Strategic Report, Report of the Directors and

Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 August 2014

for

Artisan Brandt plc

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Artisan Brandt plc

Company Information for the year ended 31 August 2014

DIRECTORS:

M.C.M. James Mrs A P Wright

SECRETARY:

Mrs A P Wright

REGISTERED OFFICE:

94 Southbridge Road

Croydon Surrey CR0 1AF

REGISTERED NUMBER:

02671000 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

Bennett Brooks & Co. Limited

Statutory Auditors & Chartered Accountants St George's Court Winnington Avenue

Northwich Cheshire CW8 4EE

Strategic Report for the year ended 31 August 2014

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 August 2014.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

Sales have decreased marginally by 4% which can largely be attributed to the continued economic downturn which has had a significant impact on the IT sector as many companies have cut their IT budgets.

Cost cutting exercises have been undertaken which has seen pre-tax profits increasing from the previous year, showing this has been a success.

We envisage that with the range of products and services available within the company we can remain competitive and continue to offer the same quality of products and services to customers existing and new.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

There is a continued risk that companies will cut their IT budgets and use internal IT support and maintenance. This reduces the potential market for our services. Our response to this threat is to maintain high quality of service and software currently offered.

BUSINESS MODEL

The portfolio of products and services, combined with management's experience enable the company to focus on the key areas of growth.

As part of our continued assessment of the present and future needs of the company, staff costs, which forms considerable expenditure is closely monitored. Staff costs equate to 41% of sales in the year under review (36% - 2013), which represents the company retaining sufficient resources for the current conditions, whilst remaining in a position to take advantage of future opportunities in our target markets.

POSITION

We envisage a challenging time ahead, but consider we have a business plan comprising of a variety of products and services to emerge successfully from the economic downturn.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

A. M. Wight

Mrs A P Wright - Director

13 February 2015

Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 August 2014

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 August 2014.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 August 2014.

DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 September 2013 to the date of this report.

M.C.M. James Mrs A P Wright

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will
 continue in business.

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 also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Bennett Brooks & Co. Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

A.P. What

Mrs A P Wright - Director

13 February 2015

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Artisan Brandt plc

We have audited the financial statements of Artisan Brandt plc for the year ended 31 August 2014 on pages six to fourteen. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 a Report of the Auditors 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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page three, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 August 2014 and of its loss for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Artisan Brandt plc

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, 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

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- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Marcus Baghurst FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Bennett Brooks & Co. Limited

Statutory Auditors & Chartered Accountants St George's Court Winnington Avenue Northwich Cheshire CW8 4EE

13 February 2015

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 August 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
TURNOVER		393,575	408,678
Cost of sales		32,501	85,802
GROSS PROFIT		361,074	322,876
Adminiștrative expenses		343,734	316,400
OPERATING PROFIT	3	17,340	6,476
Interest payable and similar charges	4	2,353	4,359
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	cs	14,987	2,117
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	15,596	4,974
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(609)	(2,857)

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

All of the above company's activities have arisen from business acquired in the year.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the losses for the current year or previous year.

Balance Sheet 31 August 2014

		2014		2013	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	6		94,500		129,500
Tangible assets	7		2,616		3,694
Investments	8		•		25,000
			97,116		158,194
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	92,082		112,146	
Cash at bank and in hand		54,842		20,934	
CDEDITORS		146,924		133,080	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	10	148,699		192,853	
7 mounts raining due within one year	10				
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(1,775)		(59,773)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			05 241		09 421
LIABILITIES			95,341		98,421
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one					
year	11		165,631		168,102
NET LIABILITIES			(70,290)		(69,681)
					
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	15		75,000		75,000
Profit and loss account	16		(145,290)		(144,681)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	20		(70,290)		(69,681)

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13 February 2015 and were signed on its behalf

Mrs A P Wright - Director

M.C.M. James - Director

M.C.M. James - Director

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2014

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The directors are satisfied that the group resources are sufficient to maintain the company's working capital until it trades out of its current deficit position.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Artisan Brandt plc as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertaking are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its parent, Brandt Holdings Limited, a company registered in England.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

Sales in respect of service maintenance contracts are recognised evenly over the term of the contract.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Fixtures and fittings

- 10% on cost

Computer equipment

- 33% on cost

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

Cash flow statement

The company has claimed exemption from preparing a cash flow statement on the basis that a cash flow statement is prepared in the consolidated group financial statements.

Goodwill

Goodwill relates to the acquisition of businesses in 2006 and 2007. Both are being written off over the estimated useful life of twenty years. Following an impairment review of the goodwill in 2014 the directors believe the remaining useful economic life of these contracts to be four years.

The acquisition of the contracts of a business in 2011 gave rise to goodwill which was being written off over ten years. Following an impairment review of the goodwill in 2013 the directors believe the remaining useful economic life of these contracts to be five years.

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	tor the year ended of August 2017		
2.	STAFF COSTS		
۷.	STAFF COSTS	2014	2013
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	147,478	134,381
	Social security costs	13,360	12,274
	Other pension costs	1,231	1,231
		162,069	147,886
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	2014	2013
		2014	2013
	Production & sales	4	4
	Office management	2	2
		6	6
		==	===
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3.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	The operating profit is stated after charging:		
		2014	2013
	Depreciation - owned assets	£ 1,078	£ 1,276
	Goodwill amortisation	15,500	13,669
	Auditors' remuneration	9,750	9,750
	Directors' remuneration		
	Directors remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>
	The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:		
	Money purchase schemes	. 1	1
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4.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	2014	2013
		£	£
	Bank interest	62	1,275
	Bank loan interest	2,256	2,166
	Other interest payable	35	-
	VAT surcharges	-	918

4,359

2,353

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2014

5. TAXATION

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Analysis of the tax charge		
The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:		
	2014 £	2013 £
Current tax:	L	I.
UK corporation tax	15,349	4,227
Deferred tax		747
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	15,596	4,974
Factors affecting the tax charge The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation explained below:	tax in the UK. Th	ne difference
	2014	2013
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	14,987	2,117
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax		
in the UK of 21% (2013 - 20%)	3,147	423
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	584	184
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(259)	(746)
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Amortisation and impairments not allowable for tax	12,600	4,366
Marginal relief	(1,613)	-
Change in tax rate	890	
Current tax charge	15,349	4,227
		
INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
•		Goodwill
COST		£
COST At 1 September 2013		
and 31 August 2014		233,262
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AMORTISATION		100.500
At 1 September 2013 Amortisation for year		103,762 15,500
Impairments		19,500
At 31 August 2014		138,762
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 August 2014		94,500
At 21 August 2012		120,500
At 31 August 2013		129,500

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2014

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures	O	
	and	Computer	Totala
	fittings	equipment	Totals
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 September 2013			
and 31 August 2014	298,117	120,478	418,595
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2013	296,122	118,779	414,901
Charge for year	343	735	1,078
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At 31 August 2014	296,465	119,514	415,979
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2014	1,652	964	2,616
At 31 August 2013	1,995	1,699	3,694
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Included within fixed assets are fully depreciated assets with an historic cost of approximately £411,671 (2013: £411,671).

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments
COST	
At 1 September 2013	63,188
Impairments	(25,000)
At 31 August 2014	38,188
PROVISIONS	
At 1 September 2013	
and 31 August 2014	38,188
	
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 August 2014	-
At 31 August 2013	25,000

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Artisan Business S	oftware Limited
Nature of business:	Business Software

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary Share Capital	100.00

Aggregate capital and reserves	2	2
	£	£
•	2014	2013

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2014

9.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
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		£	£
	Trade debtors	35,590	56,092
	Other debtors	875	875
	Amounts due from related	25.242	26 122
	undertaking	37,343	36,123
	Deferred tax asset	9,219	9,466
	Prepayments	9,055	9,590
		92,082	112,146
10	CREDITORS, AMOUNTS EALLING DUE WITHIN ONE VEAD		
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2014	2013
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	12,076	11,523
	Trade creditors	5,877	34,680
	Tax	15,349	4,227
	Social security & other taxes	15,547	10,702
	VAT	17,290	15,253
	Other creditors	598	2,331
	Amounts due to related undertaking	-	10
	Directors' current accounts	-	2,241
	Accruals and deferred income	97,509	111,886
		148,699	192,853
	,	====	======
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE		
	YEAR	2014	2012
		2014 £	2013 £
	Bank loans (see note 12)	29,225	41,282
	Amounts due to group undertakings	136,406	126,820
	Amounts due to group undertakings	130,400	120,620
		165,631	168,102
12.	LOANS		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:		
		2014	2012
		2014	2013
	Amounts folling due within one year or on demands	£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year or on demand: Bank loans	12,076	11 522
	Dalik loaits	<u> </u>	11,523
	Amounts falling due between one and two years:		
	Bank loans - 1-2 years	12,656	12,076
	Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
	Bank loans	16,569	29,206
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2014

13. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Bank loans	41,301	52,805

The bank holds security for the overdraft and loans in the form of a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the group.

There is a cross guarantee between Artisan Brandt Plc and Brandt Holdings Limited dated 10 October 2005.

The bank has a legal charge over a property owned by Brandt Computer Systems Limited dated 29 October 2012 for security over the loan.

14. **DEFERRED TAX**

	£
Balance at 1 September 2013	(9,466)
Depreciation in excess of	
capital allowances	247
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Balance at 31 August 2014	(9,219)
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15. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal	2014	2013
		value:	£	£
75,000	Ordinary	£1	75,000	75,000

16. RESERVES

	account £
At 1 September 2013 Deficit for the year	(144,681) (609)
At 31 August 2014	(145,290)

17. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

Brandt Holdings Limited is regarded by the directors as being the company's ultimate parent company.

The group's consolidated accounts can be obtained from the registered office, 94 Southbridge Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 1AF.

18. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Exemption has been taken under FRS 8 regarding the disclosure of intra-group balances. A copy of the consolidated accounts can be found at the company's registered office.

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Profit and loss

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 August 2014

Eastcliff Tower Development Limited

A company in which M.C.M James and AP Wright are directors

Amount due from/(to) related party at the balance sheet date	2014 £ 590	2013 £ (10)
Jaydon Court Properties Limited A company in which M.C.M James and AP Wright are directors		
Amount due from related party at the balance sheet date	2014 £ 30,372	2013 £ 30,072

ISIS Property Management & Lettings Limited

A company in which AP Wright is a director.

No rent was paid to ISIS Property Management & Lettings Limited during the year as Artisan Brandt PLC moved premises and 20 Barclay Road, Croydon was subsequently sold. (2013: £27,200)

Amount due from related party at the balance sheet date	. 2014 £ 6,381	2013 £ 4,926
Southbridge A sole trade business operated by M.C.M James		
Rent of £40,800 was paid to Southbridge during the year (2013 - £13,600).		
Amount due from related party at the balance sheet date	2014 £	2013 £ 1,125

19. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate controlling party is M.C.M. James.

20. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Loss for the financial year	2014 £ (609)	2013 £ (2,857)
Net reduction of shareholders' funds	(609)	(2,857)
Opening shareholders' funds	(69,681)	(66,824)
Closing shareholders' funds	(70,290) ————	(69,681)