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IRELAND LITERATURE EXCHANGE
IDIRMHALARTAN LITRIOCHT EIREANN
COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

84 Northumberland Road
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Duignan Carthy O'Neill Limited

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditors

## COMPANY INFORMATION

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Martin Doyle

Noel Fahey (Chairperson) Retired

Gerald Dawe Declan Meade John Roche Frank Callanan Alison Lyons Martín Veiga

Anne Barrington (appointed 4 October 2019)

**Company secretary** 

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

## Directors' responsibilities statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the Directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at the financial year end date, of the profit or loss for that financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

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

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- 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 ensuring that the Company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the Company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. 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.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company is the promotion of the Literature of Ireland in translation through the provision of grant aid to publishers internationally and in Ireland.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### **Business review**

The company is the national organisation for the international promotion of Irish literature, in English and Irish. It does this primarily by offering translation grants to international publishers. It also offers residential bursaries to literary translators, organises translator and author events at international festivals and participates regularly in the major world book fairs.

A not-for profit organisation, Ireland Literature Exchange (t/a Literature Ireland) is funded by the Arts Council of Ireland and Culture Ireland. Established in 1994, Literature Ireland has funded the translation of over 2,000 works of Irish literature into 56 languages around the world.

In the opinion of the directors, the state of affairs of the company is satisfactory and there is no material change since the balance sheet date. The company recorded a surplus of €23,544 this year and the cumulative deficit of €39,730 existing last year is now reduced to €16,186 at 31 December 2019. Further details are set out in note 2.2 to the accounts. The directors are confident that the company will operate at an overall surplus in future years to allow it to eliminate the deficit over the coming year.

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to €23,544 (2018 - €36,590).

#### Directors and their interests

The Directors who served during the year were:

Ciara Higgins
Martin Doyle
Noel Fahey (Chairperson) Retired
Gerald Dawe
Declan Meade
John Roche
Frank Callanan
Alison Lyons
Martín Veiga
Anne Barrington (appointed 4 October 2019)

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. There are 7 directors of the company, all of whom are members of the company. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while he/she is a member or within one year after he/she ceases to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before he/she ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding two euro.

At the annual general meeting in every third year, three of the directors for the time being, or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest one-third, shall retire from office. The directors to retire in every third year shall be those who have been longest in office since the last election, but as between persons who become directors on the same day. A retiring director shall be eligible for re-election for a term or terms of office which, when aggregated, do not exceed six years.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### Investment powers and policy

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the company has the power to invest in any way the directors' decide.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors are aware of the risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the organisation and the requirement to agree future funding with its grant donors and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to risk.

In the first half of 2020, the outbreak of Covid-19 spread throughout Asia, Europe and Worldwide. The initial impact of this has been severe and has resulted in a significant worldwide slowdown in economic activity. In Ireland, the economic impact of this pandemic has been characterised by the temporary closure of many businesses in "non-essential" areas to ensure that people's movements are restricted in order to slow down the spread of the virus. The effect of Covid-19 presents many risks for the company, the effects of which cannot be fully quantified at the time of approving the financial statements. As a result, the directors consider the implications of the Covid-19 pandemic to be a significant uncertainty at the time of approving the financial statements.

Although the effects cannot be fully determined, the directors believe that the main risks associated with Covid-19 are as follows;

- an initial slow down in trading activity during the period of temporary closure
- a prolonged period of government recommendations and restrictions on the movement of people to contain the virus
- a potential reduction in economic activity following the recommencement of trading which may result in reduced consumer spending and demand for the company's services
- a reduction in asset values

## Health and safety of employees

The well-being of the Company's employees is safeguarded through strict adherence to health and safety standards. Health and safety legislation imposes certain requirements on employers and the Company has taken the necessary action to ensure compliance with the legislation, including the adoption of a Safety Statement.

## **Environmental matters**

The Company will seek to minimise adverse impacts on the environment from its activities, whilst continuing to address health, safety and economic issues. The Company has complied with all applicable legislation and regulations.

## Accounting records

The measures taken by the Directors to ensure compliance with the requirements of Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records, are the employment of appropriately qualified accounting personnel and the maintenance of computerised accounting systems. The company's accounting records are maintained at the company's registered office at the Centre for Literary Translation, Trinity College, Dublin 2.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

## **Future developments**

The directors are not expecting to make any significant changes in the nature of the business in the near future. At the time of approving the financial statements, the company is exposed to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic which has had a negative effect on its trading activities since the year end and has resulted in a lower than expected level of trading activity since the year end. In planning its future activities, the directors will seek to develop the company's activities whilst managing the effects of the difficult trading period caused by this outbreak.

## Research and development activities

There was no research and development expenditure during the year.

### Statement on relevant audit information

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- the Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of any
  relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Post balance sheet events

In the first half of 2020, the Covid-19 virus spread worldwide. In common with many other countries, the Irish government issued guidance and restrictions on the movement of people designed to slow the spread of this virus. In early March 2020, many businesses closed voluntarily and throughout the month more restrictions were placed on people and businesses. On 28th March, all "non-essential" businesses were ordered to close temporarily.

The company reacted to these conditions by closing its offices on 12th March 2020 with staff working from home. Whilst this has resulted in the company remaining operational during the period, there has been a reduction in operating levels as a result of Covid-19. The directors are confident that the company will be fully operational once the period of restriction is lifted.

## Auditors

The auditors, Duignan Carthy O'Neill Limited, continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

This report was approved by the board on

In 18/07/20

and signed on its behalf.

Alison Lyons

Director

Declan Meade

Director

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IRELAND LITERATURE EXCHANGE IDIRMHALARTAN LITRIOCHT EIREANN COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

### Report on the audit of the financial statements

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ireland Literature Exchange Idirmhalartan Litriocht Eireann Company Limited By Guarantee (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2019, which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Statement of Changes in Funds and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2019 and
  of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' 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 financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), 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 have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISA (Ireland) 570 requires us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IRELAND LITERATURE EXCHANGE IDIRMHALARTAN LITRIOCHT EIREANN COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE (CONTINUED)

### **Emphasis of matter**

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw your attention to Note 2.2 in the financial statements which indicates that the company has incurred significant accumulated trading losses to date and continues to be reliant on the financial and operational support of grant income received by grant donors. These circumstances indicate the existence of a potential material uncertainty which could cast doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. However, the relevant bodies have undertaken to continue to provide financial support through grant aid, and based on these undertakings, the directors are satisfied that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

## Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- in our opinion, the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

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

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF IRELAND LITERATURE EXCHANGE IDIRMHALARTAN LITRIOCHT EIREANN COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE (CONTINUED)

# Respective responsibilities and restrictions on use

# Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement on page 1, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the 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 management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

# Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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 (Ireland) 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the IAASA's website at: https://www.iaasa.ie/Publications/ISA-700-(Ireland). This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

# The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' 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 shareholders for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Timothy F. Carthy
for and on behalf of
Duignan Carthy O'Neill Limited

84 Northumberland Road Ballsbridge Dublin 4 Date:

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2019	2018
	Note	€	€
Turnover	5	498,009	490,000
Cost of sales		(186,058)	(174,496)
Gross profit		311,951	315,504
Bookfair & promotion costs		(86,301)	(80,509)
Administrative expenses		(202,106)	(198,405)
Operating Surplus	6	23,544	36,590
Surplus for the financial year		23,544	36,590
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Total comprehensive income for the financial year		23,544	36,590

# **BALANCE SHEET** AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Note		2019 €		2018 €
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		23,814		20,679
			23,814		20,679
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	62,838		24,143	
Cash at bank and in hand	10	33,250		22,062	
	77	96,088		46,205	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(136,088)		(106,614)	
Net current liabilities	-		(40,000)		(60,409)
Total assets less current liabilities			(16,186)		(39,730)
Net liabilities		_	(16,186)	_	(39,730)
Capital and reserves					
Profit and loss account	13		(16,186)		(39,730)
Shareholders' funds			(16,186)		(39,730)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board:

Alison Lyons

Declan Meade
Director
28/07/20

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Reserves €	Total funds €
	•	•
At 1 January 2018	(76,320)	(76,320)
Comprehensive income for the year		
Surplus for the year	36,590	36,590
At 1 January 2019	(39,730)	(39,730)
Comprehensive income for the year		
Surplus for the year	23,544	23,544
At 31 December 2019	(16,186)	(16,186)

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019 €	2018 €
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit for the financial year	23,544	36,590
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	8,388	6,219
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(38,695)	6,991
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	27,178	(40,986)
Net cash generated from operating activities	20,415	8,814
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(11,523)	(1,220)
Net cash from investing activities	(11,523)	(1,220)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	8,892	7,594
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	20,617	13,023
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	29,509	20,617
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:		
Cash at bank and in hand	33,250	22,062
Bank overdrafts	(3,741)	(1,445)
	29,509	20,617

The notes on pages 12 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 1. General information

Ireland Literature Exchange Idirmhalartan Litriocht Eireann Company Limited by Guarantee ('Literature Ireland' or 'the company') is a company registered in Ireland, which was incorporated under the Companies Act 2014 in February 1994 and is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

#### 2. Accounting policies

## 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and Irish statute comprising of the Companies Act 2014.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

### 2.2 Going concern

The financial statements, disclose a surplus of €23,544 in 2019 (2018: surplus €36,590) but there is still an excess of liabilities over assets of €16,186 as at 31 December 2019 (2018: deficit €39,730). The company is entirely reliant on continued grant funding from government and state agencies.

During the first quarter of 2020, The Covid-19 pandemic has spread initially from Asia to Europe and subsequently worldwide. The initial economic effect of this has been a worldwide slowdown in economic activity and the loss of jobs across many businesses. In Ireland there are restrictions placed on "non-essential" businesses which has resulted in many businesses temporarily closing in measures designed to restrict the movement of people and to slow down the spread of the virus.

The Company has continued to operate during this period and has seen a significant effect on its operating activities as a result of the virus. The directors have prepared budgets for the upcoming 12 months which show that the company will continue as a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The directors are satisfied that sufficient sources of funding will enable the company to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. These views are based on the company's plans and on the successful outcome of ongoing discussions with the various agencies which provide the company with its main sources of funding (Note 16).

## 2.3 Government grants

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

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the same period as the related expenditure.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.4 Pensions

### Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance Sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

## 2.5 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

At each reporting date the company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings - 20% Office equipment - 20%

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

### 2.6 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

## 2.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.8 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 2.9 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance Sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The directors consider the accounting estimates and assumptions below to be its accounting estimates and judgments:

## **Going Concern**

The directors have prepared budgets and cash flows for a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of the financial statements which demonstrate that there is no material uncertainty regarding the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due, and to continue as a going concern. On this basis the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that may arise if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

#### Useful Lives of Tangible Fixed Assets

Long-lived assets comprising primarily of property represent a significant portion of total assets. The annual depreciation and amortisation charge depends primarily on the estimated lives of each property and the estimates of residual values. The directors regularly review these useful lives and change them if necessary to reflect current conditions. In determining these useful lives management consider expected economic utilisation of the assets. Changes in the useful lives can have a significant impact on the depreciation of the fixed assets and the amortisation of the capital grants during the financial year.

#### 4. **Grant conditions**

Name of Grantor:

The Arts Council

Name of Grant:

Annual Funding 2019 (A099202)

Amount of Grant:

€200,000

Purpose of Grant:

Building international readership for Irish literature, deepening awareness and appreciation

of Irish writers, supporting and developing the careers of Irish writers.

Name of Grant:

Name of Grantor: Culture Ireland 2019 Grant Funding

Amount of Grant: €293,772

Purpose of Grant:

Culture Ireland grant to support the promotion of Irish literature abroad through translation

grants and promotional initiatives.

Name of Grantor:

Irish Embassy in China

Name of Grant:

2019 Grant Funding

Amount of Grant:

€4,237

Purpose of Grant:

Irish Embassy in China grant to present contemporary Irish writers Paul Lynch & Rob Doyle.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

## 5. Income

An analysis of turnover by class of business is as follows:

	2019	2018
	€	€
Culture Ireland	293,772	290,000
The Arts Council	200,000	200,000
Irish Embassy in China	4,237	-
	498,009	490,000

The income of the company for the year has been derived from grant support received in Ireland & China.

## 6. Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2019	2018
	€	€
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	8,388	6,219
Defined contribution pension cost	3,300	2,100

## 7. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including the Directors, during the year was as follows:

2019	2018
No.	No.
3	3

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

# 8. Tangible fixed assets

		Fixtures and fittings €	Office equipment €	Total €
	Cost or valuation			
	At 1 January 2019	49,019	20,406	69,425
	Additions	-	11,523	11,523
	At 31 December 2019	49,019	31,929	80,948
	Depreciation			
	At 1 January 2019	28,340	20,406	48,746
	Charge for the year on owned assets	6,219	2,169	8,388
	At 31 December 2019	34,559	22,575	57,134
	Net book value			
	At 31 December 2019	14,460	9,354	23,814
	At 31 December 2018	20,679	-	20,679
9.	Debtors		2019	2018
			€	€
	Trade debtors		4,937	100
	Other debtors		6,251	5,945
	Prepayments		51,650	18,098
			62,838	24,143
10.	Cash and cash equivalents			
			2019 €	2018 €
	Cash at bank and in hand		33,250	22,062
	Less: amounts owed to credit institutions		(3,741)	(1,445)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

## 11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

		2019 €	2018 €
	Overdrafts owed to credit institutions	3,741	1,445
	Trade creditors	114,546	81,341
	Taxation and social insurance	9,990	11,086
	Other creditors	_	1,125
	Accruals	7,811	11,617
		136,088	106,614
		-	
12.	Financial instruments		
		2019	2018
		€	€
	Financial assets		
	Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	33,250	22,062

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss comprise cash at bank.

Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss comprise overdraft, creditors and accruals.

## 13. Reserves

## Profit and loss account

The income and expenditure account represents cumulative gains and losses recognised in income & expenditure account, net of transfers to/from other reserves.

## 14. Key management personnel compensation

The compensation paid to key management personnel during the year ended 31 December 2019 was €68,100 (2018: €65,400)

## 15. Related party transactions

No director was paid a salary in 2019 but some directors were reimbursed for costs incurred by them personally on travel and accommodation on behalf of the company.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### 16. Post balance sheet events

In the first half of 2020, the Covid-19 virus spread worldwide. In common with many other countries, the Irish government issued guidance and restrictions on the movement of people designed to slow the spread of this virus. In early March 2020, many businesses closed voluntarily and throughout the month more restrictions were placed on people and businesses. On 28th March, all "non-essential" businesses were ordered to close temporarily.

This has had a negative impact on the company since the year end and operating activity has reduced as a result. At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors consider that the balance sheet has not been impacted based on events since the year end and as a result no adjustment has been made to these financial statements.

Although the company made a surplus in 2019, the directors are conscious that the company has accumulated losses of €16,186 at year end. However, grant funding has been confirmed at €516,000 for 2020 and the company continues to reduce costs and therefore the directors are confident that the company will operate at an overall surplus in future years to allow it to eliminate the deficit in the coming years.

	Budget 2020 €	Actual 2019 €
Culture Ireland	291,000	291,800
The Arts Council	225,000	200,000
	516,000	491,800

## 17. Controlling party

The company is controlled by its members and board of directors.

## 18. Approval of financial statements

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The board of Directors approved these financial statements for issue on

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# DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2019	2018
	Note	€	€
Turnover		498,009	490,000
Cost Of Sales		(186,058)	(174,496)
Gross profit		311,951	315,504
Gross profit % Less: overheads		62.6 %	64.4 %
		2002 90000	
Bookfair & Promotion expenses		(86,301)	(80,509)
Administration expenses		(202,106)	(198,405)
Operating suplus		23,544	36,590
Surplus for the year		23,544	36,590

# SCHEDULE TO THE DETAILED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
	€	€
Turnover		
Culture Ireland	293,772	290,000
The Arts Council	200,000	200,000
Irish Embassy in China	4,237	-
	498,009	490,000
	2010	2010
	2019 €	2018 €
Cost of sales		
Translation grants	133,305	125,320
Bursary payments	2,873	6,480
Translator in residence	6,522	7,975
Special projects	29,873	21,817
Readers' fees	13,485	12,904
	186,058	174,496
	2019	2018
	€	€
Bookfair & promotion expenses		
Promotion		8,764
Frankfurt bookfair	35,481	28,929
London bookfair	43,923	38,930
Beijing bookfair	6,897	4,501
Gothenburg bookfair	•	(615)
	86,301	80,509

# SCHEDULE TO THE DETAILED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019	2018
Administration expenses	€	€
Staff salaries		
Employers PRSI	130,167	135,059
	13,644	13,460
Staff pension costs - defined contribution schemes	3,300	2,100
Hotels, travel and subsistence	1,547	1,452
Printing and stationery	2,245	1,740
Postage	2,734	3,111
Telephone	1,953	1,415
Computer costs	3,997	3,182
General office expenses	4,194	1,524
Advertising and promotion	577	548
Trade subscriptions	284	456
Auditors' remuneration	5,086	5,239
Accountancy fees	4,909	3,824
Bank charges	753	571
Insurances	1,167	789
Repairs and maintenance	357	705
Depreciation - office equipment	8,388	6,219
Board expenses	1,635	750
Website expenses	1,033	375
Catalogue/Postcards	1 707	
Travel	1,797 10,002	8,294
Meeting expenses		4,861
Books	1,603	1,610
	1,767	1,826
	202,106	198,405