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Benchmark Holdings plc

(“Benchmark”, the “Company” or the “Group”)

Second Quarter and Interim results for the six months ended 31 March 2021

Good performance in the first half of the year and strategic progress in all business areas

Benchmark (LSE: BMK), the aquaculture biotechnology company, announces its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 31 March 2021 (the “Period”). The Company also announces its unaudited results for the three months ended 31 March 2021 in compliance with the terms of its senior secured bond.

- **Good H1 2021 performance with growth in revenues (+11% CER) and Adjusted EBITDA (+13% CER) reflecting a strong performance in Advanced Nutrition and solid trading in Genetics and Health**
- **Q2 2021 results reflect seasonal fluctuations in Genetics and a lower contribution from biological asset movements due to normalised biomass growth**
- **Significant progress towards commercialisation of BMK08 and CleanTreat® with first customer contracts and ratification of MRL (“Maximum Residue Level”) opinion achieved in Q2**
- **Positive outlook and trading in line with market expectations, with good visibility of revenues for the second half of the year**

£m	H1 2021	H1 2020 Restated*	CER** H1 2021	Q2 2021	Q2 2020 Restated*
Revenue from continuing operations	59.5	56.2	62.3	30.4	31.5
Adjusted					
Adjusted EBITDA ¹ from continuing operations	7.9	7.7	8.7	4.9	7.3
Adjusted EBITDA excluding biological asset movements	6.0	5.1	6.7	4.2	5.9
Adjusted Operating profit ²	4.4	4.6	5.2	3.2	5.7
Statutory					
Operating (loss)/profit	(4.6)	(3.9)		(1.4)	1.7
Loss before tax from continuing operations	(3.3)	(13.4)		(2.7)	(10.3)
Loss for the Period - total incl. discontinued operations	(3.1)	(18.8)		(2.8)	(13.4)
Basic loss per share (p)	(0.57)	(3.25)		(0.46)	(2.18)
Net debt ³	56.5	55.8		56.5	55.8

Net debt excluding lease liabilities	42.5	46.4		42.5	46.4
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* H1 2020 and Q2 2020 numbers have been restated to reflect changes to the ongoing continuing business since the previous reporting date (note 5).

** Constant exchange rate (CER) figures derived by retranslating current year figures using previous year's foreign exchange rates

(1) Adjusted EBITDA is EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation and impairment), before exceptional items including acquisition related expenditure.

(2) Adjusted Operating Profit is operating loss before exceptional items including acquisition related items and amortisation of intangible assets excluding development costs.

(3) Net debt is cash and cash equivalents less loans and borrowings.

Divisional summary (Continuing and discontinued operations)

£m	H1 2021	H1 2020 Restated*	CER** H1 2021	Q2 2021	Q2 2020 Restated*	CER** Q2 2021
Revenue						
Advanced Nutrition	35.0	31.3	36.7	19.9	19.9	21.1
Genetics	22.1	22.5	23.3	9.5	10.4	9.7
Animal Health	2.3	2.5	2.3	1.0	1.4	1.0
Adjusted EBITDA¹						
Advanced Nutrition	6.2	3.4	6.6	5.2	3.7	5.6
Genetics	6.0	8.6	6.4	2.1	5.2	2.1
- Net of fair value movements in biological assets	4.0	6.0	4.4	1.4	3.8	1.5
Animal Health	(2.6)	(2.7)	(2.6)	(1.4)	(0.8)	(1.4)

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• Advanced Nutrition

- H1 2021: revenue 12% up (+17% CER) reflecting the success of improved commercial effort and improvement in certain shrimp markets
- H1 2021: Adjusted EBITDA 82% up (+93% CER) as a result of revenue growth and reduced operating costs
- Q2 2021: revenue in line with prior year (+7% CER) and Adjusted EBITDA 41% up (+51% CER)

• Genetics

- H1 2021: revenue marginally below prior year but ahead on a constant currency basis (+3% CER) with higher salmon egg sales (+5%) offset by lower revenue from harvested fish and royalties; drop in Adjusted EBITDA against prior year reflects lower contribution from fair value movements in biological assets due to normalised biomass growth

- Q2 2021: revenue down due to seasonal fluctuations affecting the timing of egg deliveries against prior year and lower royalty income. Adjusted EBITDA reflects lower sales and lower contribution from fair value movements in biological assets
- Good visibility of revenues for H2 2021
- **Animal Health**
 - H1 2021: revenue and Adjusted EBITDA in line with prior year
 - Q2 2021: lower revenue and Adjusted EBITDA reflect normalised sales against the same period in the prior year which benefitted from customer stockpiling due to Covid-19 uncertainty
 - Significant progress towards commercialisation of new sea lice treatment BMK08 and CleanTreat® – first customer agreements signed and ratification of MRL opinion achieved in Q2 2021

Cash generation; liquidity and net debt

- H1 2021 operating cash outflow of £1.5m including £7.2m from increase in working capital in line with expectations; net cash outflow of £17.3m includes £9.1m outflow from investing activities in the period and a £6.8m outflow from financing activities
- Liquidity (defined as cash and undrawn facility) as at 14 May 2021 was c.£62.5m (30 September 2020: £83.2m) against a liquidity covenant of £10m
- Net debt at the half year end was £56.5m (30 September 2020: £37.6m), including lease obligations of £14.0m (30 September 2020: £10.4m)

Good strategic progress

- Significant progress towards commercialisation of new sea lice treatment BMK08 and CleanTreat® – first customer agreements signed and EU ratification of MRL opinion achieved in Q2
- Land based salmon farming - new customer wins with selected clients building a leading position in genetics
- Construction of new incubation centre in Iceland to increase genetics capacity progressing as planned
- SPR shrimp – Expansion of breeder capacity in Fellsmere progressing as planned, test market ongoing and construction of multiplication centre in Thailand advancing after delays caused by Covid-19
- “One Benchmark”- further actions undertaken to integrate the Group and streamline the organisation including co-location of Genetics and Health activities in Norway and Chile
- ESG (Environmental Social and Governance) continues to be an important focus through the positive impact of our products and solutions on the sustainability of aquaculture, and through our commitment as a responsible operator to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the sustainability of our supply chain

Current trading and outlook

- Current trading in line with management expectations with good visibility of revenues for the second half of the year
- Progress towards commercialisation of BMK08 & CleanTreat®, subject to marketing authorisation in Norway

Trond Williksen, CEO, commented:

“Benchmark has performed well in the first half and has made good strategic progress across our three business areas. This reflects our successful restructuring and the new focus and discipline on delivering on our strategic priorities to create profitable growth.

“Our financial discipline including cost containment and strict cash management enables us to invest selectively in our core business, strengthen our position in our markets and deliver on the growth opportunities ahead.

“As a leading aquaculture biotechnology company focused on delivering sustainable solutions, we are well positioned to make a positive impact on our industry and create value for all our stakeholders.”

Details of analyst / investor call today

There will be a call at 9:30am UK time today for analysts and investors. To register for the call please contact MHP Communications on +44 (0)20 3128 8990 or 8742, or by email on benchmark@mhpc.com

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About Benchmark

Benchmark's mission is to enable aquaculture producers to improve their sustainability and profitability.

We are a leading aquaculture biotechnology company developing innovative products and solutions which improve yield, quality and animal health and welfare for our customers. We do this by improving the genetic make-up, health and nutrition of their stock - from broodstock and hatchery through to nursery and grow out.

Benchmark has a broad portfolio of products and solutions, including salmon eggs with specialist genetic traits, shrimp broodstock, tilapia fry, technology enhanced live feed (Artemia), specialist diets, probiotics and sea lice treatments. Find out more at www.benchmarkplc.com

Management Report

Benchmark performed well in the first half of the year with revenue from continuing operations increasing by 6% to £59.5m (11% in constant currency, i.e., retranslating current period results using last year's foreign exchange rates), and Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations up 3% to £7.9m (+13% in constant currency). Excluding biological asset movements, Adjusted EBITDA increased by 17% (31% in constant currency).

Notably, Advanced Nutrition had a strong performance in Q2 2021 and H1 2021, showing the benefits of our enhanced commercial effort and focus over the past 12 months, as well as improvement in certain shrimp markets with lockdown easing. From the outset of the Covid-19 pandemic we launched new digital means to communicate with our customers, including webinars and technical briefings which have proven effective and will continue. These, together with our commercial focus and operational continuity in the face of logistical challenges, have enabled us to maintain and strengthen our position in the market. We intend to build on this momentum to take advantage of the market recovery as we emerge from the pandemic.

Our Genetics business area continues to perform well and make good strategic progress. While Q2 results show a drop against last year, this is the result of expected fluctuations in the order profile of salmon eggs in Q2 and a lower contribution from the movement in fair value of biological assets due to normalised biomass growth. We have good revenue visibility for the remainder of the year. During the period we continued to win new contracts with selected clients in the emerging land-based salmon sector, establishing a leading position in that market.

Following the restructuring conducted last year, results in Health derive primarily from sales of Salmosan and the investment in the launch of BMK08 and CleanTreat®. Salmosan revenues in the first half were below H1 2020 which had benefitted from stockpiling in certain high margin markets driven by the uncertainty of Covid-19. In this context, Salmosan sales were normalised and in line with management expectations.

We maintain our focus on cost containment, cash management and disciplined investment. Operating expenses in H1 2021 of £18.7m were 2% below the prior year and R&D expenses of £3.6m were 23% down. Total R&D investment was £5.8m (H1 2020: £6.7m).

Our cash position at the end of the period of £53.6m reflects a net cash outflow of £17.3m. Cash outflow from operating activities in H1 2021 of £1.5m includes a £7.2m increase in working capital to support growth and £2m tax payments. This means our core established business is generating cash to invest in organic growth.

We have a disciplined investment programme to support our new growth vectors including BMK08 and CleanTreat®, the expansion of our incubation capacity in Iceland and the roll-out of SPR shrimp in Genetics. In addition, we are making investments to upgrade some of our facilities which have been underinvested in recent years, including installing new fire safety equipment in our main production facility in Thailand. Under our new disciplined approach, investments are made supported by a solid assessment of commercial prospects and return on investment. During the period we invested £9.1m including £6.6m in PPE capex and £2.2m in capitalised R&D.

Net debt at the half year was £56.5m (FY 2020: £37.6m; H1 2020: £55.8m), including finance lease liabilities of £14.0m under IFRS 16 (FY 2020: £10.4m; H1 2020: £9.4m).

The Group's operating loss was £4.6m (H1 2020: loss of £3.9m) after depreciation and amortisation during the period of £11.7m (H1 2020: £11.4m). Loss before taxation was £3.3m (H1 2020: £13.4m) after a significant reduction in net finance costs; net finance income in H1 2021 was £1.4m (H1 2020: £9.6m cost) with the main difference being a credit of £2.4m in the fair value of financial derivatives (H1 2020: £3.7m charge) and forex gains of £3.3m (H1 2020: £1.8m loss). The loss for the period was £3.1m (H1 2020: £18.8m). Loss per share was 0.57p (H1 2020: 3.25p).

Q2 2021 Commentary

The Group reported revenue of £30.4m, 3% below prior year of £31.5m, but 2% higher on a constant currency basis (£32.0m CER). This was driven by revenue growth in Advanced Nutrition (+7% CER) offset by a drop in Genetics and Health in the quarter. As previously explained the drop in Genetics is the result of seasonal fluctuations which drove the timing of delivery of salmon eggs into H2 2021, whilst Health revenues were below last year's strong result.

Adjusted EBITDA of £4.9m (£5.3m CER) was lower than the prior year (Q2 2020: £7.3m) reflecting a strong performance in Advanced Nutrition offset by a lower contribution from Genetics and Health. This was partially driven by lower sales and a lower contribution from biological assets in Genetics and increased expenditure in Health related to the preparations for the commercial launch of BMK08 and CleanTreat®.

Operating costs including R&D expenses of £11.2m were up 3% on the prior year (Q2 2020: £10.9m).

Net finance costs for the quarter of £1.4m were £10.5m lower than the same quarter last year (Q2 2020: £11.9m). The main reasons for the significant reduction were smaller movements in fair value of financial derivatives (Q2 2021: £0.1m credit; Q2 2020: £4.6m charge) and forex gains in the period of £0.7m versus forex losses of £5.0m in the comparative quarter.

Progress on strategic priorities

At the beginning of the year we established five strategic priorities for the Group. These form part of a Group-wide strategic priority framework which allows us to prioritise, allocate resources and manage performance. Delivery against strategic priorities in the first half of the year has been good with particular progress towards the delivery of our top priority – the launch of BMK08 and CleanTreat®.

- **Launch of BMK08 and CleanTreat®** – significant progress with signing of first customer agreements and ratification under European Law of the MRL (Maximum Residue Level), an important food safety standard
- **Launch of Specific Pathogen Resistant shrimp** – expansion of production capacity in Fellsmere, US progressing to plan; ongoing test market in Asia; progress towards completion of multiplication centre in Thailand after delays caused by Covid-19
- **Maintain leadership in hatchery by regaining Artemia position** – +18.3% Artemia revenues in H1 2021 driven by targeted marketing and technical support activities, enhanced commercial effort which has been upskilled, and adjustment of pricing strategy
- **Implement simplified structure toward further integration as “One Benchmark”** – organisation streamlining including co-location of Genetics and Health activities in Norway and Chile
- **Align culture, values and people processes towards delivery of strategy** – development of new company values to drive change in culture from R&D centric to commercially focused, and implementation of new remuneration policy aligning incentives to delivery of targets across the Group

Covid-19

Many of the countries in which we operate continue to be affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. We continue to operate remotely where possible and have rigorous protocols in place to safeguard our employees. Mindful of the overall wellbeing of our people, during H1 2021 we delivered a wellbeing programme to support our people and trained additional mental health first aiders. Our teams around the world have shown great commitment and dedication which have allowed us to maintain operational continuity and service for our customers and to continue to make progress on our strategic priorities. We recognise each individual contribution and extend our gratitude on behalf of the Board.

Outlook

The salmon market is expected to remain stable with salmon prices having recovered in recent months. There has been some improvement in certain shrimp markets and this is expected to continue through the remainder of the year as restrictions ease in many territories, although a high level of uncertainty remains as currently seen in India. The sea bass and bream markets have also shown some recovery and are expected to remain stable for the rest of the year.

We have had a positive start to Q3 2021 to date and have good visibility of revenues for H2 2021 which, together with our ongoing cost and cash management discipline, supports a positive outlook for the year. We therefore expect to deliver results in line with management expectations for the full year.

Longer term our fundamentals are strong and our opportunities are significant. Aquaculture is a growth industry supported by strong megatrends. Like in most industries growth creates sustainability challenges and the focus on these challenges is growing as the industry expands. The answer to sustainability lies in innovation – bringing forward new sustainable solutions. As a focused aquaculture biotechnology company and proactive industry leader, Benchmark is well positioned to play an important role, helping to improve sustainability across the aquaculture value chain from genetics to grow-out and the quality of the end product.

Divisional Commentary

Advanced Nutrition

Advanced Nutrition reported significant growth in H1 2021 with revenues of £35.0m, 12% ahead of the prior year (H1 2020: £31.3m) and Q2 2021 revenues of £19.9m in line with the prior year (Q2 2020: £19.9m) Q2 2021 but up in constant currency (+7% CER).

The strong H1 2021 performance reflects the initial benefits of our enhanced commercial effort and some improvement in certain shrimp markets. By product area, revenues from Artemia in H1 2021 were 18% higher than the prior year mainly driven by India, Vietnam and Turkey. Diet sales were up 26% driven by India and Indonesia while sales from Health products were down 11%.

Adjusted EBITDA in H1 was £6.2m (H1 2020: £3.4m) and Adjusted EBITDA in Q2 was £5.2m (Q2 2020: £3.7m) reflecting increased sales and successful cost containment.

Genetics

Genetics revenues in H1 2021 were £22.1m, broadly in line with the prior year (H1 2020: £22.5m) and £9.5m in Q2 2021, 8% below the same period in the prior year (Q2 2020: £10.4m). By source of income, egg sales in H1 2021 were higher than the prior year, but these were offset by lower revenue from harvested fish due to lower salmon prices in the period and lower royalty income. Lower revenues in Q2 2021 were driven by lower egg sales due to expected fluctuations in the order profile against prior year and lower royalty income.

The lower Adjusted EBITDA in H1 2021 of £6.0m against prior year (H1 2020: £8.6m) reflect a smaller contribution from fair value movements of biological assets due to normalised biomass growth and lower margin from a different sales mix. Q2 2021 Adjusted EBITDA of £2.1m (Q2 2020: £5.2m) reflects lower sales due to normal seasonal fluctuations and lower contribution from biological assets as above.

R&D investment (expensed and capitalised) in the division was in line with the prior year at £3.5m (H1 2020: £3.5m) as investment continues in our breeding programmes in Chile and SPR shrimp.

Health

Health revenues in H1 2021 of £2.3m were below the prior year (H1 2020: £2.5m) which benefitted from customer stockpiling of Salmosan due to the uncertainty caused by Covid-19. Adjusted EBITDA was in line with the prior year with a loss of £2.6m (H2 2020: £2.7m). Q2 2021 results show a similar trend in revenues and the impact of investment associated with the launch of CleanTreat® and BMK08.

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Consolidated Income Statement for the period ended 31 March 2021

All figures in £000's	Notes	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
Revenue	4	30,435	31,486	59,465	56,177	105,565
Cost of sales		(14,263)	(13,405)	(28,622)	(25,157)	(50,603)
Gross profit		16,172	18,081	30,843	31,020	54,962
Research and development costs		(1,837)	(1,755)	(3,582)	(4,727)	(7,282)
Other operating costs		(9,411)	(9,194)	(18,696)	(18,972)	(33,337)
Share of (loss)/profit of equity-accounted investees, net of tax		(30)	180	(641)	391	150
Adjusted EBITDA²		4,894	7,312	7,924	7,712	14,493
Exceptional - restructuring, disposal and acquisition related items	6	(275)	(44)	(868)	(178)	(2,114)
EBITDA¹		4,619	7,268	7,056	7,534	12,379
Depreciation and impairment		(1,723)	(1,635)	(3,494)	(3,089)	(6,640)
Amortisation and impairment		(4,260)	(3,977)	(8,178)	(8,333)	(16,613)
Operating (loss)/profit		(1,364)	1,656	(4,616)	(3,888)	(10,874)
Finance cost		(2,466)	(11,918)	(4,395)	(9,636)	(12,779)
Finance income		1,092	3	5,758	79	1,082
Loss before taxation		(2,738)	(10,259)	(3,253)	(13,445)	(22,571)
Tax on loss	7	(104)	(958)	186	(357)	(204)
Loss from continuing operations		(2,842)	(11,217)	(3,067)	(13,802)	(22,775)
Discontinued operations						
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	5	-	(2,140)	-	(4,998)	(9,174)
		(2,842)	(13,357)	(3,067)	(18,800)	(31,949)
Loss for the year attributable to:						
- Owners of the parent		(3,101)	(13,253)	(3,818)	(18,970)	(32,923)
- Non-controlling interest		259	(104)	751	170	974
		(2,842)	(13,357)	(3,067)	(18,800)	(31,949)
Earnings per share						
Basic loss per share (pence)	8	(0.46)	(2.18)	(0.57)	(3.25)	(5.26)
Diluted loss per share (pence)	8	(0.46)	(2.18)	(0.57)	(3.25)	(5.26)
Earnings per share - continuing operations						
Basic loss per share (pence)	8	(0.46)	(1.83)	(0.57)	(2.40)	(3.80)
Diluted loss per share (pence)	8	(0.46)	(1.83)	(0.57)	(2.40)	(3.80)
All figures in £000's						
Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations		4,894	7,312	7,924	7,712	14,493
Adjusted EBITDA from discontinued operations	5	-	(2,462)	-	(4,451)	(8,726)
Total Adjusted EBITDA		4,894	4,850	7,924	3,261	5,767

1 EBITDA – Earnings/loss before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and impairment

2 Adjusted EBITDA – EBITDA before exceptional and acquisition related items

* Q2 2020 and YTD Q2 2020 numbers have been restated to reflect changes to the ongoing continuing business since it was previously reported (note 5)

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Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period ended 31 March 2021

All figures in £000's	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
Loss for the period	(2,842)	(13,357)	(3,067)	(18,800)	(31,949)
Other comprehensive income					
Items that are or may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss					
Foreign exchange translation differences	(4,955)	6,210	(13,669)	(17,324)	(20,327)
Cash flow hedges - changes in fair value	(77)	(8,226)	2,821	(9,886)	(5,932)
Cash flow hedges - reclassified to profit or loss	132	(87)	288	(162)	(153)
Total comprehensive income for the period	(7,742)	(15,460)	(13,627)	(46,172)	(58,361)
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to:					
- Owners of the parent	(8,033)	(16,137)	(14,657)	(45,422)	(58,532)
- Non-controlling interest	291	677	1,030	(750)	171
	(7,742)	(15,460)	(13,627)	(46,172)	(58,361)
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to owners of the parent:					
- Continuing operations	(8,033)	(14,431)	(14,657)	(40,964)	(50,604)
- Discontinued operations	-	(1,706)	-	(4,458)	(7,928)
	(8,033)	(16,137)	(14,657)	(45,422)	(58,532)

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Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

All figures in £000's	Notes	31 March 2021 (unaudited)	31 March 2020 (unaudited)	30 September 2020 (audited)
Assets				
Property, plant and equipment		70,160	81,420	65,601
Right-of-use assets		14,102	8,968	10,347
Intangible assets		230,739	259,552	247,003
Equity-accounted investees		3,271	3,742	3,690
Other investments		15	22	23
Biological and agricultural assets		15,293	7,485	16,621
Non-current assets		333,580	361,189	343,285
Inventories		19,469	22,369	18,926
Biological and agricultural assets		21,111	20,746	15,848
Trade and other receivables		31,008	34,559	39,371
Cash and cash equivalents		53,630	51,563	71,605
		125,218	129,237	145,750
Assets held for sale		-	17,258	-
Current assets		125,218	146,495	145,750
Total assets		458,798	507,684	489,035
Liabilities				
Trade and other payables		(29,960)	(39,379)	(45,692)
Loans and borrowings	9	(7,279)	(3,786)	(5,339)
Corporation tax liability		(3,971)	(3,430)	(4,344)
Provisions		-	(386)	-
		(41,210)	(46,981)	(55,375)
Liabilities directly associated with the assets held for sale		-	(13,432)	-
Current liabilities		(41,210)	(60,413)	(55,375)
Loans and borrowings	9	(102,867)	(103,535)	(103,819)
Other payables		(1,787)	(1,851)	(1,754)
Deferred tax		(29,442)	(35,303)	(32,647)
Non-current liabilities		(134,096)	(140,689)	(138,220)
Total liabilities		(175,306)	(201,102)	(193,595)
Net assets		283,492	306,582	295,440
Issued capital and reserves attributable to owners of the parent				
Share capital	10	670	667	668
Additional paid-in share capital	10	400,574	399,601	399,601
Capital redemption reserve		5	5	5
Retained earnings		(145,282)	(129,263)	(142,170)
Hedging reserve		(6,543)	(13,614)	(9,651)
Foreign exchange reserve		26,729	43,798	40,678
Equity attributable to owners of the parent		276,153	301,194	289,131
Non-controlling interest		7,339	5,388	6,309
Total equity and reserves		283,492	306,582	295,440

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this consolidated financial information.

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the period ended 31 March 2021

	Share capital	Additional paid-in share capital	Other reserves*	Hedging reserve	Retained earnings	Total attributable to equity holders of parent	Non- controlling interest	Total equity
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
As at 1 October 2020 (audited)	668	399,601	40,683	(9,651)	(142,170)	289,131	6,309	295,440
Comprehensive income for the period								
(Loss)/profit for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,816)	(3,816)	751	(3,065)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(13,949)	3,108	-	(10,841)	279	(10,562)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(13,949)	3,108	(3,816)	(14,657)	1,030	(13,627)
Contributions by and distributions to owners								
Share issue	2	973	-	-	-	975	-	975
Share-based payment	-	-	-	-	704	704	-	704
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	2	973	-	-	704	1,679	-	1,679
Total transactions with owners of the Company	2	973	-	-	704	1,679	-	1,679
As at 31 March 2021 (unaudited)	670	400,574	26,734	(6,543)	(145,282)	276,153	7,339	283,492
As at 1 October 2019 (audited)	559	358,044	60,207	(3,566)	(110,916)	304,328	6,138	310,466
Comprehensive income for the period								
(Loss)/profit for the period	-	-	-	-	(18,970)	(18,970)	170	(18,800)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(16,404)	(10,048)	-	(26,452)	(920)	(27,372)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(16,404)	(10,048)	(18,970)	(45,422)	(750)	(46,172)
Contributions by and distributions to owners								
Share issue	108	40,245	-	-	-	40,353	-	40,353
Share issue costs recognised through equity	-	1,312	-	-	-	1,312	-	1,312
Share-based payment	-	-	-	-	623	623	-	623
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	108	41,557	-	-	623	42,288	-	42,288
Total transactions with owners of the Company	108	41,557	-	-	623	42,288	-	42,288
As at 31 March 2020 (unaudited)	667	399,601	43,803	(13,614)	(129,263)	301,194	5,388	306,582
As at 1 October 2019 (audited)	559	358,044	60,207	(3,566)	(110,916)	304,328	6,138	310,466
Comprehensive income for the period								
(Loss)/profit for the period	-	-	-	-	(32,923)	(32,923)	974	(31,949)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(19,524)	(6,085)	-	(25,609)	(803)	(26,412)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	(19,524)	(6,085)	(32,923)	(58,532)	171	(58,361)
Contributions by and distributions to owners								
Share issue	109	42,869	-	-	-	42,978	-	42,978
Share issue costs recognised through equity	-	(1,312)	-	-	-	(1,312)	-	(1,312)
Share-based payment	-	-	-	-	1,669	1,669	-	1,669
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	109	41,557	-	-	1,669	43,335	-	43,335
Total transactions with owners of the Company	109	41,557	-	-	1,669	43,335	-	43,335
As at 30 September 2020 (audited)	668	399,601	40,683	(9,651)	(142,170)	289,131	6,309	295,440

*Other reserves in this statement is an aggregation of Capital redemption reserve and Foreign exchange reserve.

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the period ended 31 March 2021

	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited) £000	YTD Q2 2020 (unaudited) £000	FY 2020 (audited) £000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Loss for the year	(3,067)	(18,800)	(31,949)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	3,882	3,835	9,138
Amortisation and impairment of intangible fixed assets	7,790	8,401	19,402
Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment	-	(1,349)	(1,140)
Gain on sale of subsidiaries	-	-	(14,120)
Gain on sale of other investments	(91)	-	-
Finance income	(43)	(79)	(111)
Finance costs	1,976	4,180	9,695
Other adjustments for non-cash items	-	-	200
Share of loss/(profit) of equity-accounted investees, net of tax	641	(391)	(150)
Foreign exchange (gains)/losses	(3,809)	5,516	(132)
Share based payment expense	704	623	1,669
Tax (credit)/charge	(186)	440	314
	7,797	2,376	(7,184)
Decrease in trade and other receivables	8,037	8,338	4,202
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(1,424)	(657)	3,741
Increase in biological and agricultural assets	(3,517)	(3,304)	(7,474)
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(10,327)	(7,240)	5,006
Decrease in provisions	(22)	(18)	(260)
	544	(505)	(1,969)
Income taxes paid	(2,025)	(1,307)	(2,087)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	(1,481)	(1,812)	(4,056)
Investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries, net of cash disposed of	-	-	17,487
Purchase of investments	(247)	(228)	(522)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	99	6,932	6,932
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(6,632)	(4,005)	(5,851)
Proceeds from sales of intangible assets	-	59	261
Purchase of intangibles	(2,337)	(2,116)	(5,563)
Purchase of held for sale assets	-	-	(402)
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	19	117	16,147
Proceeds from sales of other long-term assets	-	1,347	1,776
Interest received	42	79	111
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(9,056)	2,185	30,376
Financing activities			
Proceeds of share issues	641	42,977	42,978
Share-issue costs recognised through equity	-	(1,312)	(1,312)
Proceeds from bank or other borrowings	-	8,083	8,387
Repayment of bank or other borrowings	(2,405)	(9,265)	(10,141)
Interest and finance charges paid	(3,892)	(3,444)	(7,659)
Repayments of lease liabilities	(1,114)	(1,224)	(2,120)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	(6,770)	35,815	30,133
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(17,307)	36,188	56,453
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	71,605	16,051	16,051
Effect of movements in exchange rate	(668)	(676)	(899)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	53,630	51,563	71,605

The Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows presents cash flows from both Continuing and Discontinued operations in the comparatives. There were no Discontinued operations in the current period.

1. Basis of preparation

Benchmark Holdings plc (the 'Company') is a company incorporated domiciled in the United Kingdom. These consolidated quarterly financial statements as at and for the six months ended 31 March 2021 represents that of the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'Group').

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting and should be read in conjunction with the Group's consolidated financial statements as at and for the year ended 30 September 2020. They do not include all of the information required for a complete set of IFRS financial statements. However, selected explanatory notes are included to explain events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the Group's financial position and performance since the last annual financial statements. Statutory accounts for the year ended 30 September 2020 were approved by the Directors on 27 November 2020 and have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The audit report received on those accounts was unqualified and did not make a statement under section 498 of the Companies Act 2006.

Going concern

The Group's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Management Report.

As at 31 March 2021 the Group had net assets of £283.5m (30 September 2020: £295.4m), including cash of £53.6m (30 September 2020: £71.6m) as set out in the consolidated balance sheet. The Group made a loss for the period of £2.8m (30 September 2020: £31.9m).

As noted in the Management Report, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has continued to affect parts of the Group's businesses to varying degrees. The ultimate lasting impact of the pandemic on industry, the economy, Benchmark's markets and its businesses remains to some extent uncertain. Our main markets have experienced mixed fortunes, with weak shrimp markets, resilient salmon markets and sea bass/bream which have experienced modest impact from Covid-19. The Directors monitor available market analysis as this situation has continued into 2021. Whilst the outlook for the shrimp market retains some uncertainty in certain territories still suffering from the ongoing pandemic, the outlook for the salmon sector (underpinning the Genetics and Health businesses) remains positive and the Directors therefore believe that large parts of the Group are well placed to deal with the uncertain global economic future ahead.

The Directors prepared cash flow projections covering the period to September 2022 to assess the Group's trading and cash flow forecasts and the forecast compliance with the covenants included within the Group's financing arrangements. Year to date performance has been in line with these forecasts. Cash resources were boosted by non-core business disposals during the previous year and the ongoing cost base following these transactions has been significantly reduced.

The uncertainty relating to the future impact on the Group of the pandemic has been considered as part of the Directors' assessment of the going concern assumption. The positive preventative measures implemented by the Directors at an early stage in response to the pandemic continue to be in force where necessary. In the downside scenario analysis performed, the Directors considered severe but plausible impacts of Covid-19 on the Group's trading and cash flow forecasts, modelling reductions in the revenues and cash flows in Advanced Nutrition, being the segment most impacted by Covid-19 because of its exposure to global shrimp markets, alongside modelling delays to new product launches in the Health business area. Key downside sensitivities modelled include assumptions that there is limited recovery in global shrimp markets in FY21, affecting demand for Advanced Nutrition products and a three-month potential delay in the launch of BMK08, pushing commercial launch back to September 2021. As noted in the Management Report, the Directors have observed some recovery in the shrimp markets in the performance of the Advanced Nutrition business during the period and have noted significant and expected progress towards the commercialisation of BMK08 and CleanTreat. Nevertheless, mitigating measures within the control of management were implemented early in the pandemic and remain in place and have been factored into the downside analysis performed. These measures include reductions in areas of discretionary spend, temporary furlough of certain staff or reduced working hours, deferral of capital projects and temporary hold on R&D for non-imminent products.

It remains difficult to predict the overall outcome and lasting impact of the pandemic, but under the severe but plausible downside scenarios modelled, which the Group has so far outperformed, the Group has sufficient liquidity and resources throughout the period under review whilst still maintaining adequate headroom against the borrowing covenants. The Directors therefore remain confident that the Group has adequate resources to continue to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due within the period of 12 months from the date of approval of these interim financial statements. Accordingly, these interim financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. Accounting policies

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those used in preparing the consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 30 September 2020.

Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total earnings.

Alternative performance measures ('APMs')

The Directors measure the performance of the Group based on a range of financial measures, including measures not recognised by EU-adopted IFRS. These APMs may not be directly comparable with other companies' APMs and the Directors do not intend these as a substitute for, or superior to, IFRS measures.

Directors have presented the performance measures Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Operating Profit, Adjusted Profit Before Tax and Adjusted EBITDA excluding fair value movement on biological assets because it monitors performance at a consolidated level using these and believes that these measures are relevant to an understanding of the Group's financial performance (see note 11). Furthermore, the Directors also refer to current period results using constant currency, which are derived by retranslating current period results using prior year's foreign exchange rates.

Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of quarterly financial information requires management to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expense. Actual amounts may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these quarterly financial statements the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those applied to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2020.

3. Segment information

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the reports made to the chief operating decision maker. It is considered that the role of chief operating decision maker is performed by the Board of Directors.

The Group operates globally and for management purposes is organised into reportable segments based on the following business areas:

- *Genetics* - harnesses industry leading salmon breeding technologies combined with state-of-the-art production facilities to provide a range of year-round high genetic merit ova;
- *Advanced Nutrition* - manufactures and provides technically advanced nutrition and health products to the global aquaculture industry.
- *Health* - provided veterinary services, environmental services diagnostics and health products to the global aquaculture market, and manufactures licenced veterinary vaccines and vaccine components; following the divestment programme the segment now focusses on providing health products to the global aquaculture market.

In addition to the above, reported as "all other segments" is the Knowledge Services business area, the operations of which were disposed of or discontinued in the two previous years. The business area provided sustainable food production consultancy, technical consultancy and assurance services and promotes sustainable food production and ethics through online news and technical publications for the international agriculture and food processing sectors and through delivery of training courses to the industries.

In order to reconcile the segmental analysis to the Consolidated Income Statement, Corporate and Inter-segment sales are also shown. Corporate represents revenues earned from recharging certain central costs to the operating divisions, together with unallocated central costs.

Measurement of operating segment profit or loss

Inter-segment sales are priced along the same lines as sales to external customers, with an appropriate discount being applied to encourage use of Group resources at a rate acceptable to local tax authorities. This policy was applied consistently throughout the current and prior period.

3. Segment information (continued)

Segmental Revenue

	Q2 2021	Q2 2020	YTD Q2	YTD Q2	FY 2020
All figures in £000's	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	2021 (unaudited)	2020 (unaudited)	(audited)
Genetics	9,514	10,384	22,130	22,504	41,504
Advanced Nutrition	19,895	19,899	35,027	31,295	59,362
Health	1,044	3,302	2,337	6,722	10,799
All other segments	-	3,548	-	6,921	9,257
Corporate	1,199	1,246	2,404	2,784	4,939
Inter-segment sales	(1,217)	(1,476)	(2,433)	(3,269)	(5,469)
Total	30,435	36,903	59,465	66,957	120,392

Segmental Adjusted EBITDA

	Q2 2021	Q2 2020	YTD Q2	YTD Q2	FY 2020
All figures in £000's	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	2021 (unaudited)	2020 (unaudited)	(audited)
Genetics	2,108	5,154	5,987	8,609	14,442
Advanced Nutrition	5,247	3,705	6,240	3,299	6,266
Health	(1,446)	(3,666)	(2,563)	(7,688)	(12,886)
All other segments	-	244	-	439	244
Corporate	(1,015)	(587)	(1,740)	(1,398)	(2,299)
Total	4,894	4,850	7,924	3,261	5,767

Reconciliations of segmental information to IFRS measures

Revenue

	Q2 2021	Q2 2020	YTD Q2	YTD Q2	FY 2020
All figures in £000's	(unaudited)	Restated* (unaudited)	2021 (unaudited)	2020 Restated* (unaudited)	(audited)
Total revenue per segmental information	30,435	36,903	59,465	66,957	120,392
Less: revenue from discontinued operations	-	(5,417)	-	(10,780)	(14,827)
Consolidated revenue	30,435	31,486	59,465	56,177	105,565

Reconciliation of Reportable Segments Adjusted EBITDA to Loss before taxation from continuing operations

	Q2 2021	Q2 2020	YTD Q2	YTD Q2	FY 2020
All figures in £000's	(unaudited)	Restated* (unaudited)	2021 (unaudited)	2020 Restated* (unaudited)	(audited)
Total reportable segment Adjusted EBITDA	5,909	5,193	9,664	4,220	7,822
Other Segment and Corporate Adjusted EBITDA	(1,015)	(343)	(1,740)	(959)	(2,055)
	4,894	4,850	7,924	3,261	5,767
Less: Adjusted EBITDA from discontinued operations	-	2,462	-	4,451	8,726
Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations	4,894	7,312	7,924	7,712	14,493
Exceptional including acquisition related items	(275)	(44)	(868)	(178)	(2,114)
Depreciation and impairment	(1,723)	(1,635)	(3,494)	(3,089)	(6,640)
Amortisation and impairment	(4,260)	(3,977)	(8,178)	(8,333)	(16,613)
Net finance costs	(1,374)	(11,915)	1,363	(9,557)	(11,697)
Loss before taxation from continuing operations	(2,738)	(10,259)	(3,253)	(13,445)	(22,571)

*See note 5.

Unaudited notes to the interim financial statements for period ended 31 March 2021

4. Revenue

The Group's operations and main revenue streams are those described in its financial statements to 30 September 2020. The Group's revenue is derived from contracts with customers.

Disaggregation of revenue

In the following tables, revenue is disaggregated by primary geographical market and by sales of goods and services. The table includes a reconciliation of the disaggregated revenue with the Group's reportable segments (see note 3).

Sale of goods and provision of services

3 months ended 31 March 2021 (unaudited)

All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued	Continued
Sale of goods	8,542	19,883	1,039	-	-	-	29,464	-	29,464
Provision of services	966	-	5	-	-	-	971	-	971
Inter-segment sales	6	12	-	-	1,199	(1,217)	-	-	-
	9,514	19,895	1,044	-	1,199	(1,217)	30,435	-	30,435

3 months ended 31 March 2020 (unaudited)

All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued Restated*	Continued Restated*
Sale of goods	9,011	19,875	1,612	57	-	-	30,555	419	30,136
Provision of services	1,317	-	1,545	3,481	5	-	6,348	4,998	1,350
Inter-segment sales	56	24	145	10	1,241	(1,476)	-	-	-
	10,384	19,899	3,302	3,548	1,246	(1,476)	36,903	5,417	31,486

6 months ended 31 March 2021 (unaudited)

All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued	Continued
Sale of goods	20,031	35,010	2,317	-	-	-	57,358	-	57,358
Provision of services	2,087	-	20	-	-	-	2,107	-	2,107
Inter-segment sales	12	17	-	-	2,404	(2,433)	-	-	-
	22,130	35,027	2,337	-	2,404	(2,433)	59,465	-	59,465

6 months ended 31 March 2020 (unaudited)

All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued Restated*	Continued Restated*
Sale of goods	19,950	31,263	3,224	254	-	-	54,691	1,039	53,652
Provision of services	2,442	-	3,155	6,647	22	-	12,266	9,741	2,525
Inter-segment sales	112	32	343	20	2,762	(3,269)	-	-	-
	22,504	31,295	6,722	6,921	2,784	(3,269)	66,957	10,780	56,177

*See note 5.

4. Revenue (continued)

Sale of goods and provision of services (continued)

12 months ended 30 September 2020 (audited)

All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued	Continued
Sale of goods	37,555	59,301	6,529	547	-	-	103,932	2,551	101,381
Provision of services	3,909	-	3,846	8,683	22	-	16,460	12,276	4,184
Inter-segment sales	40	61	424	27	4,917	(5,469)	-	-	-
	41,504	59,362	10,799	9,257	4,939	(5,469)	120,392	14,827	105,565

Primary geographical markets

3 months ended 31 March 2021 (unaudited)

All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued	Continued
Norway	4,553	191	272	-	-	-	5,016	-	5,016
UK	1,226	40	(220)	-	-	-	1,046	-	1,046
Faroe Islands	1,563	5	-	-	-	-	1,568	-	1,568
Ecuador	-	1,041	-	-	-	-	1,041	-	1,041
India	-	3,041	-	-	-	-	3,041	-	3,041
Greece	25	1,642	-	-	-	-	1,667	-	1,667
Singapore	-	2,409	-	-	-	-	2,409	-	2,409
Chile	31	4	598	-	-	-	633	-	633
Turkey	-	1,702	-	-	-	-	1,702	-	1,702
Rest of Europe	1,590	1,362	24	-	-	-	2,976	-	2,976
Rest of World	520	8,446	370	-	-	-	9,336	-	9,336
Inter-segment sales	6	12	-	-	1,199	(1,217)	-	-	-
	9,514	19,895	1,044	-	1,199	(1,217)	30,435	-	30,435

3 months ended 31 March 2020 (unaudited)

All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued Restated*	Continued Restated*
Norway	5,062	129	564	-	-	-	5,755	405	5,350
UK	2,015	35	559	2,348	5	-	4,962	2,745	2,217
Faroe Islands	1,406	1	9	-	-	-	1,416	-	1,416
Ecuador	-	1,877	-	-	-	-	1,877	-	1,877
India	-	1,601	3	-	-	-	1,604	3	1,601
Greece	41	2,499	-	-	-	-	2,540	-	2,540
Singapore	-	1,186	7	-	-	-	1,193	7	1,186
Chile	10	16	983	-	-	-	1,009	410	599
Turkey	-	1,650	-	-	-	-	1,650	-	1,650
Rest of Europe	1,224	1,608	474	1,041	-	-	4,347	1,490	2,857
Rest of World	570	9,273	558	149	-	-	10,550	357	10,193
Inter-segment sales	56	24	145	10	1,241	(1,476)	-	-	-
	10,384	19,899	3,302	3,548	1,246	(1,476)	36,903	5,417	31,486

*See note 5.

4. Revenue (continued)

Primary geographical markets (continued)

6 months ended 31 March 2021 (unaudited)									
All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued	Continued
Norway	12,263	257	435	-	-	-	12,955	-	12,955
UK	2,656	66	15	-	-	-	2,737	-	2,737
Faroe Islands	3,371	9	-	-	-	-	3,380	-	3,380
Ecuador	-	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000	-	2,000
India	-	6,267	-	-	-	-	6,267	-	6,267
Greece	25	3,472	-	-	-	-	3,497	-	3,497
Singapore	-	3,350	-	-	-	-	3,350	-	3,350
Chile	37	4	1,435	-	-	-	1,476	-	1,476
Turkey	-	3,445	-	-	-	-	3,445	-	3,445
Rest of Europe	2,750	2,800	26	-	-	-	5,576	-	5,576
Rest of World	1,016	13,340	426	-	-	-	14,782	-	14,782
Inter-segment sales	12	17	-	-	2,404	(2,433)	-	-	-
	22,130	35,027	2,337	-	2,404	(2,433)	59,465	-	59,465

6 months ended 31 March 2020 (unaudited)									
All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued Restated*	Continued Restated*
Norway	10,876	241	1,107	-	-	-	12,224	829	11,395
UK	4,358	54	1,252	4,454	22	-	10,140	5,439	4,701
Faroe Islands	3,566	1	34	-	-	-	3,601	-	3,601
Ecuador	-	3,862	-	-	-	-	3,862	-	3,862
India	-	2,557	3	-	-	-	2,560	3	2,557
Greece	41	3,994	-	-	-	-	4,035	-	4,035
Singapore	-	1,865	7	-	-	-	1,872	7	1,865
Chile	24	16	2,172	-	-	-	2,212	674	1,538
Turkey	-	2,606	-	-	-	-	2,606	-	2,606
Rest of Europe	2,433	3,095	1,012	2,040	-	-	8,580	3,028	5,552
Rest of World	1,094	12,972	792	407	-	-	15,265	800	14,465
Inter-segment sales	112	32	343	20	2,762	(3,269)	-	-	-
	22,504	31,295	6,722	6,921	2,784	(3,269)	66,957	10,780	56,177

*See note 5.

4. Revenue (continued)

Primary geographical markets (continued)

12 months ended 30 September 2020 (audited)									
All figures in £000's	Genetics	Advanced Nutrition	Health	All other segments	Corporate	Inter-segment sales	Total	Discontinued	Continued
Norway	19,709	633	1,608	-	-	-	21,950	1,145	20,805
UK	6,402	124	1,951	6,149	22	-	14,648	7,506	7,142
Faroe Islands	6,961	3	114	-	-	-	7,078	-	7,078
Ecuador	-	6,822	-	-	-	-	6,822	-	6,822
India	-	6,452	6	-	-	-	6,458	3	6,455
Greece	61	5,666	-	-	-	-	5,727	-	5,727
Singapore	-	5,356	7	-	-	-	5,363	7	5,356
Chile	119	21	4,083	-	-	-	4,223	1,159	3,064
Turkey	-	6,452	6	-	-	-	6,458	-	6,458
Rest of Europe	5,421	4,554	1,566	2,549	-	-	14,090	4,071	10,019
Rest of World	2,791	23,218	1,034	532	-	-	27,575	936	26,639
Inter-segment sales	40	61	424	27	4,917	(5,469)	-	-	-
	41,504	59,362	10,799	9,257	4,939	(5,469)	120,392	14,827	105,565

5. Discontinued activities

In June 2019, the Group announced a programme of structural efficiencies which focused on the disposal and discontinuation of non-core activities. This programme primarily included the businesses within Knowledge Services (reported within 'all other segments') and the veterinary services business within Health. These operations were presented as discontinued, and the sales of the disposal group were completed during the previous year and therefore continue to be shown as discontinued. During Q1 of the prior year, as a continuation of the above programme, a small non-core business within Advanced Nutrition was put up for sale and sold and a business within the Corporate category was closed.

During the prior year but after 31 March 2020, a restructuring of the Health business area saw the closure of the research and development operations at two sites, the sale of the Group's vaccine manufacturing facility and exit from non-core vaccine development collaborations. Consequently, these operations have been classified as discontinued with a corresponding restatement of the consolidated income statement and consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the quarter ended 31 March 2020 to reflect these changes.

Results from discontinued operations

	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
All figures in £000's					
Revenue	-	5,417	-	10,780	14,827
Cost of sales	-	(4,170)	-	(8,117)	(13,000)
Gross profit	-	1,247	-	2,663	1,827
Research and development costs	-	(1,029)	-	(2,077)	(2,725)
Other operating costs	-	(2,680)	-	(5,037)	(7,828)
Adjusted EBITDA	-	(2,462)	-	(4,451)	(8,726)
Exceptional items	-	720	-	408	5,086
EBITDA	-	(1,742)	-	(4,043)	(3,640)
Depreciation and impairment	-	(291)	-	(746)	(2,498)
Amortisation and impairment	-	(35)	-	(68)	(2,789)
Operating loss	-	(2,068)	-	(4,857)	(8,927)
Finance costs	-	(19)	-	(58)	(137)
Loss before taxation	-	(2,087)	-	(4,915)	(9,064)
Tax on loss	-	(53)	-	(83)	(110)
Loss from discontinued operations	-	(2,140)	-	(4,998)	(9,174)

Results from discontinued operations by segment

	Advanced Nutrition Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Health Q2 2021 (unaudited)	All other segments Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Corporate Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Total Discontinued Q2 2021 (unaudited)
All figures in £000's					
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	-	-	-	-	-
Operating loss	-	-	-	-	-

	Advanced Nutrition Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	Health Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	All other segments Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	Corporate Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	Total Discontinued Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)
All figures in £000's					
Revenue	-	1,874	3,538	5	5,417
Adjusted EBITDA	-	(2,841)	436	(57)	(2,462)
Operating loss	-	(3,342)	1,402	(128)	(2,068)

5. Discontinued activities (continued)

Results from discontinued operations by segment (continued)

	Advanced Nutrition YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Health YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	All other segments YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Corporate YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Total Discontinued YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)
All figures in £000's					
Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDA	-	-	-	-	-
Operating loss	-	-	-	-	-

	Advanced Nutrition YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	Health YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	All other segments YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	Corporate YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	Total Discontinued YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)
All figures in £000's					
Revenue	2	3,854	6,901	23	10,780
Adjusted EBITDA	(118)	(5,017)	825	(141)	(4,451)
Operating loss	(381)	(5,938)	1,691	(229)	(4,857)

	Advanced Nutrition FY 2020 (audited)	Health FY 2020 (audited)	All other segments FY 2020 (audited)	Corporate FY 2020 (audited)	Total Discontinued FY 2020 (audited)
All figures in £000's					
Revenue	2	5,573	9,230	22	14,827
Adjusted EBITDA	(143)	(9,151)	749	(181)	(8,726)
Operating loss	(394)	(11,914)	3,818	(437)	(8,927)

6. Exceptional – restructuring, disposal and acquisition related items

Items that are material because of their size or nature, non-recurring and whose significance is sufficient to warrant separate disclosure and identification within the consolidated financial statements are referred to as exceptional items. The separate reporting of exceptional items helps to provide an understanding of the Group's underlying performance.

	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
All figures in £000's					
Acquisition related items	-	-	-	-	586
Exceptional restructuring and disposal items	275	44	868	178	1,528
Total exceptional items	275	44	868	178	2,114

*See note 5.

Exceptional restructuring and disposal items in Q2 2021 include £53,000 (YTD Q2 2021: £297,000) of staff costs relating to the Board's decision to make significant changes to the Group's management team and bring in new management, £313,000 (YTD Q2 2021: £662,000) of costs (including staff costs of £120,000 (YTD Q2 2021: £238,000)) relating to disposals completed in the prior year and a credit of £91,000 (YTD Q2 2021: £91,000) relating to the sale of shares in an investment.

Unaudited notes to the interim financial statements for period ended 31 March 2021

7. Taxation

All figures in £000's	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
Current tax expense					
Analysis of charge in period					
Current tax:					
Current income tax expense on profits for the period	875	1,443	1,631	2,306	3,141
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	-	-	-	-	836
Total current tax charge	875	1,443	1,631	2,306	3,977
Deferred tax expense					
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(506)	(485)	(1,552)	(1,949)	(3,490)
Deferred tax movements in respect of prior periods	(265)	-	(265)	-	(283)
Total deferred tax credit	(771)	(485)	(1,817)	(1,949)	(3,773)
Total tax charge/(credit) on continuing operations	104	958	(186)	357	204

*See note 5.

8. Loss per share

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to ordinary equity holders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
Loss attributable to equity holders of the parent (£000)					
Continuing operations	(3,101)	(11,113)	(3,818)	(13,972)	(23,749)
Discontinued operations	-	(2,140)	-	(4,998)	(9,174)
Total	(3,101)	(13,253)	(3,818)	(18,970)	(32,923)
Weighted average number of shares in issue (thousands)	669,425	607,993	668,667	583,308	625,466
Basic loss per share (pence)					
Continuing operations	(0.46)	(1.83)	(0.57)	(2.40)	(3.80)
Discontinued operations	-	(0.35)	-	(0.85)	(1.46)
Total	(0.46)	(2.18)	(0.57)	(3.25)	(5.26)

* see note 5.

Diluted loss per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding to assume conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares. This is done by calculating the number of shares that could have been acquired at fair value (determined as the average market price of the Company's shares for the period) based on the monetary value of the subscription rights attached to outstanding share options and warrants. The number of shares calculated above is compared with the number of shares that would have been issued assuming the exercise of the share options and warrants.

Therefore, the Company is required to adjust the earnings per share calculation in relation to the share options that are in issue under the Company's share-based incentive schemes, and outstanding warrants. However, as any potential ordinary shares would be anti-dilutive due to losses being made there is no difference between Basic loss per share and Diluted loss per share for any of the periods being reported.

At 31 March 2021, a total of 3,581,820 potential ordinary shares have not been included within the calculation of statutory diluted loss per share for the period (30 September 2020: 1,426,663) as they are anti-dilutive. These potential ordinary shares could dilute earnings/loss per share in the future.

9. Loans and borrowings

The Group's borrowing facilities includes a USD 15m RCF provided by DNB Bank ASA (50%) and HSBC UK Bank PLC (50%). At 31 March 2021 the whole facility (USD 15m) was undrawn.

10. Share capital and additional paid-in share capital

	Number	Share Capital £000	Additional paid-in share capital £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid			
Ordinary shares of 0.1 penny each			
Balance at 30 September 2020	667,685,612	668	399,601
Shares issued as contingent consideration for a previous acquisition	536,272	-	333
Exercise of share options	1,853,672	2	640
Balance at 31 March 2021	670,075,556	670	400,574

During the period contingent consideration totalling USD 450,000 (£333,000) became payable following the acquisition of aquaculture breeding programmes centred on shrimp from Centro de Investigación de la Acuicultura de Colombia Ceniagua on 11 August 2016. At the Group's discretion, the contingent consideration was paid in ordinary shares in the Group and the Group therefore issued 536,272 ordinary shares on 13 January 2021 to settle this liability.

During the period ended 31 March 2021, the Group issued a total of 1,853,672 shares of 0.1p each to certain employees of the Group relating to share options. Of which, 354,229 were exercised at a price of 0.1 pence, 1,475,943 were exercised at a price of 42.5 pence and 23,500 were exercised at a price of 58.5 pence.

11. Alternative profit measures and other metrics

Management has presented the performance measures Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA before fair value movement in biological assets, Adjusted Operating Profit and Adjusted Profit Before Tax because it monitors performance at a consolidated level using these and believes that these measures are relevant to an understanding of the Group's financial performance.

Adjusted EBITDA which reflects underlying profitability, is earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, impairment, exceptional items and acquisition related expenditure and is shown on the Income Statement.

Adjusted EBITDA before fair value movements in biological assets, is Adjusted EBITDA before the non-cash fair value movements in biological assets arising from their revaluation in line with International Accounting Standards.

Adjusted Operating Profit/Loss is operating loss before exceptional items including acquisition related items and amortisation and impairment of intangible assets excluding development costs as reconciled below.

Adjusted Profit/Loss Before Tax is earnings before tax, amortisation and impairment of intangibles assets excluding development costs, exceptional items and acquisition related expenditure as reconciled below.

These measures are not defined performance measures in IFRS. The Group's definition of these measures may not be comparable with similarly titled performance measures and disclosures by other entities.

11. Alternative profit measures and other metrics (continued)

Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Profit to Operating Loss/Profit

Continuing operations

All figures in £000's	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
Revenue	30,435	31,486	59,465	56,177	105,565
Cost of sales	(14,263)	(13,405)	(28,622)	(25,157)	(50,603)
Gross profit	16,172	18,081	30,843	31,020	54,962
Research and development costs	(1,837)	(1,755)	(3,582)	(4,727)	(7,282)
Other operating costs	(9,411)	(9,194)	(18,696)	(18,972)	(33,337)
Depreciation and impairment	(1,723)	(1,635)	(3,494)	(3,089)	(6,640)
Amortisation of capitalised development costs	-	-	-	-	-
Share of (loss)/profit of equity accounted investees net of tax	(30)	180	(641)	391	150
Adjusted operating profit	3,171	5,677	4,430	4,623	7,853
Exceptional - restructuring acquisition related items	(275)	(44)	(868)	(178)	(2,114)
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets excluding development costs	(4,260)	(3,977)	(8,178)	(8,333)	(16,613)
Operating (loss)/profit	(1,364)	1,656	(4,616)	(3,888)	(10,874)

* see note 5.

Reconciliation of Loss Before Taxation to Adjusted Profit/Loss Before Tax

Continuing operations

All figures in £000's	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
Loss before taxation	(2,738)	(10,259)	(3,253)	(13,445)	(22,571)
Exceptional - restructuring/acquisition related items	275	44	868	178	2,114
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets excluding development costs	4,260	3,977	8,178	8,333	16,613
Adjusted profit/(loss) before tax	1,797	(6,238)	5,793	(4,934)	(3,844)

* See note 5.

Other Metrics

All figures in £000's	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
Total R&D Investment					
Research and development costs					
- Continuing operations	1,837	1,755	3,582	4,727	7,282
- Discontinued operations	-	1,029	-	2,077	2,725
	1,837	2,784	3,582	6,804	10,007
Internal capitalised development costs	1,121	1,109	2,181	2,005	4,583
Total R&D investment	2,958	3,893	5,763	8,809	14,590

* see note 5.

11. Alternative profit measures and other metrics (continued)

All figures in £000's	Q2 2021 (unaudited)	Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2021 (unaudited)	YTD Q2 2020 Restated* (unaudited)	FY 2020 (audited)
Adjusted EBITDA excluding fair value movement in biological assets					
Adjusted EBITDA	4,894	7,312	7,924	7,712	14,493
Exclude fair value movement	(682)	(1,402)	(1,957)	(2,590)	(3,253)
Adjusted EBITDA excluding fair value movement	4,212	5,910	5,967	5,122	11,240

* see note 5.

Liquidity

Following the refinancing in June 2019 a key financial covenant is a minimum liquidity of £10m, defined as cash plus undrawn facilities.

All figures in £000's	31 March 2021 (unaudited)
Cash and cash equivalents	53,630
Undrawn bank facility	10,871
	64,501

12. Net debt

Net debt is cash and cash equivalents less loans and borrowings excluding balances held for sale.

All figures in £000's	31 March 2021 (unaudited)	31 March 2020 (unaudited)	30 September 2020 (audited)
Cash and cash equivalents	53,630	51,563	71,605
Loans and borrowings (excluding lease liabilities) – current	(1,517)	(2,256)	(2,856)
Loans and borrowings (excluding lease liabilities) – non-current	(94,639)	(95,673)	(95,863)
Net debt excluding lease liabilities	(42,526)	(46,366)	(27,114)
Lease liabilities – current	(5,762)	(1,530)	(2,483)
Lease liabilities – non-current	(8,228)	(7,862)	(7,956)
Net debt	(56,516)	(55,758)	(37,553)