

**ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED
31 MARCH 2023**

ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
INTERIM REPORT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
CHAIRMEN'S STATEMENT

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS	Six months to 31 March 2023 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2022 £'000
Revenue	-	-
(Loss)/profit before tax	(55)	(14)
Earnings per share		
Basic	(2.7p)	(0.7p)
Diluted	(2.7p)	(0.7p)

You will see from our financial numbers and balance sheet that in the period there was a loss of £55k compared to a loss of £(14k) in 2022. Of the loss for the period, the holdings in US Dollars gave rise to a loss of £34k for the 6 months (previous year a profit of £15k).

From this you can see that the underlying operating costs have reduced from £29k in the prior 6 months to £21k for the current 6 months.

The board maintains the view that, at present, the US Dollar is a more stable currency than the Pound Sterling but retains an open view as to when to convert cash to sterling to meet operating costs. The group continues to hold investments in biotech companies some of which are listed on NASDAQ; whereas some of the loss in value is because of research cycle but the Board takes a strategic view of its holding.

The board has had further discussions with the Listing Authority regarding the restoration of trading in its shares and will update the market when it has further information.

Your Company is now in a good position to talk to potential acquisitions without having to consider the impact of the pension fund and related historical deficits or the qualified audit on our accounts. The Board is now committed to using all its efforts to identifying and acquiring a new business with growth potential and hopefully showing profits for our group.

The Board continues to review options for the future development of the Group.

Rupert Pearce Gould and Colin Weinberg
Chairmen

xx May 2023

**ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

INTERIM REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The Directors of the Company confirm to the best of their knowledge that:

- a) the Interim Report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34;
- b) the Interim Report includes a fair view of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R, being an indication of the important events that have occurred during the first six months of the financial year and a description of the principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year; and
- c) the Interim Report includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.8R, being disclosure of related party transactions that have taken place in the first six months of the current financial year and that have materially affected the financial position or performance of the group during that period; and any changes in the related party transactions described in the latest annual financial statements that could do so.

By order of the Board

Rupert Pearce Gould and Colin Weinberg
Chairmen

Xx May 2023

ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
GROUP INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Six months to 31 March 2023 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2022 £'000
REVENUE	-	-
Operating costs	<u>(21)</u>	<u>(29)</u>
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	(21)	(29)
Finance expense	-	-
Finance income	-	-
Other income	-	-
Unrealised (loss)/gain in value of US dollar balance	<u>(34)</u>	<u>15</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	(55)	(14)
Taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD FROM CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS	<u>(55)</u>	<u>(14)</u>
TOTAL (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	<u>(55)</u>	<u>(14)</u>
(LOSS)/PROFIT PER SHARE ON (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT COMPANY (BASIC AND DILUTED)	<u>(2.7p)</u>	<u>(0.7p)</u>
(Loss)/profit for the period attributable to:		
Owners of the company	(55)	(14)
Non-controlling interest	-	-
	<u>(55)</u>	<u>(14)</u>

ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Six months to 31 March 2023 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2022 £'000
(Loss)/profit for the period	<u>(55)</u>	<u>(14)</u>
Other comprehensive income		
Gain on available for sale financial asset		
Gains released to Retained Earnings	(95)	(265)
	<u>(95)</u>	<u>(265)</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period	<u>(95)</u>	<u>(265)</u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>(150)</u>	<u>(279)</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Owners of the Company	(150)	(279)
Non-controlling interests	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(150)</u>	<u>(279)</u>

All activities are classified as continuing.

ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
GROUP INTERIM BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

Company Number: 00110663

	At 31 March 2023 £'000	At 30 September 2022 £'000
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	-	-
Available for sale financial assets	87	182
	<u>87</u>	<u>182</u>
Current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	-	-
Available for sale financial assets	-	-
Inventories	-	-
Trade and other receivables	21	21
Cash and cash equivalents	440	497
	<u>461</u>	<u>518</u>
Total assets	<u><u>548</u></u>	<u><u>700</u></u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Called up share capital	51	51
Deferred shares	2,594	2,594
Share premium account	5,370	5,370
Other components of equity	-	11
Fair value reserve	28	123
Retained earnings	(7,536)	(7,492)
	<u>(7,536)</u>	<u>(7,492)</u>
Equity attributable to the Company's Equity Shareholders	507	657
Non-controlling interests	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>507</u>	<u>657</u>
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	41	43
	<u>41</u>	<u>43</u>
Total liabilities	<u>41</u>	<u>43</u>
Total equity and liabilities	<u><u>548</u></u>	<u><u>700</u></u>

ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
GROUP INTERIM STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Share Capital	Share Premium	Deferred Shares	Other Reserves	Available for sale Financial Assets	Retained Earnings	Attributable to Owners of parent	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Balance at 1 April 2022	51	5,370	2,594	26	95	(7,526)	610	610
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	24	24	24
Other comprehensive income								
Unrealised gain on Available For Sale Financial Assets (*)	-	-	-	(15)	28		13	13
Balance at 1 October 2022	51	5,370	2,594	11	123	(7,492)	657	657
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(55)	(55)	(55)
Other comprehensive income								
Unrealised gain on Available For Sale Financial Assets	-	-	-	(11)		11	-	-
Realised gain on Available For Sale Financial Assets	-	-	-		(95)		(95)	(95)
Fair Value adjustments	-	-	-				-	
Realised gains	-	-	-					
Balance at 31 March 2022	51	5,370	2,594	-	28	(7,536)	507	507

ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
GROUP INTERIM CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Six months to 31 March 2023 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2022 £'000
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash used in operations	(57)	(17)
Interest received	-	-
Interest paid	-	-
Taxation	-	-
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(57)</u>	<u>(17)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of equipment	-	-
Purchase of equipment	-	-
Movements investments	-	-
Sale proceeds of investments held for sale	-	-
Sale proceeds from subsidiary disposal/loan assignment	-	-
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(57)	(17)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	<u>497</u>	<u>487</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>440</u>	<u>470</u>

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GROUP INTERIM CASH FLOW STATEMENT (*continued*)
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Six months to 31 March 2023 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2022 £'000
(Loss)/Profit before taxation	(55)	(24)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	-	-
Interest income	-	-
Finance expense	-	-
Unrealised foreign exchange (losses)/gain	-	15
Profit on disposal of equipment	-	-
Changes in working capital:		
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other receivables	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in payables	(2)	(8)
	<u>(57)</u>	<u>(17)</u>
Taxes paid	-	-
Cash used in operations	<u><u>(57)</u></u>	<u><u>(17)</u></u>

ASSOCIATED BRITISH ENGINEERING PLC
NOTES TO THE INTERIM REPORT
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The Company is incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006.

This condensed unaudited Group Interim Report has been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and the disclosure requirements of the Listing Rules and should be read in conjunction with the group's last annual financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 September 2022. They do not include all the information required for a complete set of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) financial statements. However selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes to the group's financial position and the performance since the last annual financial statements . The policies set out below have been consistently applied to all periods presented.

This Group Interim Report is not audited.

These financial statements are for the period 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The results for the period ended 30 September 2022 have been extracted from the statutory consolidated financial statements of Associated British Engineering Plc, which are prepared in accordance with IFRS, as adopted by the United Kingdom.

NEW AND AMENDED STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE GROUP

The following standards and amendments to existing standards became effective from 1 January 2022 and are applicable for the current reporting period:

- Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements. The amendments clarify the definition of 'materiality' and how it should be applied to disclosures.
- Amendments to IAS 37, Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets. The amendments clarify the meaning of "cost to fulfil a contract".
- Amendments to IAS12 , Deferred Tax Related to Assets and Liabilities. The amendment narrowed the scope of the recognised exemption , so that it no longer applies to transactions that on initial recognition give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences.

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM REPORT (continued)
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

GOING CONCERN

The Group's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Chairmen's statement on page 1. The financial position of the Group, its cash flows and liquidity position are described in the financial statements.

The Company has sufficient financial resources. As a consequence, the Directors believe the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully, including the impact of Covid-19 and Brexit. The Directors regularly review the forecasts.

In accordance with their responsibilities, the Directors of the company have considered the appropriateness of the going concern basis, which has been used in the preparation of these financial statements. The Directors have prepared trading and cash flow forecasts for the Company, which takes into account the future performance of the Company and consider the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The forecasts, including allowance for reasonable changes in trading performance indicate that the Company should be able to operate for at least 12 months from the approval of these financial statements.

The forecasts for the 12 months from approval of these financial statements have been considered. As a result of the above assessment, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a minimum period of 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Thus, they are adopting the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The Group Interim Report incorporates the financial statements of Associated British Engineering Plc and its subsidiary undertakings for the six months to 31 March 2023. All inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in full. The Group Interim Report includes the results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year from or to the effective date of acquisition or disposal.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled, either directly or indirectly, by the Company, where control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefit from its activities. The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for acquisition of subsidiaries by the Group. The cost on an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued, and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange. Acquisition costs are expensed in the consolidated income statement for the period in which they are incurred.

The consolidated financial statements consist of the results of the following entities:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Summary Description</u>
Associated British Engineering Plc (ABE)	Holding Company
Akoris Trading Ltd (AT)	Trading Company

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable by the Group for goods supplied and services provided, excluding value added tax and trade discounts.

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NOTES TO THE INTERIM REPORT (*continued*)
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS

Management are required, in accordance with IFRS, to exercise judgement and to make estimates and assumptions regarding the application of accounting policies and the resulting effect on reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income, and expenses. These estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and a review of current conditions prevailing at the time but actual results may differ from these estimates. Any such revision is recognised in the financial statements in the period in which the change in circumstance is detected.

Accounting Judgements

The key areas where management have exercised judgement in the period, and the thought process undertaken, are as follows:

Deferred taxation

Judgement is applied by management in determining the extent to which the recovery of carried forward tax losses is probable for the purpose of meeting the criteria for recognition as deferred tax assets.

TAXATION

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax payable is based on the taxable profit or loss for the period. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. The deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit nor loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries, except where the timing of reversal of the temporary differences is controlled by the Group and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

The functional and presentational currency of the parent company and its subsidiaries is UK Pound Sterling, rounded to the nearest thousand. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. At each balance sheet date, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Any gains or losses arising are taken to the income statement.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, demand deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that have maturities of three months or less from inception, are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities and are presented as such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the income statement. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of charge on the outstanding liability. Where none of the contractual terms of share capital meet the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity.

Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are originally recognised at fair value. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. A provision against trade receivables is made when there is objective evidence that the group will not be able to collect all amounts due to it in accordance with the original terms of those receivables.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are originally recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs. Subsequent measurement is at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Investments in securities

Investments are recognised and derecognised on a trade date where a purchase or sale of an investment is under a contract whose terms require delivery of the investment within the timeframe established by the market concerned, and are initially measured at fair value, with all transaction costs being written off to the income statement as incurred. Investments are classified as available for sale and are measured at subsequent reporting dates at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value of available for sale financial assets are included in other comprehensive income for the period. When the asset is disposed of or deemed to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss is reclassified from equity reserve to income statement.

EQUITY AND RESERVES

Share capital represents the nominal value of shares that have been issued except for the preference shares classified as debt. Deferred shares represent shares arising from the sub-division of ordinary shares of £2.

Share premium includes any premiums received on issue of share capital. Any transaction costs associated with the issuing of shares are deducted from share premium, net of any related income tax benefits. Retained earnings include all current and prior period retained profits and losses. Available for sale reserve includes all gains and losses relating to Available for Sale financial assets. Other reserves relate to movements not classified in any of the reserves detailed above. Revaluation reserve includes all gains and losses relating to Property, Plant and Equipment. All transactions with owners of the parent are recorded separately within equity.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (*continued*)

SEGMENTAL REPORTING

The standard requires financial information to be disclosed in the financial statements in the same format in which it is disclosed to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief decision-maker has been identified as the Board, at which level strategic decisions are made.

2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

	Six months to 31 March 2023 £'000	Six months to 31 March 2022 £'000
United Kingdom	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

All revenue originates in the United Kingdom.

In the periods ended 31 March 2023 and 31 March 2022, save for dollar bank accounts and investments listed on NASDAQ, all of the assets held by the Group were located in the United Kingdom and all capital expenditure was incurred within the United Kingdom

Operating segments

The following segment information has been prepared in accordance with IFRS 8, "Operating Segments", which defines requirements for the disclosure of financial information of an entity's operating segments.

The Board consider the Group on an individual company basis. Reports by individual companies are used by the chief decision-maker in the Group. Significant operating segments are Associated British Engineering Plc and Akoris Trading Limited.

The Group's operations are located in the United Kingdom. Any transactions between business units are on normal commercial terms and conditions.

Akoris Trading Limited is a commodity and natural resource trading, finance and investment company.

Associated British Engineering Plc is the Group's holding company.

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2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS (*continued*)

	Associated British Engineering Plc £'000	Akoris Trading Ltd £'000	Consolidated
Six months to 31 March 2023			
External sales	-	-	-
Segment result (PBIT)	<u>(54)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(55)</u>
Net finance expense			-
Taxation			-
Loss after tax			<u><u>(55)</u></u>
Other information			
Capital additions	-	-	-
Balance sheet			
Segment assets	<u>480</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>507</u>
Six months to 31 March 2022			
External sales	-	-	-
Segment result (PBIT)	<u>(14)</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>(14)</u>
Net finance expenses			-
Taxation			-
Loss after tax			<u><u>(14)</u></u>
Other information			
Capital additions	-	-	-
Balance sheet			
Segment assets	<u>617</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>645</u>

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3. PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are market risk, liquidity risk and credit risk. Market risk includes price commodity risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk. The Group has an exposure to foreign exchange risk to the extent that investments may be priced in US dollars or other currencies and has no loans, therefore limited exposure to interest rate risk.

Cash and cash equivalents held at floating rates expose the entity to cash flow risk. Interest rate risk is limited to the cash and cash equivalents.

Based on the balance sheet value of cash and cash equivalents, a 1% change in interest base rates would be unlikely to lead to any material increase or decrease in income or equity. A 1% change in the US Dollar exchange rate would lead to a £3k increase or decrease in £ Sterling cash holdings.

The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of the above risks and they are summarised below and in the accounting policies to the Group financial statements. These policies have been consistently applied throughout the period.

COMMODITY PRICE RISK

The Group holds no stock and as such has no exposure to commodities.

LIQUIDITY RISK

The Group's liquidity is dependent on the cash balances available and it is the Group's policy to place surplus cash on deposit to ensure it has an appropriate rate of return. The Board reviews an annual 12 month financial projection as well as information regarding cash balances.

CREDIT RISK

The Group's principal financial assets are cash deposits, available for sale financial assets and trade and other receivables. The credit risk associated with the cash is limited as the counterparties have high credit ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies. The principal credit risk arises therefore from its trade and other receivables and available for sale financial assets.