Company Registration No. 00891686 (England and Wales)

# Moorepay Limited Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 30 April 2023



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### MOOREPAY LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The Directors present the strategic report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023.

### **Principal activity**

Moorepay Limited (the 'Company') is a member of the Zellis group (the 'Group'). The company operates from its regional offices and represents the majority of the group's small and medium enterprise ('SME') division. The Group is the market leading provider of payroll and HR software business in the UK.

Throughout the year the principal activities of the company were the provision of payroll and HR software, managed payroll services, and the provision of related consultancy and support services to the SME segment.

### **Business review**

Moorepay Limited remains a leader in providing vital Payroll and HR software and services to SMEs. The core payroll and HR software product is steady for both market penetration and customer retention levels. Turnover is up 18% in the year from £22.0m in 2022 to £25.9m in the current year. The main driver of this success has been the uptake of our cloud-based Next Generation Payroll & HR software platform (known as Next Gen), which introduces enhanced payroll and HR functionality. In November 2022, this platform won the coveted 'Payroll and HR Software Product' award, from Reward Strategy. 892 customers have adopted Next Gen, representing 45% of all employees serviced by Moorepay, leaving ample commercial opportunity across the rest of the customer base.

The operating profit before significant separately disclosed items, amortisation and depreciation was £6.5m (2022: £6.3m).

Moorepay aims to maintain its cost base in the future, following the introduction in earlier years of a structured customer centric approach, account management and dedicated payroll specialists and stable infrastructure. Along with a constant aim to improve productivity through software enhancement and automation, Moorepay has a stable base to deliver ongoing sustainability of service offerings.

To further expand our offering, Moorepay announced the acquisition of Natural HR in March 2023, a Birmingham-based all-in-one, feature-rich, HR software provider. The acquisition has made Moorepay one of the only suppliers in the SME market to offer payroll, HR, and benefits through one single user interface.

### **Business Model and Strategy**

The company's core business remains the provision of payroll and HR software, managed payroll and related consultancy services to clients in the UK. Despite a sustained challenging market, growth opportunities leveraging the new combination of the NextGen and Natural HR software platforms are strong.

### **Future developments**

The company has defined small and medium business segments in the UK as a key growth segment. We have put detailed growth plans and integrated sales and delivery organisation structures in place.

We will continue to extend the benefits of the cloud based Next Gen platform to existing customers, as well as using its competitive feature-set to win new business too. We are also looking forward to the launch of Next Gen into the Republic of Ireland, where we think there is a significant opportunity for the Moorepay proposition win market share.

We are already progressing the integration of the Natural HR and Moorepay Next Gen platforms. This work is being done in several stages, with the end result being a seamless and fully integrated 'all-in-one' software platform and user experience across payroll and HR. This platform will also include the integrated provision of Benefits to SME customers from Benefex (another Group company).

### MOOREPAY LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

### **Future developments (continued)**

Customer satisfaction continued to be an area of focus in FY23 with ongoing investment being made to improve and automate implementation and payroll processes, increase levels of client satisfaction and improve company-wide delivery, both in terms of quality and productivity.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board has overall responsibility for the company's approach to assessing risk and recognises that creating value is the reward for taking and accepting risk. Executive management implements the Board's policies on risk and control and provides assurance on compliance with these policies.

The company's financial assets and liabilities mainly comprise cash, trade payables and receivables and other payables and receivables arising directly from operations.

The company remains profitable with an improved net assets position compared to prior year. It is being funded by its ultimate parent company and participates in the group's syndicated Senior facility. The company has also received written assurance from its parent company for financial and other support, within 12 months of the Company's financial statement approval date. Management has a credit policy in place and the exposure to credit risk is monitored on an on-going basis. Credit evaluations are performed on all customers requiring credit over a certain amount. The company does not require collateral in respect of financial assets.

At the balance sheet date, the maximum exposure to credit risk is represented by the carrying amount of each financial asset in the balance sheet, principally trade and other receivables.

The main operational risks are economic and market risk. The economic environment can affect the performance of the company's businesses in terms of both sales and costs. Through development of our products and services the company works to ensure that we deliver value to all our customers. The company works hard to mitigate the impact of external cost pressures on our customers and the company's overall profitability through the delivery of cost savings.

In addition, as part of Zellis group, Moorepay has a highly skilled and dedicated team that closely manage the cyber security risk. A risk-based approach is adopted whereby all threats are analysed and monitored continuously such that mitigating controls are in place. Zellis has attained ISO 27001 (Information Security Management) accreditation status and follows NIST (National Institute for Standards and Technology) methodologies to ensure thorough and timely proactive response to threats and incidents.

### Inflation and cost-of-living crisis

High levels of inflation, and the consequential impact on individuals facing a severe cost-of-living crisis, remain a pressing concern for employers everywhere. These conditions have remained consistent in the medium term, which has fuelled the demand for employers to offer effective, measurable, and long-term solutions to help support the financial, physical, and mental health of their employees.

The services and solutions we provide put us at the forefront of any discussion about address cost-ofliving pressures and supporting employee financial wellbeing. We will continue to expand and promote our expertise and capacity to help companies expand their ability to offer benefits, discounts, training, and tools that directly support their employees, particularly those most exposed to worsening economic conditions, in the medium and long term.

### MOOREPAY LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

### Inflation and cost-of-living crisis (continued)

In terms of cost inflation, the majority of our costs are employee based, so therefore within our control in terms of frequency and extent of increases awarded. Index-linked indexation clauses within the majority of our customer contracts further help to mitigate the risk of an increasing cost base.

On behalf of the board

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Alan Kinch Director

29th January 2024

### MOOREPAY LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The Directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023.

In accordance with s414(C) (11) of the Companies Act, included in the Strategic Report is information relating to future developments which would otherwise be required by Schedule 7 of the 'Large and Medium Sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulation 2008' to be contained in a Directors' Report.

### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 11.

No ordinary dividends were paid (2022: nil). The Directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

### **Directors**

The Directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Alan Kinch

John Petter

Anthony Vollmer (appointed 28 April 2023)

### Supplier payment policy

Business units are responsible for agreeing the terms and conditions under which they conduct transactions with their suppliers. The company does not have a code or standard concerning payment to suppliers.

### Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the Directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as Directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information. This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

The auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, has indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditor. The reappointment of the auditor will be approved by the Annual General Meeting.

### Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements as detailed in note 2 on page 16 of the financial statements.

The Company has made qualifying third-party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its Directors and Officers during the year; these remain in force at the date of this report.

On behalf of the board

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Alan Kinch Director

29th January 2024

### MOOREPAY LIMITED DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK accounting standards and applicable law), including FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board:

Alan Kinch

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Director

29th January 2024

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOOREPAY LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Moorepay Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 30 April 2023, which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 April 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- the financial statements 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 company 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

We are responsible for concluding 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 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 report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify the auditor's opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks associated with the group's and the parent company's business model including effects arising from macro-economic uncertainties such as interest rate rises, we assessed and challenged the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors and the related disclosures and analysed how those risks might affect the group's and the parent company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

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 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.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOOREPAY LIMITED (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

### 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements 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 the 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.

### Matter on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · the 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 set out on page 6, 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.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOOREPAY LIMITED (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the 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 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below:

- We obtained an understanding of how the Company is complying with significant legal and regulatory frameworks through inquiries of management and discussions with in-house legal. We corroborated the results of our inquiries to board minutes and other supporting documentation;
- The Company is subject to many laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements. We identified international accounting standards and Companies Act 2006, along with legal legislation relating to employment, health & safety, data protection and environmental issues, as those most likely to have a material affect if non-compliance were to occur;
- We communicated relevant laws and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indicators of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit:
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Group's and Parent Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud may occur. We considered the opportunity and incentives for management to perpetrate fraud, and the potential impact on the financial statements;
- In assessing the potential risks of material misstatement, we obtained an understanding of;
  - the Company's operations, including the nature of its revenue sources and its objectives and strategies to understand the classes of transactions, account balances, expected financial statement disclosures and business risks that may result in the risks that may result in risks of material misstatement;
  - the Company's key performance indicators and their propensity to influence efforts made by management to manage earnings;
  - the Company's control environment including the finance system and controls which includes controls over journal postings, that the group has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud, and how senior management monitor the finance system and controls;
  - where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk. Our audit procedures involved journal entry testing and undertaking substantive procedures within revenue.
  - In addition, we completed audit procedures to conclude on the compliance of disclosures within the annual report and financial statements with applicable financial reporting requirements.
- These audit procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error and detecting irregularities that result from fraud is inherently more difficult than detecting those that result from error, as fraud may

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOOREPAY LIMITED (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

involve collusion, deliberate concealment, forgery or intentional misrepresentations. Also, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it;

- Assessment of the appropriateness of the collective competence and capabilities of the engagement team included consideration of the engagement team's;
  - understanding of, and practical experience with, audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation;
  - knowledge of the industry in which the Company operates; and
  - understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements specific to the Company.
- We did not identify any material matters relating to non-compliance with laws and regulations or relating to fraud.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### 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 so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Tim Lincoln

Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants Bristol

29th January 2024

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### MOOREPAY LIMITED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	2023	2022 Restated
		£'000	£,000
Revenue	5	25,889	21,964
Operating costs	6	(22,311)	(17,938)
Other operating income		-	1,313
Operating profit	_	3,578	5,339
Operating profit before significant separately disclosed items, amortisation of intangibles, depreciation of tangible fixed assets and leased assets and other operating income		6,501	6,259
Amortisation of intangible assets	13	(1,861)	(1,699)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets and leased assets		(103)	(113)
Significant separately disclosed items	7	(959)	(421)
Other operating income		-	1,313
Operating profit		3,578	5,339
Finance income	10	2,052	1,073
Other Income	15	2,097	-
Other finance costs	11	(910)	(604)
Profit before taxation		6,817	5,808
Tax (charge) / credit on profit	12	(201)	157
Profit for the financial year	_	6,616	5,965
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The income statement has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There is no other comprehensive income.

The notes on pages 15 to 41 form an integral part of these financial statements.

### MOOREPAY LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

		2023	2022 Restated
	Note	£'000	£'000
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	13	5,062	4,663
Property, plant and equipment	14	88	110
Right of use assets	17	345	408
Contract assets	5	814	814
Investments	15	16,143	6,482
Deferred tax asset	21	565	765
		23,017	13,242
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	18	32,967	21,419
Contract assets	5	453	453
Current tax		20	<b>-</b>
Cash and cash equivalents		340	4,104
		33,780	25,976
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	19	21,019	12,079
Taxation and social security		1,335	1,314
Lease liabilities	17	86	91
Contract liabilities	20	1,036	1,050
		23,476	14,534
Net current assets		10,304	11,442
Total assets less current liabilities		33,321	24,684
Total assets less current habitales			
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	17	309	394
Contract Liabilities	20	548	326
Other provisions	22	1,948	64
		2,805	784
Net assets		30,516	23,900

### MOOREPAY LIMITED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	2023 £'000	2022 Restated £'000
Equity			
Called up share capital	24	50	50
Share premium account		2	2
Capital contribution	·	682	682
Retained earnings		29,782	23,166
Total equity		30,516	23,900

The notes on pages 15 to 41 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

A.R.

Alan Kinch Director

Company Registration No. 00891686

### MOOREPAY LIMITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Share capital	Share premium account	Capital Contribution	Retained earnings	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
As at 1 May 2021 (reported)	50	2	682	17,013	17,747
Prior year adjustment (note 4)	-	-	-	188	188
As at 1 May 2021 (restated)	50	2	682	17,201	17,935
Profit for the year (restated)	-	-	-	5,965	5,965
Balance at 30 April 2022 (restated)	50	2	682	23,166	23,900
Year ended 30 April 2023					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	6,616	6,616
Balance at 30 April 2023	50	2	682	29,782	30,516

The notes on pages 15 to 41 form an integral part of these financial statements.

### 1. General information

### Company information

Moorepay Limited is a private company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The registered office is 740 Waterside Drive, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, England, BS32 4UF.

### 2. Accounting policies

### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101) an in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to:

- the requirement of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements to present comparative information in respect of:
  - o paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
  - o paragraph 73(e) of IAS Property, Plant and Equipment;
  - o paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible Assets;
- the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions
  entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which a
  party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member.
- the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors to disclose a new IFRS that has been issued but not yet effective; and
- the requirements of paragraph 17 and 18A to disclose key management personnel compensation.
- the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers.

As the consolidated accounts of Zellis Holdings Limited include the equivalent disclosures, the company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- the requirements of paragraphs 45(b) and 46 to 52 of IFRS 2 Share Based Payments in respect
  of group settled share-based payments
- the requirements of paragraphs 130(f)(ii), 130(f)(iii), 134(d) to 134(f) and 135(c) to 135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets, provided that equivalent disclosures are included in the consolidated financial statements of the group in which the entity is consolidated;
- and disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instrument Disclosures as a non-financial institution

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated accounts. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual entity and not about its group.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

Moorepay Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Zellis Holdings Limited and the results of Moorepay Limited are included in the consolidated financial statements of Zellis Holdings Limited which are available from its registered office: 740 Waterside Drive, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, England BS32 4UF.

### Going concern

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 2-4. In addition, note 25 to the financial statements includes the wider Group's long-term debt position, the company's financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis for the following reasons:

The company has made a profit for the year of £6.6m (FY22: £6.0m) and has net assets of £30.5m (FY22: £23.9m).

The directors have considered the cash flow of the company for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Given that the cash generated by the company will be used to service external loans of the group (held in other group companies), cash available to the company to meet its obligations is impacted by the liabilities of the wider group. Accordingly, the directors manage the cash flow of the company together with the cash flow of the wider group headed by Zellis Holdings Limited and have prepared forecasts for the 12-month period from the date of approval of these financial statements for the group headed by Zellis Holdings Limited, which indicate the group is cash generative on a base and sensitised basis, taking into account reasonable possible changes in trading performance.

Going concern of the company is thus dependent on availability of short-term funding from the group, if needed, and also upon the group companies not seeking repayment of the amounts currently due to the group companies, which at 30 April 2023 amounted to £19.2m (2022: £10.6m).

The company has received written assurance from Zellis Holdings Limited for financial assistance to the company as it is necessary for it to continue as a going concern and to settle its liabilities as and when due for the period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Consequently, the directors are confident that the company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements. Therefore, these accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### Revenue

The recognition of the company's revenue was in line with the group's policy on revenue recognition, which is as follows:

The company generates revenue from three types of services:

- Payroll setup and services;
- · Consulting services;
- · Sale of insurance contracts

Payments and receivables related to implementation prior to go live of HR and administration services are deferred to the Balance Sheet along with associated cost until go live, as the implementation service does not deliver a performance obligation to the customer. Implementation is not a performance obligation, nor are any operations cost incurred prior to go live. The release of deferred implementation revenue and costs will be recognised on a straight line basis over the life of the contract. The adjusted monthly revenue from the provision of services will be recognised each month that we provide the service for a performance obligation.

The Group also enters into contracts with customers for installation, customisation, maintenance or other technical services or consultancy on third party software. Each promise under these contracts is a separate performance obligation and revenue is recognised for such contracts on time and material basis or percentage of completion method. Timing of payments tends to be similar to timing of revenue.

The sale of a read only licence is recognised at contract date, as the performance obligation is met on 'delivery' of the licence.

The Group recognises revenue based on 5 basic principles described in IFRS15:

- Identify the contract with a customer;
- Identify all the individual performance obligations within the contract;
- Determine the transaction price;
- Allocate the price to the performance obligations;
- Recognise revenue as the performance obligations are fulfilled.

If a customer pays, or the Group has an unconditional right to receive consideration before the performance obligation is completed, then the revenue is not recognised, and contract liability is recognised.

If the Group performs by transferring goods or services to a customer before the customer pays consideration or before payment is due, the revenue is recognised, and accrued income recorded.

There may be separate performance obligations within a single customer contract. Where the obligations are defined, these will be dealt with as a separate go live instance, and the transaction price will be apportioned appropriately. Where the separate obligations are not defined, then unless deemed to be material the contract will be treated as one performance obligation.

The transaction price for the contract is determined as the sum of fixed consideration, other variable items, less an estimate of volume discounts if any. Other variable items such as higher/ lower employee numbers for PEPM charge (per employee per month amount charged to customer), credits for service level, third party penalties or inflationary increases are taken in the month they are received or incurred. Termination fees are taken at a point in time when the termination is complete.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### **Provisions on contract losses**

A provision for contract losses is recognised on onerous contracts that are expected to make net losses for the remainder of the contract term, after taking into consideration impairment of contract assets.

### Goodwill

Goodwill is stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Purchased goodwill arising on business combinations in respect of acquisitions before 1 January 1998, when Financial Reporting Standard 10 Goodwill and intangible assets was adopted, this was written off to reserves in the year of acquisition. When a subsequent disposal occurs any related goodwill previously written off to reserves is written back through the profit and loss account as part of the profit or loss on disposal.

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on business combinations in respect of acquisitions since 1 January 1998 is capitalised. It is not amortised but is tested annually for impairment. This is not in accordance with The Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 which requires that all goodwill be amortised. The directors consider that this would fail to give a true and fair view of the profit for the year and that the economic measure of performance in any period is properly made by reference only to any impairment that may have arisen. It is not practicable to quantify the effect on the financial statements of this departure.

### Intangible assets other than goodwill

### Other intangible assets excluding goodwill

Acquired intangibles and purchased software are stated at the cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

### Research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research activities is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred. An internally-generated intangible asset arising from the company's software development is recognised only if all of the following conditions are met:

- a) an asset is created that can be identified;
- b) it is probable that the asset created will be technically and commercially feasible;
- c) the company has sufficient resources to complete development;
- d) the asset will generate future economic benefits; and
- e) the development cost of the asset can be measured reliably.

The expenditure capitalised includes the cost of materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of overheads. Other development expenditure is recognised in the income statement as an expense as incurred. Capitalised development costs are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

Amortisation is charged to the income statement on a straight-line basis over a useful economic life of 5 years, commencing from the date the asset is first ready for use.

Subsequent expenditure is capitalised only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditure, including expenditure on internally-generated goodwill and brands, is recognised in the income statement when incurred.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### **Amortisation**

Amortisation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets unless such lives are indefinite. Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life and goodwill are systematically tested for impairment at each balance sheet date. Other intangible assets are amortised from the date they are available for use. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Purchased / developed software

5 years

### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Where parts of an item of tangible fixed assets have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of tangible fixed assets.

Depreciation is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item of tangible fixed assets. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Short leasehold improvements Fixtures, fittings and office equipment Life of the lease

2-10 years

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each balance sheet date.

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

### Non-current investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost unless, in the opinion of the directors, there has been impairment to their value in which case they are immediately written down to their estimated recoverable amount.

### Impairment of tangible and intangible assets

At each reporting end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### Impairment of tangible and intangible assets (continued)

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

### Fair value measurement

IFRS 13 establishes a single source of guidance for all fair value measurements. IFRS 13 does not change when an entity is required to use fair value, but rather provides guidance on how to measure fair value under IFRS when fair value is required or permitted. The company is exempt under IFRS 101 from the disclosure requirements of IFRS 13. There was no impact on the company from the adoption of IFRS 13.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### Financial assets

Financial assets are recognised in the company's statement of financial position when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are classified into specified categories. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of recognition.

Financial assets are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, other than those classified as fair value through profit and loss, which are measured at fair value.

### Loans and receivables

Trade receivables, loans and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

Interest is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a debt instrument and of allocating the interest income over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the debt instrument to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

### Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

### Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are classified as either financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss or other financial liabilities.

### Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

### Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when, and only when, the company's obligations are discharged, cancelled, or they expire.

### **Equity instruments**

Following the adoption of IAS 32, financial instruments issued by the company are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- (a) they include no contractual obligations upon the company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the company; and
- (b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the company's own equity instruments or is a derivation that will be settled by the company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

Where a financial instrument that contains both equity and financial liability components exists these components are separated and accounted for individually under the above policy. The finance cost is correspondingly recognised in the profit and loss account over the life of the instrument.

Finance payments associated with financial liabilities are dealt with as part of interest payable and similar charges. Finance payments associated with financial instruments that are classified as part of shareholder's funds are dealt with as appropriate in the reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds.

### **Taxation**

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### Current tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. The following temporary differences are not provided for: the initial recognition of goodwill; the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit other than in a business combination, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realisation or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that the company will be required to settle that obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

When some or all of the economic benefits required to settle a provision are expected to be recovered from a third party, a receivable is recognised as an asset if it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received, and the amount of the receivable can be measured reliably.

### **Employee benefits**

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of non-current assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

### **Retirement benefits**

### Defined contribution plan

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which the company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the profit and loss account in the periods during which services are rendered by employees.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### Leases

The company assesses at contract inception whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. That is, if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

### Moorepay as a lessee

The company applies a single recognition and measurement approach for all leases, except for short term leases and leases of low value assets. The company recognises lease liabilities to make lease payments and right-of-use assets representing the right to use the underlying assets.

### Right-of-use assets

The company recognises right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognised, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Building 2-10 years
Equipment 1-3 years
Motor vehicles 1-3 years
Other 1-3 years

If ownership of the leased asset transfers to the company at the end of the lease term or the cost reflects the exercise of a purchase option, depreciation is calculated using the estimated useful life of the asset. The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment.

### Lease liabilities

At the commencement date of the lease, lease liabilities are recognised and measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments) less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, and amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees. The lease payments also include the exercise price of a purchase option reasonably certain to be exercised by the company and payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the company exercising the option to terminate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognised as expenses (unless they are incurred to produce inventories) in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the company uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets

The company applies the short-term lease recognition exemption to its short-term leases of machinery and equipment (i.e., those leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less from the commencement date and do not contain a purchase option). It also applies the lease of low-value assets recognition exemption to leases of office equipment that are considered to be low value. Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the company's functional currencies at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated to the functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the profit and loss account.

### Financial guarantee contracts

Where the company enters into financial guarantee contracts to guarantee the indebtedness of other companies within its group, the company considers these to be insurance arrangements, and accounts for them as such. In this respect, the company treats the guarantee contract as a contingent liability until such time as it becomes probable that the company will be required to make a payment under the guarantee.

### Non-GAAP performance measures

The board have presented 'Operating profit before significant separately disclosed items, property provisions, amortisation of intangibles and depreciation of tangible fixed assets' as an adjusted profit measure. They believe that this measure provides additional useful information for the shareholders on the underlying performance of the business. These measures are consistent with how business performance is monitored internally. The adjusted operating profit is not a recognised profit measure under adopted IFRS and may not be directly comparable with 'adjusted' profit measures used by other companies.

### 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are outlined below.

### 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

### **Critical judgements**

### Revenue Recognition

The measurement of revenue and resulting profit recognition – due to the size and complexity of some of the contracts – requires significant judgements to be applied, including the measurement and timing of revenue recognition and the recognition of related balance sheet items (such as contract assets, accrued revenue and contract liabilities that result from the performance of the contract).

The implementation phase for Payroll and HR Admin services and for Consultancy takes between zero to 18 months, during which time the related performance obligation is not being delivered to the customer. Under the contracts, Moorepay is entitled to bill the customer during the implementation phase and hence contract liabilities are created. Correspondingly, costs incurred during this phase are assessed and, where they create a contract asset, are capitalised. Where revenue in implementation phase had previously been accrued to match the percentage of completion of that phase, this is no longer applicable and hence accrued revenue is smaller.

The company considers the services provided to the customers including the initial implementation and subsequent licencing, to be a combined single performance obligation. This is because these elements are not distinct and are interdependent. As a result, the company recognises revenue accordingly, which is spread over the contract period.

The release of deferred implementation revenue and costs will be recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the contract (from delivery). The adjusted monthly revenue from the provision of services will be recognised each month that we provide the service for a performance obligation. The release of deferred implementation revenue and costs will be recognised on a straight-line basis over the life of the contract (from delivery). The adjusted monthly revenue from the provision of services will be recognised each month that we provide the service for a performance obligation.

To recognise the switch in recognising gross revenue and costs for sales of third-party license, to recognising a net commission. Also, to change the timing from the life of the license to the point in time where benefits of ownership transfer to our customer.

Deferred tax impacts of these changes are nil.

Where the timing of revenue and profit recognition has changed the future estimated losses on any individual contract, the difference has been adjusted through provisions.

### Recognition of internally generated intangible assets from development

Under IFRS, internally generated intangible assets from the development phase are recognised if certain conditions are met. These conditions include the technical feasibility, intention to complete, the ability to use or sell the asset under development and the demonstration how the asset will generate probable future economic benefits. The cost of a recognised internally generated intangible asset comprises all directly attributable cost necessary to make the asset capable of being used as intended by management. In contrast, all expenditures arising from the research phase are expensed as incurred.

We believe that the determination whether internally generated intangible assets from development are to be recognised as intangible assets requires significant judgement, particularly in the following areas:

 The determination whether activities should be considered research activities or development activities;

- 3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)
  Recognition of internally generated intangible assets from development (continued)
  - The determination whether the conditions for recognising an intangible asset are met requires assumptions about future market conditions, customer demand and other developments.
  - The term 'technical feasibility' is not defined in IFRS, and therefore the determination whether completing an asset is technically feasible requires a company-specific and necessary judgemental approach;
  - The determination of the future ability to use or sell the intangible asset arising from the development and the determination of probability of future benefits from sale or use, and
  - The determination whether a cost is directly or indirectly attributable to an intangible asset and whether a cost is necessary for completing a development.

### **Expected Credit Losses on Trade Receivables**

IFRS 9 introduced an Expected Credit Loss ('ECL') model. This requires an entity to consider historic, current and forward-looking information while assessing trade receivables impairment.

Trade receivables in the company arise from revenue transactions in accordance with IFRS 15 with no existing significant financing arrangement. Therefore, the simplified approach under IFRS 9 is adopted and lifetime ECL is applied.

Based on analysis of actual write offs, a provision matrix is applied for the trade receivables as follows:

Not yet due	1%
0-89 days overdue	10%
90-179 days overdue	65%
180-269 days overdue	100%
270-359 days overdue	100%

3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements (continued)

### **Development cost amortisation**

The amortisation rate for development costs is 5 years, based on the useful life of the assets.

### 4. Restatement of prior year balances

Prior year restatements have been made to create contract fulfilment assets – in line with IFRS 15 - for sales commissions and implementation costs, as part of the process of onboarding new customers. These had previously been taken direct to the income statement at the point of incurrence. Additionally, residual goodwill previously recognised on historic acquisitions has been written off upon further management review.

The combined effect of these restatements on the Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2022 was as follows:

	As previously		
£'000	reported	Restatements	As restated
Intangible assets - goodwill	1,039	(1,039)	-
Contract fulfilment assets		814	814
Deferred tax asset	505	260	765
Total non-current assets	13,207	35	13,242
Contract fulfilment assets	-	453	453
Total current assets	25,523	453	25,976
Retained earnings	22,678	488	23,166
Total equity	23,412	488	23,900

The effect of restatement on the Income Statement as at 30 April 2022 was as follows:

	As previously		
_£'000	reported	Restatements	As restated
Operating costs	(18,175)	237	(17,938)
Operating profit	5,102	237	5,339
Tax credit on profit	94	63	157
Profit for the financial year	5,665	300	5,965

The effect of restatement on the Balance Sheet as at 30 April 2021 was as follows:

£'000	As previously reported	Restatements	As restated
Intangible assets - goodwill	1,039	(1,039)	· <u>-</u>
Contract fulfilment assets	-	684	684
Deferred tax asset	411	198	609
Total non-current assets	15,635	(157)	15,478
Contract fulfilment assets	-	346	453
Total current assets	16,961	346	25,976
Retained earnings	17,013	188	17,201
Total equity	17,747	188	17,935

### 5. Revenue

Revenue represents the amounts derived from the provision of goods and services stated net of value added tax and includes interest arising on sales of equipment and software licences on deferred payment terms.

The company's entire turnover derives from the company's principal activities, being the provision of outsourced payroll services, the development and supply of IT solutions & software, and the provision of related consultancy and support services. All turnover and operating profit arises in the United Kingdom from the same class of business. The company has only one operating division into which all costs are attributed.

An analysis of the company's revenue is as follows:

	2023	2022 Restated
	£'000	£'000
Continuing operations		
Licence, support and payroll services (UK)	25,889	21,964
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Contract fulfilment assets and liabilities		
Contract fulfilment assets – current	453	453
Contract fulfilment assets – non-current	814	814
Contract liabilities – current	(1,036)	(1,051)
Contract liabilities – non-current	(548)	(326)
	(317)	(1,377)

Significant judgements in relation to revenue recognition have been disclosed in note 3.

Contract fulfilment assets are costs to fulfil contracts. The nature of costs that are eligible include direct labour and associated costs, sub-contractor costs, contract management and materials. Other costs such as general & administration, wasted resources and expenses that relate to satisfied performance obligations are all recognised as expenses.

Under the contracts, Moorepay is entitled to bill the customer during the implementation phase, but revenue is not recognised until performance obligation is satisfied (at go live); hence contract liabilities are recognised for amounts billed during the implementation phase.

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Revenue recognised in relation to contract liabilities		
Revenue recognised that was included in the contract liability balance at the beginning of the periods	1,050	714

### 5. Revenue (continued)

No revenue has been recognised from performance obligations satisfied in previous periods.

	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Unsatisfied long-term contracts		
Aggregate amount of contracts partially or fully unsatisfied as at 30 April	58,082	50,531

Management expects that of the transaction price allocated to the unsatisfied contracts as of 30 April 2023, that £58.1m will be recognised as revenue in the next reporting periods. £18.6m, £16.0m, £11.6m, £6.8m will be recognised as revenue in reporting periods ending 30 April 2024, 30 April 2025, 30 April 2026 and 30 April 2027 respectively; with £5.1m recognised in reporting periods thereafter.

### Performance obligations

A performance obligation is deemed the goods or services that we have agreed within the customer contract and are deemed fulfilled when the customer can utilise those goods or services. This is where the technology can be utilised for its intended purpose (project go live) or when the service has been completed (running an outsource payroll).

There may be separate performance obligations within a single customer contract. Where the obligations are defined, these will be dealt with as a separate go live instance, and the transaction price will be apportioned appropriately. Where the separate obligations are not defined, then unless deemed to be material the contract will be treated as one performance obligation.

### 6. Operating costs

	2023	2022 Restated
	£'000	£'000
Operating profit for the year is stated after charging:		
Employee costs (note 9)	12,345	11,074
Amortisation of intangible assets (note 13)	1,861	1,699
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (note 14)	23	33
Depreciation of leased assets (note 17)	80	80
Management fees	1,444	1,031
Other operating charges	5,599	3,600
Significant separately disclosed items (note 7)	959	421
	22,311	17,938

### 7. Significant separately disclosed items

The company incurred the following significant costs in the year which are separately disclosed:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Severance and restructuring	-	241
Strategy and acquisition	682	-
Business transformation and integration	256	140
Significant events and external circumstances	21	40
	959	421

The costs relevant to the company for FY23 are categorised into three main areas below.

### 1) Severance and restructuring.

Following the acquisition by Bain Capital, the business undertook a major strategic review, engaged third party specialists, and instigated a restructuring of the business. This included changes in personnel, rebranding, and the introduction of new business processes. In the year ended 30 April 2023, the majority of severance and restructuring costs related to significant restructuring events linked to transformational projects.

### 2) Strategy and acquisition.

March 2023, the company acquired Natural HR, a prominent provider of feature-rich, cloud-based HR software for SMBs and their expertise and technology enables the group to deliver even more exceptional employee experiences. In relation to this latest acquisition, a number of costs have been incurred including due diligence and legal costs and these have been recognised as SSDIs.

### 3) Business Transformation and integration.

During the course of the year a transformational project was ran to enhance the company's product and service delivery. The key objectives were to transition the company to being more data driven, end user operated and automated and relevant to the current and future customer and market demands.

### 4) Significant events or external circumstances.

In the light of the COVID-19 pandemic a specific bad debt provision had been created in 2020 to account for the potential credit losses predicted. During the course of FY23, further releases were made against this provision.

Conversely, as an additional expense, we paid a one-off lump sum to eligible colleagues in recognition of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

### 8. Auditor's remuneration

	2023	2022
Fees payable to the company's auditor:	£'000	£'000
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For audit services		
Audit of the financial statements of the company		16

The remuneration of the auditor was borne by another group undertaking in the current and previous year and recharged to the company. There are no non-audit services fees payable to the company's auditor.

### 9. Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Sales and marketing	61	58
BPaaS	135	116
Product support and administration	24	25
	220	199
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:		
	2023	2022

Restated
£'000
9,663
951
460
11,074

### Directors' remuneration

The directors' remuneration in respect of services to the company have not been disclosed as it is not possible to accurately allocate directors' time to each legal entity within the group. As a result, the full disclosure is presented in the consolidated financial statements of the parent entity, Zellis Holdings Limited.

### 10. Finance income

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Interest income		
Interest receivable from group companies	2,052	1,073
Total finance income	2,052	1,073
11. Finance costs		
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Interest on financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:		
Interest payable on bank overdrafts and loans	13	16
Interest payable on group undertakings	865	538
Interest on obligations under lease	40	49
	918	603
Other finance costs:		
Unwinding of discount of provisions	(8)	0
Foreign exchange loss	0	1
Total finance costs	910	604

### 12. Income tax expense

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Current tax		
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	<u> </u>	-
Total UK current tax	<u> </u>	-
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	67	58
Changes in tax rates	-	(192)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	134	(23)
	201	(157)
Total tax charge/(credit)	201	(157)
	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Profit before taxation	6,817	5,808
Expected tax charge based on a corporation tax rate of 19.5% (2022: 19.0%)	1,329	1,104
Effect of expenses not deductible in determining tax profit	153	-
Effect of income not taxable in determining taxable profits	(409)	(224)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	134	(23)
Effect of change in UK corporation tax rate in relation to current period charge	14	14
Effect of change in UK corporation tax rate in relation to brought forward balances	0	(193)
Group relief	(1,020)	(835)
Taxation charge/(credit) for the year	201	(157)

### 13. Intangible fixed assets

•	Goodwill £'000	Software £'000	Total £'000
Cost:			
As 1 May 2021 (previously reported)	1,039	11,468	. 11,468
Written off	(1,039)	-	-
As at 1 May 2021 (restated)	•	11,468	11,468
Additions – internally generated	-	1,842	1,842
At 30 April 2022 (restated)		13,310	13,310
Additions – internally generated	-	2,260	2,260
At 30 April 2023	•	15,570	15,570
Amortisation and impairment			
As at 1 May 2022	-	6,948	6,948
Charge for the year	-	1,699	1,699
At 30 April 2022	-	8,647	8,647
Charge for the year	-	1,861	1,861
At 30 April 2023		10,508	10,508
Net book value			
At 30 April 2023	-	5,062	5,062
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At 30 April 2022 (restated)		4,663	4,663

Impairment assessment on goodwill is performed on an annual basis. No indication of impairment was identified.

The assessment applies a discounted cashflow model with financial forecasts from the Group's 5-year plan, with the next twelve months being taken from the most recent budget signed off by the board. The pre-tax discount rate (10.9%) and terminal growth rate (2.5%) applied was obtained from third party specialists at acquisition.

A sensitivity analysis was also performed which indicated that a combination of significant downturns in business performance will need to occur in order to result in impairment.

### 14. Property, plant and equipment

	Short leasehold improvements £'000	Fixture	es & fittings and office Equipment £'000'	Total £'000
Cost:	224		90	244
At 1 May 2021 Additions	231		80 7	311
Write offs	-		,	,
At 30 April 2022	231		87	318
Additions	231		8	8
Write offs	-		(7)	(7)
At 30 April 2023	231		88	319
Accumulated depreciation and impairment:				
At 1 May 2021	115		60	175
Charge for the year	19		14	33
Write offs			-	
At 30 April 2022	134		74	208
Charge for the year	19		4	23
Write offs		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
At 30 April 2023	153		78	231
Net book value				
At 30 April 2023	78		10	88
At 30 April 2022	97		13	110
15. Investments				
			2023	2022 Restated
		Note	£'000	£'000
Investments in subsidiaries		16	16,143	6,482

The company has not designated any financial assets that are not classified as held for trading as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

### Fair value of financial assets carried at amortised cost

Except as detailed below the directors believe that the carrying amounts of financial assets carried at amortised cost in the financial statements approximate to their fair values.

### 15. Investments (continued)

### **Movements in non-current investments**

	Shares in group undertakings
	£'000
Cost of valuation	
At 1 May 2022 (reported)	17,072
Reclassification	(2,409)
At 1 May 2022 (restated)	14,663
Additions	7,564
Write Offs	-
At 30 April 2023	22,227
Impairment	
At 1 May 2022 (reported)	(10,590)
Reclassification	2,409
At 1 May 2022 (restated)	(8,181)
Recovery against provision	2,097
At 30 April 2023	(6,084)
Carrying amount	
At 30 April 2023	16,143
At 30 April 2022	6,482

### 16. Subsidiaries

The company's subsidiary undertakings at 30 April 2023, the nature of whose business is the development and supply of software and related services, and have only ordinary share capital, were as follows:

Name of undertaking	Country of incorporation	Ownership interest (%)
Moorepay Compliance Limited	England and Wales	100.00
Jamy Investments Limited*	England and Wales	100.00
Natural HR Limited	England and Wales	100.00

<sup>\*</sup> the subsidiary undertaking Jamy Investments Limited also holds 100% of the redeemable preference shares in a cell ("FBS34") of a protected cell company registered in Guernsey – Mannequin Insurance PCC Limited ("PCC").

During the year, Moorepay Limited acquired 100% of the share capital of Natural HR Limited. Detailed information can be seen in note 26 to the accounts.

All of the subsidiaries listed above have the same principal place of business and registered office as that of this company.

### 17. Leases

This note provides information for leases where the company is a lessee. The company has lease contracts for various items of buildings and equipment used in its operations. The company's obligations under its leases are secured by the lessor's title to the leased assets. The balance sheet shows the following amounts relating to leases:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Right-of-use asset	2 000	2 000
Building	345	408
Canaling		
	345	408
Lease liabilities		
Current	86	91
Non-current	309	394
	395	485
The income statement shows the following amounts relating	g to leases:	
	2023	2022
	£'000	£'000
Depreciation charge of right-of-use asset		
Building	80	80
Equipment	<u> </u>	_
	80	80
Interest expense	40	49
Total recognised in the profit and loss	120	129

The total cash outflow for leases was £116k (2022: £112k). Following the review of dilapidation, non-cash additions of £17k adjusted to the Right-of-use asset balance during the year.

### 18. Trade and other receivables

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Debt instruments at amortised costs	2000	
Trade receivables	5,776	4,840
Less allowance for expected credit losses	(349)	(353)
Net trade receivables	5,427	4,487
Accrued income	1,314	865
Prepayment and other receivables	356	357
Amounts due from group undertakings	26,466	16,224
Less allowance for expected credit losses	(710)	(621)
Other receivables	114	107
Total trade and other receivables	32,967	21,419

Allowance for expected credit losses from trade receivables can be analysed as follows:

Movement in the allowance for expected credit losses:	£'000	
At 1 May 2021	950	
Provision for expected credit losses	83	
Utilised in period	(59)	
At 30 April 2022	974	
Provision for expected credit losses	130	
Utilised in period	(45)	
At 30 April 2023	1,059	

### 19. Trade and other payables

£'000	£'000
854	115
19,222	10,628
920	1,333
23	3
21,019	12,079
	854 19,222 920 23

### 20. Contract liabilities

	£'000	£'000
Balance to be recognised within one year	1,036	1,050
Balance to be recognised after one year	548	326
Total contract liabilities	1,584	1,376

### 21. Deferred tax

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the company and movements thereon during the current and prior reporting period.

	Accelerated Capital allowances £'000	Tax losses £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
At 1 May 2021 (restated)	349	25	234	608
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	3	(34)	54	23
Charge/(credit) to profit	(80)	-	21	(59)
Charge/(credit) to profit in relation to change in tax rates	110	9	74	193
At 30 April 2022 (restated)	382	0	383	765
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	85	-	(219)	(134)
Charge/(credit) to profit	(83)	-	16	(67)
At 30 April 2023	384	0	180	564

Finance Act 2021 included legislation increasing the main rate of UK corporation tax from 19% up to 25% from 1 April 2023. The changes were substantively enacted at balance sheet date and therefore deferred taxes have been measure using the enacted tax rates applicable to the dates liabilities are expected to be settled and assets realised.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where the Group has a legally enforceable right to do so. The following is the analysis of the deferred tax balances (after offset) for financial reporting purposes:

Deferred tax assets  Net deferred tax asset  22. Provision for liabilities  2023 20 £'000 £'0  Deferred consideration on investment Property and legal provisions  73 1,948  Movements on provisions  4:00  £'00		2023	2022
Net deferred tax asset  22. Provision for liabilities  2023 20 £'000 £'0  Deferred consideration on investment 1,875 Property and legal provisions 73 1,948  Movements on provisions  At 1 May 2022		£'000	£'000
22. Provision for liabilities  2023 20 £'000 £'0  Deferred consideration on investment 1,875  Property and legal provisions 73  1,948  Movements on provisions £'0  At 1 May 2022	Deferred tax assets	564	765
2023   20   £'000   £'0	Net deferred tax asset	564	765
Deferred consideration on investment 1,875 Property and legal provisions 73 1,948  Movements on provisions At 1 May 2022	22. Provision for liabilities		
Deferred consideration on investment Property and legal provisions 73 1,948  Movements on provisions At 1 May 2022		2023	2022
Property and legal provisions 73 1,948  Movements on provisions £'0  At 1 May 2022		£'000	£'000
Movements on provisions £'0 At 1 May 2022	Deferred consideration on investment	1,875	-
Movements on provisions £'0 At 1 May 2022	Property and legal provisions	73	64
At 1 May 2022	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	1,948	64
At 1 May 2022	Movements on provisions		£'000
-	•		64
	_		1,875
Discount unwind	Discount unwind		9
At 30 April 2023 1,9	At 30 April 2023	<del>-</del>	1,948

As at 30 April 2023, the provision relates to potential dilapidation works at the end of a property lease in addition to a provision for contingent consideration relating to the acquisition of Natural HR.

### 23. Retirement benefit schemes

### **Defined contribution schemes**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

The total costs charged to income in respect of defined contribution plans is £543k (2022: £460k).

### 24. Share capital

	2023	2022
•	£'000	£'000
Authorised, issued and fully paid:		
1,000,000 Ordinary of 5p each	50	50

### 25. Contingent liabilities

The company has in the normal course of business issued guarantees securing the performance by itself and other group undertakings of certain contracts and undertakings from which no liabilities are expected to arise other than those provided for in these accounts.

The company participates in the group's syndicated banking facility agreement.

The group has syndicated Senior facility agreements with the bank providing £290m of available funding. Of this facility, the group has the following available committed floated rate borrowing activities as at 30 April 2023 in respect of which all conditions precedent had been met at that date:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Expiring between 1 and 10 years	335,259	315,003

### 26. Acquisition

On 8 March 2023, the Company acquired 100% of the equity in Natural HR, an all-in-one feature-rich HR software and Payroll system. Consideration was £7.6m, of which £5.7m was paid in cash with a further £1.9m of estimated contingent consideration, payable on 14th April 2025.

The acquisition has brought together Moorepay's strengths in payroll software, managed payroll services and HR advice and consultancy, with Natural HR's strength in HR software. It significantly accelerated Moorepay's strategy to provide a fully integrated and modular suite of payroll and HR software that's easy to use, easy to access and easy to trust, powering exceptional employee experiences for SMBs.

### Consideration transferred

£'000	Consideration
Cash	5,689
Contingent Consideration	1,875
Total Consideration	7,564

### 26. Acquisition (continued)

The Company has agreed to pay the selling shareholders an additional consideration based upon the financial performance of calendar year 2024. The Company has estimated this consideration as at 30th April 2023 and included a provision of £1.9m which represents its fair value at the date of acquisition (see note 22).

### 27. Related party disclosures

A full list of subsidiary undertakings is included in note 16 on page 36. The next most senior parent undertaking preparing consolidated financial statements is Zellis Holdings Limited. The Group and Company have taken the exemption to not disclose transactions between wholly owned subsidiaries.

On an annual basis the Company undertakes a full review of related party relationships with companies controlled by Bain Capital. During the year, the Company provided HR and payroll related services with a value of £18k to customers, that are controlled by Bain Capital.

### 28. Controlling party

The immediate parent company is Moorepay Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate parent company is Zellis Holdco S.à.r.I, a company registered in Luxembourg. The Company is ultimately controlled by Bain Capital Europe Fund IV LP.

The smallest undertaking for which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared is Zellis Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, with a registered office of 740 Waterside Drive, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, England, BS32 4UF.

The largest group in which the results of the company for the year ending 30 April 2023 are consolidated is Zellis Holdco S.à.r.l. Copies of both group accounts can be obtained from 740 Waterside Drive, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol, England, BS32 4UF.