611,763	684,303
Other	116,067	183,712
	996,564	1,243,847
Analysis by category of revenue		
Goods	957,353	1,201,860
Services	39,211	41,987
	996,564	1,243,847

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5. Operating costs

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Raw materials, consumables and goods for resale	861,916	1,053,535
Other external charges	11,531	10,952
Staff costs:		
Wages and salaries	32,873	32,789
Social security costs	2,582	2,405
Pension costs: defined benefit scheme (note 23(d))	348	589
Pension costs: defined contribution schemes	1,490	1,690
Other pension costs	44	146
Amortisation of goodwill and computer software (note 12)	315	203
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (note 13)	3,440	3,030
Audit fees payable:		
To the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company and consolidated accounts	134	127
To the Company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the Company's subsidiaries	325	325
To the Company's auditor and its associates for non-audit services:		
Audit related	31	29
Tax	10	6
United Kingdom charitable donations	7	15
Hire and rental charges under operating leases	1,609	1,766
Other operating charges	30,128	35,974
Total operating costs	946,783	1,143,581

	The Company	
Staff costs include the following amounts incurred by the Company:		
Wages and salaries	3,702	3,471
Social security costs	449	434
Pension costs: defined contribution scheme	43	68

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6. Emoluments of Directors

	The Company	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Payments to Directors:		
Aggregate emoluments	1,773	1,793
	2023 Number	2022 Number
Number of Directors for whom retirement benefits were accruing:		
Defined benefit pension scheme	1	1
Defined contribution pension scheme	1	1
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Highest paid Director:		
Aggregate emoluments	847	863
The key management personnel are considered to be the Directors of the Company.		

7. Employees

	The Group	
	2023 Number	2022 Number
The average monthly numbers of persons employed or under a contract of service during the year were:		
The Group		
AMC Trading	166	155
AMC Industrial	501	540
Central	24	25
	691	720
The Company	28	29

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8. Net interest income/ (expense)

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Interest receivable	11,349	2,731
Interest payable:		
Loans from parent company - AMCO Investments Ltd	(60)	(293)
Bank loans and overdrafts repayable within five years	(5,003)	(3,336)
	6,286	(898)

9. Other finance costs

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Net interest on net defined benefit pension liability (Note 23(d))	(4)	(885)

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10. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax	5,847	5,052
Overseas tax	3,426	5,939
Total current tax	9,273	10,991
Deferred tax (note 19)	1,110	(2,283)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	10,383	8,708

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2022: lower) than the standard rate of tax noted below applied to profit before tax. The differences are explained below.

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	47,063	46,179
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at the standard rate of 23.0% (2022: 19.9%)	10,822	9,190
Effects of:		
Permanent differences	(234)	(44)
Withholding taxes	33	118
Adjustments to prior period charges	(240)	(56)
Sundry	2	(500)
Total tax charge for the year	10,383	8,708

The standard rate of tax is the average of the statutory rates applicable to Group companies, weighted by pre-tax profits for the year.

The aggregate of current and deferred tax relating to items recognised in other comprehensive income is a credit of £623,000 (2022: debit of £11,321,000).

UK Corporation tax has increased from 19% to 25% from 1 April 2023. Deferred taxes, where appropriate, have been re-measured at the enacted rate.

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11. Dividends

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Ordinary shares: interim dividends paid of 17.74p per share (2022: 8.87p per share)	3,000	1,500
6.0% cumulative preference shares: dividends paid	54	54
5.4% cumulative preference shares: dividends paid	76	76
Attributable to owners of the Parent	3,130	1,630

During 2023 Sansing returned a proportion of its issued share capital to shareholders, resulting in a redemption of £1,662,000 (2022: £524,000) to non-controlling interests.

During 2022 £323,000 were distributed to non-controlling interests on the liquidation of Escoy and a further £383,000 were paid to non-controlling interests in relation to dividends declared in previous periods.

12. Intangible fixed assets

The Group	Computer Software £'000	Goodwill £'000	Total £'000
Cost:			
At 1 January 2023	542	2,517	3,059
Additions	128	-	128
Foreign exchange	-	(124)	(124)
At 31 December 2023	670	2,393	3,063
Amortisation:			
At 1 January 2023	175	1,301	1,476
Charge for the year	181	134	315
Foreign exchange	-	(61)	(61)
At 31 December 2023	356	1,374	1,730
Net book amount: at 31 December 2023	314	1,019	1,333
Net book amount: at 31 December 2022	367	1,216	1,583

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12. Intangible fixed assets (continued)

The Company	Computer Software £'000
Cost:	
At 1 January 2023	104
Additions	-
Foreign exchange	-
At 31 December 2023	104
Amortisation:	
At 1 January 2023	9
Charge for the year	22
Foreign exchange	-
At 31 December 2023	31
Net book amount: at 31 December 2023	73
Net book amount: at 31 December 2022	95

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13. Tangible fixed assets

The Group	Land and buildings				Plant and machinery £'000	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment £'000	Assets in the course of construction £'000	Total £'000
	Investment property £'000	Other freehold £'000	Long leasehold £'000	Short leasehold £'000				
Cost or valuation:								
At 1 January 2023	330	17,344	627	1,465	34,444	7,388	548	62,146
Foreign exchange	-	(297)	-	-	(789)	(168)	(24)	(1,278)
Additions	-	229	-	-	1,467	2,342	983	5,021
Transfers between categories	-	60	-	-	468	222	(750)	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(349)	(176)	-	(525)
At 31 December 2023	330	17,336	627	1,465	35,241	9,608	757	65,364
Depreciation:								
At 1 January 2023	-	2,553	259	767	22,273	6,060	-	31,912
Foreign exchange	-	(69)	-	-	(524)	(133)	-	(726)
Charge for the year	-	284	13	65	2,570	508	-	3,440
Transfers between categories	-	-	-	-	(2)	2	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(341)	(104)	-	(445)
At 31 December 2023	-	2,768	272	832	23,976	6,333	-	34,181
Net book amount: at 31 December 2023	330	14,568	355	633	11,265	3,275	757	31,183
Net book amount: at 31 December 2022	330	14,791	368	698	12,171	1,328	548	30,234

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13. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

The depreciated historical cost net book amounts of investment property and other freehold land and buildings are:

	2023 Investment property £'000	2023 Other freehold land and buildings £'000	2022 Investment property £'000	2022 Other freehold land and buildings £'000
Cost	50	15,737	50	15,693
Accumulated depreciation	(12)	(4,295)	(12)	(4,161)
	38	11,442	38	11,532

Investment property

Investment properties, which are all freehold, were revalued (where necessary) to fair value at 31 December 2023 based on a valuation undertaken by Avison Young, an independent valuer with recent experience in the class and location of the investment property being valued. The valuations were undertaken using the comparable and investment methods of valuation in accordance with The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Valuation – Global Standards effective from 31 January 2020. The markets for the individual units were investigated; rental and sales evidence were collated and adjusted to take account of the situation, layout and specification of the individual properties.

Borrowings are secured on tangible fixed assets with a carrying amount of £nil (2022: £nil).

The Company	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment £'000
Cost:	
At 1 January 2023	877
Additions	2,184
Disposals	(159)
At 31 December 2023	2,902
Depreciation:	
At 1 January 2023	665
Charge for the year	163
Disposals	(94)
At 31 December 2023	734
Net book amount: at 31 December 2023	2,168
Net book amount: at 31 December 2022	212

	The Group		The Company	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Capital commitments:				
Amounts contracted	662	295	-	-

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14. Fixed asset investments

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Associated companies:		
Shares in Alloys Metals and Ceramics Holdings (Pty) Ltd	1,118	1,071
Shares in The British Metal Corporation (India) Private Ltd	338	363
Shares in McKenzies (Global Trading) Limited	14	88
Shares in Scanmetals (UK) Ltd	3,217	2,476
	4,687	3,998
Other investments:		
LME Holdings Ltd "B" shares	1,250	1,600
	5,937	5,598

The carrying value of the Group's investments in associates contains the following movements:

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
At 1 January	3,998	2,728
Investments in the year	-	-
Share of pre-tax profit from participating interests	2,232	1,597
Share of tax charges	(542)	(370)
Distributions	(845)	-
Foreign exchange	(156)	43
At 31 December	4,687	3,998

The Group has an interest of 50% in Alloys Metals and Ceramics Holdings (Pty) Ltd, a South African company, 40% in The British Metal Corporation (India) Private Ltd, 33.33% in Scanmetals (UK) Ltd and 29% in McKenzies (Global Trading) Limited.

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Other investments:

The LME Holdings Ltd 'B' shares are level '3' assets in the fair value hierarchy set out in FRS 102, and are recognised at £50 per share (2022: £64). This valuation includes assumptions based on non-observable market data. The

Directors do not consider that there are reasonable possible alternative assumptions that could be applied in the valuation.

Subsidiaries and operating units are listed on pages 70 to 75.

	The Company	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Shares in Group companies	272	272

15. Stocks

	The Group		The Company	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Raw materials and consumables	22,688	22,183	-	-
Work in progress	20,695	37,311	-	-
Finished goods	16,377	13,751	-	-
Goods for resale	109,589	82,127	-	-
	169,349	155,372	-	-

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16. Debtors

	The Group		The Company	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Trade debtors	76,207	67,860	-	-
Due from LME Clear Ltd: Deposits	53,148	92,227	-	-
Due from LME Clear Ltd: Derivatives	28,167	-	-	-
Due from LME Clear Ltd: Default Fund*	6,903	11,399	-	-
Amounts owed by subsidiaries	-	-	127,341	118,213
Amounts owed by associate companies	278	671	-	170
Corporate taxation recoverable	2,919	-	-	247
Other debtors	6,722	8,217	658	401
Prepayments and accrued income	4,137	2,993	234	36
Derivative financial instruments	5,326	5,991	-	-
Deferred tax asset (note 19)	1,020	1,985	445	1,141
	184,827	191,343	128,678	120,208

*Classification of prior year comparative has been updated for consistency with current year presentation.

Other than the deferred tax asset, all debtors are receivable within one year except for the following:

Amounts owed by associates	235	277	-	-
Amounts owed by subsidiaries	-	-	10,575	15,787

The cost of providing against or writing off trade and other debtors was £19,000 (2022: £1,380,000).

The analysis of trade and other debtors that were past due but not impaired was as follows:

	The Group	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Overdue by		
1-30 days	4,714	6,288
31-60 days	289	478
61-90 days	2	113
Over 90 days	16	61

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17. Share capital

	The Company and The Group	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Allotted and fully paid:		
16,908,197 Ordinary shares of £1 each	16,908	16,908
900,000 6.0% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	900	900
1,405,535 5.4% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	1,406	1,406
	19,214	19,214

Both categories of preference shares are irredeemable. They rank equally in priority for dividend payments and the return of assets on a winding up, both of which they are entitled to in priority to holders of ordinary shares. Dividends on the cumulative preference shares are restricted to the

amounts shown in note 11 and payable at the discretion of the directors. Assets returned on a winding up are limited to the amounts paid up on the shares together with any arrears of dividends. Preference shareholders are entitled to vote on resolutions at a General Meeting only in restricted circumstances.

18. Provisions for liabilities

	The Group		The Company	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	20212 £'000
Pensions and similar obligations	800	845	-	-
Deferred taxation (note 19)	4	5	-	-
	804	850	-	-

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19. Deferred taxation

Movements on deferred tax	The Group	The Company
	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2023: net asset	1,980	1,141
Profit and loss account	(1,110)	(827)
Other comprehensive income	218	131
Foreign exchange	(72)	-
At 31 December 2023: net asset	1,016	445

The above are reported in the balance sheet as:

	The Group		The Company	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Deferred tax asset	1,020	1,985	445	1,414
Deferred tax liability (note 18)	(4)	(5)	-	-
	1,016	1,980	445	1,414
Analysis of net deferred tax assets				
Timing differences relating to:				
Tangible fixed assets	(2,059)	(1,510)	(392)	-
Fixed asset investments	(313)	(400)	-	-
Accruals and other	3,388	3,890	837	1,141
	1,016	1,980	445	1,141

Potential deferred tax assets in various locations relating to tax losses amounting to £859,000 (2022: £924,000) have not been recognised on the grounds that utilisation of such losses is considered uncertain. The losses have no expiry date.

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20. Creditors

	The Group		The Company	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Other creditors falling due within one year:				
Trade creditors	80,402	92,989	94	94
Amount owed to parent holding company	50	265	38	259
Amounts owed to subsidiaries	-	-	20,488	16,321
Amounts owed to associates	44	33	29	-
Declared preference dividends	65	65	65	65
Corporate taxation	817	3,482	993	-
Other taxation and social security	1,814	3,072	406	298
Accruals and deferred income	41,020	21,961	6,809	3,008
Derivative financial instruments	36,643	23,249	276	515
Other	7,650	24,884	301	281
	168,505	170,000	29,499	20,841

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21. Cash flows from operating activities

	The Group	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Profit for the financial year	36,680	37,471
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of goodwill and computer software	315	203
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,440	3,030
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	64	10
Defined benefit pension scheme service cost	348	589
Defined benefit pension scheme net interest cost	4	885
Defined benefit pension scheme contributions	(876)	(6,399)
(Profit) of associated companies	(2,232)	(1,597)
Taxation	10,383	8,708
Net interest (income)/ expense	(6,286)	898
(Increase)/ decrease in stocks	(13,978)	129,587
Decrease/ (increase) in debtors	8,526	(22,461)
Increase in creditors and provisions	1,126	8,778
Foreign exchange	(6,649)	11,281
Cash inflow from operations	30,865	170,983

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22. Movement in net funds

	31 December 2022 £'000	Foreign exchange £'000	Increase in cash and cash equivalents £'000	Movements in other borrowings £'000	31 December 2023 £'000
2023					
Cash at bank and in hand	119,633	(1,354)	20,480	-	138,759
Borrowings on demand	(22,878)	983	(7,922)	-	(29,817)
Cash and cash equivalents	96,755	(371)	12,558	-	108,942
Other bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	(1,659)	41	-	1,618	-
Net cash	95,096	(330)	12,558	1,618	108,942

Included in cash at bank and in hand is unsegregated cash of £48,997,000 held by the Group's regulated financial services subsidiaries, which is not made available to other members of the Group (2022: £14,552,000).

The carrying value of bank loans and overdrafts is a reasonable approximation to fair value, and represents drawdowns under short-term loan facilities that expire less than one year after the balance sheet date.

Bank loans and overdrafts at 31 December 2023 include £14,642,000 secured on the assets of the relevant Group companies (2022: £9,817,000). An additional £5,204,000 (2022: £6,593,000) of bank loans and overdrafts relate to stocks that had been sold to banks in December 2023 with an agreement to repurchase the same stocks in January 2024.

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22. Movement in net funds (continued)

	31 December 2021 £'000	Foreign exchange £'000	Increase in cash and cash equivalents £'000	Movements in other borrowings £'000	31 December 2022 £'000
2022					
Cash at bank and in hand	72,397	1,268	45,968	-	119,633
Borrowings on demand	(129,015)	(450)	106,587	-	(22,878)
Cash and cash equivalents	(56,618)	818	152,555	-	96,755
Other bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	(5,414)	40	-	3,715	(1,659)
Net (debt)/ cash	(62,032)	858	152,555	3,715	95,096

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23. Pensions

Certain current and former employees of Group companies in the UK are members of a defined benefit pension scheme, known as the Amalgamated Metal Corporation pension scheme. This scheme is a final salary pension scheme and is funded in accordance with independent actuarial advice, with the assets held in a separate trustee-administered fund. The scheme has been closed to new joiners since 2003, with new employees offered membership of defined contribution schemes.

The administrative costs of this scheme are borne by the scheme itself.

Actuarial valuations are carried out triennially by the independent actuary. The most recent full actuarial valuation of the Amalgamated Metal Corporation pension scheme was as at 31 December 2022. This valuation showed

assets of £145.3 million and a technical funding surplus of £10.0 million. Given the actuarial position, a schedule of contributions effective August 2023 was agreed whereby the Company will contribute a minimum of £550,000 per annum towards costs relating to the running of the scheme and 34.7% (35.9% up to 27 July 2023) of annual pensionable salaries of active members to cover service costs. Contributions of £875,755 were made in the year by the Company (2022: £6,398,757 including £3,678,000 of advanced deficit reduction contributions in respect of 2023 and 2024 obligations as agreed following the previous actuarial valuation).

For the purposes of these financial statements, this actuarial valuation has been updated to 31 December 2023 by the same qualified independent actuary. The major assumptions used by the actuary were:

	2023 %	2022 %
Price inflation per annum – RPI	3.10	3.20
Price inflation per annum – CPI	2.65	2.70
Pensionable salary increases per annum	2.90	2.95
Pension increases per annum	2.61 - 3.67	2.67 - 3.68
Deferred pension increases per annum	2.61 - 2.95	2.67 - 3.09
Discount rate	4.50	4.80

Mortality assumptions

The mortality assumptions in the UK scheme are set out in the table below. Base mortality is assumed to be in line with the S3PFA table (2022: S3PFA table) with future improvement in line with the CMI 2022 projection basis (2022: CMI 2021) with a 1.0% long-term improvement rate (2022: 0.75%).

	2023 Years	2022 Years
Life expectancy for current pensioners:		
Men	86.0	86.3
Women	88.6	88.9
Life expectancy for future pensioners:		
Men	87.1	87.4
Women	89.8	90.0

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23. Pensions (continued)

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
(a) Net defined benefit liability		
Equities	5,477	49,493
Multi-asset/ Bond funds	128,335	56,711
Property and infrastructure	11,701	34,282
Cash	3,906	4,456
Fair value of scheme assets	149,419	144,942
Defined benefit obligation	(140,856)	(138,211)
	8,563	6,731
Restriction in recognising a defined benefit pension asset	(8,563)	(6,731)
Net defined benefit asset/ (liability)	-	-
(b) Changes in the fair value of scheme assets		
Brought forward	144,942	149,946
Interest income on scheme assets	6,416	2,811
Experience gains/ (losses) on scheme assets	6,548	(7,296)
Contributions paid by employer	876	6,399
Benefits paid	(9,363)	(6,918)
Carried forward	149,419	144,942

Scheme assets do not include any of the Group's own financial instruments, nor any property occupied by Group companies.

The actual return on scheme assets in the year was a gain of £12,964,000 (2022: loss of £4,485,000).

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23. Pensions (continued)

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
(c) Changes in the defined benefit obligation		
Brought forward	138,211	197,695
Current service cost	348	589
Interest cost	6,420	3,696
Actuarial losses/ (gains)	5,240	(56,851)
Benefits paid	(9,363)	(6,918)
Carried forward	140,856	138,211
(d) Amounts recognised in the consolidated income statement		
Included in operating costs:		
Current service cost	348	589
Past service cost	-	-
	348	589
Included in other finance costs:		
Net interest cost	4	885
(e) Amounts recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income		
Actual return less interest income included in net interest cost	6,548	(7,296)
Experience (losses) arising on scheme liabilities	(2,345)	(4,430)
Changes in the assumptions underlying the present value of scheme liabilities	(2,895)	61,281
Restriction in recognising a defined benefit pension asset*	(1,832)	(6,731)
Net (losses)/ gains	(524)	42,824

*Although the actuarial calculations result in a net defined benefit pension scheme asset of £8,563,000 as at 31 December 2023 (2022:£6,731,000), the strict requirements set out in FRS102 mean that the Company is unable to recognise this theoretical asset. On this basis the actuarial entries in the Company Statement of Changes in Equity have been adjusted accordingly.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

24. Contingent liabilities

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Guarantees issued by the Company in respect of subsidiaries' obligations:		
Bank borrowings of subsidiaries	29,817	24,537
Trade creditors	1,464	2,871
Bank borrowings of associate companies	15	191

25. Commitments under operating leases

	The Group		The Company	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
At 31 December, future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases were as follows:				
Not later than one year	1,832	1,575	1,000	639
Later than one and not later than five years	5,394	1,419	4,000	-
Later than five years	3,010	2,804	500	-
	10,236	5,798	5,500	639

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

26. Related parties and related party transactions

AMCO Investments Ltd (AMCO), a company incorporated in England and Wales, is the immediate and ultimate controlling entity of Amalgamated Metal Corporation PLC. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of AMCO are available from the Registrar of Companies for England and Wales.

Transactions between wholly owned companies in the AMC Group and AMCO are not disclosed, as permitted by FRS 102.

During the year ended 31 December 2023, sales from wholly owned group companies to non-wholly owned group companies totalled £10,974,000 (2022 - £2,413,000). Purchases by wholly owned group companies from non-wholly owned group companies totalled £817,000 (2022 - £221,000).

Rent and related costs charged by wholly owned group companies to non-wholly owned group companies totalled £nil (2022 - £88,000).

Interest charged by wholly owned group companies to non-wholly owned group companies totalled £nil (2022 - £194,000) and £2,000 (2022 - £nil) was charged by non-wholly owned group companies to wholly owned group companies.

At the balance sheet date, amounts due from wholly owned group companies to non-wholly owned group companies totalled £218,000 (2022 - £277,000). Amounts due to wholly owned group companies from non-wholly owned group companies totalled £2,675,000

(2022 - £3,024,000). These amounts have been eliminated on consolidation.

At the balance sheet date inter-company LME forward contract balances due from non-wholly owned group companies to wholly owned group companies totalled £nil (2022 - £1,868,000). Forward contract balances due from wholly owned group companies to non-wholly owned group companies totalled £430,000 (2022 - £nil). These amounts have been eliminated on consolidation.

Balances due to/from associates are disclosed separately in notes 16 and 20.

Sales to associates amounted to £73,000 (2022: £63,000).

Rent and property costs charged to associates amounted to £1,286,000 (2022: £1,454,000).

Interest paid by associates to group companies totalled £11,000 (2022 - £16,000).

Please refer to note 24 for guarantees issued by the Company in relation to bank borrowings of associate companies.

There were no other material related party transactions which require disclosure.

27. Events after the reporting period

There were no events after the reporting period which require disclosure.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

28. Financial instruments

(a) Analysis of the Group's and Company's financial instruments

The Group's and Company's financial instruments may be analysed as follows:

	The Group		The Company	
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	138,759	119,633	71,123	58,370
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	34,743	7,591	-	-
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	143,258	180,374	127,999	118,784
Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss	36,643	23,249	276	515
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	120,642	146,690	21,421	17,318

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss comprise derivative financial instruments and the fixed asset investments in LME Holdings Ltd 'B' shares.

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost comprise trade debtors, amounts due from LME Clear and amounts owed by the parent company, other debtors, and in the Company, amounts owed by subsidiaries.

Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss represents derivative financial instruments.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise bank loans and overdrafts, trade creditors, amount owed to holding company, declared dividends, other tax and

social security and other creditors, and in the Company, amounts owed to subsidiaries.

Derivative financial instruments are level "1" financial instruments in the hierarchy set out in FRS 102.

(b) Operating income and forward profits and losses

Operating income includes net gains of £20,172,000 (2022: £22,005,000) on trading terminal market contracts by AMT and foreign exchange contracts by AMC. Operating income includes £10,554,000 of forward profits (net of losses) arising in AMT (2022: £2,558,000 of forward profits net of losses). These profits and losses are included in trade debtors and trade creditors as appropriate.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

(c) Market risk and sensitivity

At 31 December 2023, a 1% change in market prices would have resulted in a change of £371,000 (2022: £232,000) in the market value of AMT's LME derivatives held with third parties. The AMT positions largely reflect hedging done by AMT on behalf of other Group companies to mitigate their positions in physical metals so the impact on the Group's profit would be significantly less than this amount. At 31 December 2023, a 1% change in market prices would have resulted in a change of £1,176,000 (2022: £867,000) in the market value of AMT's LME derivatives held with all parties.

(d) Credit risk

At 31 December 2023, the Group's exposure to credit risk, without taking account of credit enhancements described on page 17, is represented by trade and other debtors shown in note 16, along with credit risks arising on the derivatives and other contracts for the future delivery of metal described above. The credit risk associated with banks is also set out in note 28(a) above.

(e) Capital

The Group regards its capital as its share capital, share premium, revaluation reserve and profit and loss account. The Group's policy is to maintain its capital at a prudent level in order to be able to meet all its financial obligations. There are externally imposed capital requirements on AMT and AMT Futures, companies regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Banks stipulate minimum capital levels in AMC PLC, Amalgamet Ltd, CA Group, Consolidated Alloys (NZ) and Sansing Ltd as a condition of lending to those companies. All these requirements and conditions have been fully adhered to.



Subsidiaries and operating units

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Company	Registered office and country of incorporation	Main activities	General manager	Class of shares owned	Proportion of class owned
Group Head Office					
Amalgamated Metal Investment Holdings Ltd +	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Investment and property holding company		Ordinary	100%
British Amalgamated Metal Investments Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Investment and property holding company		Ordinary	100%
Consolidated Tin Smelters Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Investment holding company		Ordinary	100%
The British Metal Corporation Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Investment dealing company		Ordinary	100%
Regional Holding Companies					
Amalgamated Metal (Australia) Ltd	32 Industrial Avenue, Thomastown, Victoria, 3074, Australia	Investment holding company		Ordinary	100%
BAMI Canada Inc	595 Burrard St, Three Bentall Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7X 1L3, Canada	Investment holding company		Ordinary	100%

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Company	Registered office and country of incorporation	Main activities	General manager	Class of shares owned	Proportion of class owned
AMC Trading					
Amalgamated Metal Trading Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	London Metal Exchange ring dealer	N Fellowes	Ordinary	100%
AMT Futures Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Commodity and financial futures brokers	J Proudlock	Ordinary	100%
AMC Treasury Services*	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Group treasury operations	H Michie	N/A	N/A
Amalgamet Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Metals, concentrates and minerals trading	A Sussmes	Ordinary	100%
Amalgamated Metal Trading (Singapore) Pte Ltd	Centennial Tower, 3 Temasek Avenue, Level 18, Singapore 039190	Metals, concentrates and minerals trading and brokering	J Chew	Ordinary	100%
William Rowland Americas LP	Suite 1001, 60 Yonge St, Toronto, ON, M5E 1H5, Canada	Metals, concentrates and minerals trading	R Lowe	Ordinary	100%
Sansing Ltd	26th floor, Wanchai Central Building, 89 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	Trade of scrap and recycled non-ferrous metals	S Woolf	Ordinary	58%
				Preference B shares	63%
Amalgamated Metal Recycling Holdings Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Investment holding company		Ordinary	58%

+ Shares owned by Amalgamated Metal Corporation PLC, including voting rights

* Division of Amalgamated Metal Corporation PLC

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Company	Registered office and country of incorporation	Main activities	General manager	Class of shares owned	Proportion of class owned
Brookside Metal Trading Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Trade of scrap and recycled non-ferrous metals	R Smalley	Ordinary	100%
Sansing (UK) Limited	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Trade of scrap and recycled non-ferrous metals	H Michie	Ordinary	58%
William Rowland Ltd	Unit 4 Enterprise Way, Tankersley, Yorkshire, England, S75 3DZ	Marketing non-ferrous metals, ferro-alloys and metal powders	R Lowe	Ordinary	100%
William Rowland Metal Finishing Limited	Arden Works, Jessell Street, Sheffield S9 3HY	Chemical metal finishing processes	R Lowe	Ordinary	100%
Alloys, Metals and Ceramics Holdings (Pty) Ltd	1 Dormehl Street, Anderbolt Boksburg, Gauteng, South Africa	Metals, concentrates and minerals trading	M Retief	Ordinary	50%
The British Metal Corporation (India) Private Ltd	Apeejay House, 1st Floor, Dinsha Wachha Road, Mumbai 400020, India	Metals, concentrates and minerals trading	R Gopal	Ordinary	40%

AMC Industrial

CAGroup Pty Ltd	32 Industrial Avenue, Thomastown, Victoria, 3074, Australia	Manufacture of construction and mining materials, and distribution of metals	N Hardcastle	Ordinary	100%
Vespol Pty Ltd	32 Industrial Avenue, Thomastown, Victoria, 3074, Australia	Manufacture and distribution of construction materials	N Hardcastle	Ordinary	100%
Keeling & Walker Ltd	Whieldon Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 4JA, UK	Manufacture of tin oxide and specialist tin-based powders	D Guhl	Ordinary	100%

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Company	Registered office and country of incorporation	Main activities	General manager	Class of shares owned	Proportion of class owned
Thermox Performance Materials Limited	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Manufacture of high performance tin oxide	D Guhl	Ordinary	100%
Thermox Performance Materials GmbH	Bredeneyer Str. 2b, 46133 Essen, Germany	Marketing and distribution of tin oxide and specialist tin-based powders	D Guhl	Ordinary	100%
Consolidated Alloys (NZ) Ltd	55 Maurice Road, Penrose, PO BOX 12387, Auckland, New Zealand	Manufacture of construction materials and solders and distribution of pumps	K Brooks	Ordinary	100%
Thailand Smelting and Refining Co Ltd	116/17-18 Srivit Building, Soonthornkosa Road, Klongtoey, Bangkok 10110, Thailand	Tin refining, manufacture of solders and metal powders and distribution of metals	A Davies	Ordinary	100%
Mil-Ver Metal Company Ltd	Coronel Avenue, Rowleys Green Industrial Estate, Coventry, West Midlands, CV6 6AP, UK	Manufacture of aluminium and copper alloys and metal recycling	S Mohammed	Ordinary	100%
Brookside Metal Company Ltd	28 Bilston Lane, Willenhall, WV13 2QE, UK	Industrial property holding	I Bell	Ordinary	100%
Scanmetals (UK) Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Recycling of non ferrous metals	T Witkowski	Ordinary	33.3%

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Company	Registered office and country of incorporation	Main activities	General manager	Class of shares owned	Proportion of class owned
Other companies					
AMC Group Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Dormant		Ordinary	100%
Oakland Metal Company Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Dormant		Ordinary	100%
Henry Gardner & Co Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Dormant		Ordinary	100%
Amalgamet Inc	c/o Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 90 State Street Ste 700 Office 40, Albany, Ny, United States, 12207	Dormant		Ordinary	100%
William Rowland Americas GP Inc	Suite 1001, 60 Yonge St, Toronto, ON, M5E 1H5, Canada	Investment holding company		Ordinary	100%
Consolidated Alloys Pty Ltd	32 Industrial Avenue, Thomastown, Victoria, 3074, Australia	Dormant		Ordinary	100%
The British Metal Corporation (South Africa) Proprietary Limited	1 Dormehl Street, Anderbolt Boksburg, Gauteng, South Africa	Investment holding company	M Retief	Ordinary	24.5%
Ceramic and Alloy Specialists Proprietary Limited	1 Dormehl Street, Anderbolt Boksburg, Gauteng, South Africa	Metals, concentrates and minerals trading	M Retief	Ordinary	50%
Tin (Recycle) Thailand Co.	80 Moo 8 Sakdidej Road Phuket 83000, Thailand	Tin recycling		Ordinary	100%

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

Company	Registered office and country of incorporation	Main activities	General manager	Class of shares owned	Proportion of class owned
Ceralcast PTY Ltd	1 Dormehl Street, Anderbolt Boksburg, Gauteng, South Africa	Metals, concentrates and minerals trading	M Retief	Ordinary	50%
McKenzies (Global Trading) Ltd	76-86 Duncrue Street, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT3 9AR	Trade of scrap and recycled non-ferrous metals	H Michie	Ordinary	29%
Castlead Works Pty Ltd	32 Industrial Avenue, Thomastown, Victoria, 3074, Australia	Dormant	N Hardcastle	Ordinary	100%
Consolidated Recycled Metals Co. Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Trade of scrap and recycled non-ferrous metals	S Woolf	Ordinary	58%
Sansing European Ltd	26th floor, Wanchai Central Building, 89 Lockhart Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong	Trade of scrap and recycled non-ferrous metals	S Woolf	Ordinary	44%
Options Desk Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Dormant	J Proudlock	Ordinary	100%
Aluminium Zero Ltd	Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK	Dormant		Ordinary	100%

The companies listed between pages 70 and 75 are wholly owned, including voting rights, unless otherwise shown.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Amalgamated Metal Corporation Plc

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Amalgamated Metal Corporation Plc (the 'Parent Company') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Consolidated Income Statement, Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, the Company Statement of Changes in Equity, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and the Parent Company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit

of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the 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 opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's and Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors

are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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 and the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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 Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Group's and 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 Directors either intend to liquidate the Group or the Parent Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements

can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) we exercise professional judgement 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Directors' 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.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the Company.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the Group and Company and considered that the most significant are the Companies Act 2006, UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and UK taxation legislation.
- We obtained an understanding of how the Group and Company complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

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 for no purpose other than to draw to the attention of the Company's members those matters we are required to include in an auditor's report addressed to them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party 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.

Moore Kingston Smith LLP

Andrew Barford (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Moore Kingston Smith LLP

**Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**

9 Appold Street,
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Date: 28 March 2024

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the ninety-fifth Annual General Meeting of Amalgamated Metal Corporation PLC will be held at the offices of the Company, Level 35, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY, UK on 20 June 2024 at 10.00am for the following purposes:

Ordinary resolutions

To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following resolutions that will be proposed as ordinary resolutions:

1. To receive and adopt the Group Managing Directors' Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 (Resolution Number 1).
2. To re-appoint G.P. Robbins who is retiring by rotation in accordance with the Company's articles of association (Resolution Number 2).
3. To re-appoint Moore Kingston Smith LLP as auditors of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company at which audited accounts are laid and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration (Resolution Number 3).

A shareholder is entitled to appoint another person as that shareholder's proxy to exercise all or any of that shareholder's rights to attend and to speak and vote at the meeting. A shareholder may appoint more than one proxy in relation to the meeting, provided that each proxy is appointed to exercise the rights attached to a different share or shares held by that shareholder. A proxy does not need to be a shareholder of the Company.

By Order of the Board.



Stephen Dempsey

Company Secretary
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26 March 2024



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