B-LINE SYSTEMS LIMITED ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2016

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 2560408

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B-LINE SYSTEMS LIMITED BALANCE SHEET - 31 December 2016

CREDITORS-Amounts falling du	ue within 1	year	Notes 3	2016 £ (168,957)	2015 £ (168,957)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		•			
Called-up share capital Profit and loss account			4	100 (169,057) (168,957)	100 (169,057) (168,957)

For the year ending 31/12/2016 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON 2/6/17

AND SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY

V M Jackson Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

B-LINE SYSTEMS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 December 2016

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year and with the preceding year, is set out below:

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(b) Basis of consolidation

Consolidated accounts for the group are included in the accounts of Merck KGaA (note 5).

2 TRANSFER OF ASSETS

On 1 January 1994 all trade, assets and liabilities of the Company, except certain amounts owed by group undertakings, were transferred to Sigma-Aldrich Company Limited, the UK holding company. B-Line Systems now operates as a trading division of Sigma-Aldrich Company Limited.

3 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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Due to fellow group undertakings	168,957	168,957
4 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	2016 £	<u>2015</u> £
Authorised, allotted, issued and fully-paid 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

5 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Sigma-Aldrich Holdings Limited, incorporated in the UK. The Company's ultimate parent company is Merck KGaA, Germany whose principal place of business is at Straße 250, 64293, Darmstadt, Germany

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated for statutory purposes is that headed by Merck KGaA. The consolidated accounts of this group are available to the public, from the address above.