

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED

STRATEGIC REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors present the strategic and directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Business Review

In May 2019 a rationalisation of the wider Digital Science Group corporate structure was undertaken. The aim was for this structure to become more aligned with the way management views and assesses the business. This resulted in a transfer of trade, investments, assets and liabilities from Holtzbrinck Science & Technology Limited to the Company. During 2020 efforts were made to realise synergies from previous reorganisations and to further integrate existing products into the Digital Science portfolio.

Results for the year

The results for the year are set out on page 7 of the financial statements and show a loss for the year, after taxation, of £5,566,755 (2020: £5,332,751).

	2021 £	2020 £	Change %
Revenue	9,396,123	8,809,777	6
Operating Loss	5,289,546	4,802,904	10
Current assets	28,398,967	18,746,336	51
Current liabilities	32,570,649	25,339,958	29

Revenues remained stable in the year, the increase in operating loss is as a result of accruals for obligations under long term incentive schemes. The principal reason for the increase in current assets relates to management of intercompany receivables to optimise working capital within the Digital Science group.

The statement of financial position on page 8 of the financial statements shows the company's financial position at the end of the year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, its financial position, and financial risk management objectives, details of its financial instruments and derivatives, and its exposures to competitive, legislative and credit risk are described in the financial statements. The main financial risks to which the company are exposed are as follows:-

Covid-19

The directors believe the company is well placed to withstand the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic for a number of reasons. The company's products are all electronic, so there will be no supply chain issues, the business model is subscription based, giving security over future revenues due to high rates of recurring revenue. The customer base of the OneDS group is predominantly in the field of research which has been mostly exempt from government shut downs.

The principal risks from the pandemic were identified as recoverability of assets through customer payments and reduction in revenue. However no significant financial impacts arose in these areas. The directors expect revenue still to grow during the current financial year.

The company has technology solutions sufficient to enable most employees to effectively work remotely, and a business model that lends itself to remote working, enabling business activities to continue while offices are closed and employees are required to isolate and adhere to social distancing requirements.

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STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Market Conditions

Market conditions are good across the regions in which we operate. Long sales cycles and the scale of new investment required continue to pose challenges, but we have made efforts to mitigate these problems.

The UK market has established as we move into the new forecasting cycle. Clients (and potential clients) are showing a willingness to invest in products that can respond dynamically to the changing regulatory landscape, particularly around open access.

North America represents the largest available market by far, and so we continue to refine our sales and marketing strategy to address the specific need of this market. Additionally, Brexit has continued to create uncertainty across the UK market and will continue to do so until the issue(s) with the EU are finalized.

Clients

The company's most significant clients are top-tier research institutions throughout the English-speaking world. Our focus continues to be to target these institutions and develop long-term strategic partnerships with existing clients to help inform the development of the product in a direction that meets the changing needs of the market.

Quality assurances

The nature of the business conducted by the organisation involves exposure to quality problems. Management of these risks is critical to the success of the business and is implemented through the adoption and maintenance of operational procedures. The company is accredited with ISO 9001 and manages quality through procedures by the standard.

Competitive risk

The business of the company is spread across a number of different geographies. We continue to actively expand our product offering and have developed and refined our provision of hosted services. This is enabling the company to spread its risk more evenly.

Other

Financial, commercial, operational, social, environmental and ethical risk are all considered in the company's internal control. The company seeks to manage these effective policies, training and awareness programmes.

This report was approved by the board on and signed on its behalf by

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Daniel Hook

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Director

30 September 2022

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is that of a software technology company.

Results and dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Directors

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

D Hook
C Herzog
S Leicht
J Oei
K Christian
M Diwersy

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The company has granted an indemnity to one or more of its directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the directors' report.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, International Accounting Standard 1 requires that directors:

- properly select and apply accounting policies;
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information;
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in UK adopted IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions on the entity's financial position and financial performance; and
- make an assessment of the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Going concern

In their assessment of Going Concern the directors have given consideration to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic or macroeconomic uncertainties on the company's financial position, for which consideration has to be given to the company and its direct subsidiaries collectively referred to as the Digital Science group on the basis that the company controls the resources and cashflows of the subsidiaries, due to the operating structure of the entities in the group.

Due to the structure of the entity there is reliance on intercompany financing for the day to day operations via a central treasury function, the entity also has intercompany loan balances that are repayable on demand. As such the directors have obtained a letter of support from the ultimate parent company GvH Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft XXXIII mbh. Based on enquiries performed the directors are confident that the ultimate parent can provide such support for the period to 30 September 2023. On this basis they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements up to 30 September 2023.

On behalf of the board

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Daniel Hook
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Director
30 September 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Digital Science & Research Solutions Limited for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 28, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK adopted International Accounting Standards.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK adopted International Accounting Standards; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for the period to 30 September 2023.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the report and financial statements other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained with the annual report and financial statements.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, 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 directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE MEMBERS OF DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework (UK adopted IFRS and the Companies Act 2006) and the relevant direct and indirect tax compliance regulations in the United Kingdom.
- In addition, the Company has to comply with laws and regulations relating to UK Anti-bribery act, Competition laws, The Money Laundering (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and Guidelines issued by GDPR.
- We understood how Digital Science & Research Solutions Limited is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management, internal legal counsel and those charged with governance. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes, inspection of the code of conduct and noted that there was no contradictory evidence.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override and assessing revenue as a fraud risk, which could be perpetrated by early recognition of intercompany revenue before a product key has been provided to a customer. Customers are billed by a group company (Digital Science & Research Solutions Inc.) for services provided by Digital Science & Research Solutions Limited with revenue recorded in group company at time of billing. This will be then recharged as revenue to DSRSL on a monthly basis. Due to this, there is a risk that the group company will recognise revenue in advance of providing access keys to customers, thereby inflating the amount of intercompany revenue recharged to DSRSL. Our procedures to address this involved:
 - Understanding the revenue recognition process, policy and how it is applied;
 - We performed audit of revenue at a group level in order to gain assurance over the completeness and accuracy of revenue allocation. This included the testing of revenue cut-off at either side of the year by selecting a sample of revenue transactions (including credit notes) and testing whether revenue was recorded in the correct period through agreement to third party evidence validating the passing of control to the customer to confirm the period that the revenue relates to and;
 - Reperformed the calculation of revenue allocation using the details from the agreement;
 - We incorporated data analytics into our testing of manual journals, including segregation of duties, and into our testing of revenue recognition, investigating journals posted to revenue as part of our journal entry testing work, with focus on transactions recorded at or close to the year-end date.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved enquiries of the management, internal legal counsel and those charged with governance. We also reviewed the board minutes to identify any non-compliance with laws and regulations and ensuring that dividend payments complied with the relevant accounting and legal requirements.

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

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Ernst & Young LLP

Ryan Squires (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
Southampton

30 September 2022

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Revenue	2	9,396,123	8,809,777
Other operating income		98,000	195,192
Administrative expenses		(16,584,649)	(13,807,873)
Operating loss	3	(7,090,526)	(4,802,904)
Income from investments	12	-	9,774,819
Loss on disposal of investments	12	(65,374)	(9,328,853)
Reversal of Impairment/(Impairment) of investments	12	1,145,218	(1,145,218)
Finance income	6	378,656	391,286
Finance costs	7	(1,019,163)	(718,486)
Loss before taxation		(6,651,189)	(5,829,356)
Income tax credit	8	1,084,434	496,605
Total comprehensive loss for the year		(5,566,755)	(5,332,751)

The statement of comprehensive income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION****AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

		2021	2020	2019
	Not	£	Restated	Restated
			£	£
Non-current assets				
Right-of-use assets	9	474,401	711,272	948,143
Property, Plant and Equipment	10	316,177	224,954	220,830
Investments	12	39,826,188	42,884,700	47,499,880
Intangibles	11	17,167,265	14,436,862	14,495,298
		<u>57,784,031</u>	<u>58,257,788</u>	<u>63,164,151</u>
Current assets				
Trade and other receivables	14	27,696,406	18,424,215	15,624,716
Cash and cash equivalents	22	702,561	322,121	180,579
		<u>28,398,967</u>	<u>18,746,336</u>	<u>15,805,295</u>
Total assets		<u>86,182,998</u>	<u>77,004,124</u>	<u>78,969,446</u>
Equity and liabilities				
Equity				
Called up share capital	20	66,315	50,066	49,402
Share premium account	21	57,571,558	57,587,843	57,587,843
Merger reserve	22	4,052,774	4,052,774	2,015,649
Accumulated losses		(25,226,093)	(18,380,117)	(13,047,366)
Total equity		<u>36,464,570</u>	<u>43,310,566</u>	<u>46,605,528</u>
Non-current liabilities				
Lease liabilities	17	226,928	514,712	794,605
Other payables	16	13,132,321	7,847,888	-
Total non-current liabilities		<u>13,359,249</u>	<u>8,362,600</u>	<u>794,605</u>
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	16	36,071,395	25,051,065	31,146,610
Lease liabilities	17	287,784	279,893	422,703
Total current liabilities		<u>36,359,179</u>	<u>25,330,958</u>	<u>31,569,313</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>86,182,998</u>	<u>77,004,124</u>	<u>78,969,446</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of directors and authorised for issue on 30 September 2022

Signed on its behalf by:

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Daniel Hook

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Director

Company Registration No. 09984464

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Share capital £	Share premium account £	Merger Reserve £	Accumulated Losses £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2019		40,451	43,637,843	-	(9,335,674)	34,342,620
31 December 2019						
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	(3,711,692)	(3,711,692)
Issue of share capital (restated)	1.1, 20-22	8,951	13,950,000	2,015,649	-	15,974,600
Balance at 31 December 2019 (restated)		49,402	57,587,843	2,015,649	(13,047,366)	46,605,528
Balance at 1 January 2020 (restated)		49,402	57,587,843	2,015,649	(13,047,366)	46,605,528
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	-	(5,332,751)	(5,332,751)
Issue of share capital (restated)	1.1, 20-22	664	-	2,037,125	-	2,037,789
Balance at 31 December 2020 (restated)		50,066	57,587,843	4,052,774	(18,380,117)	43,310,566
Balance at 1 January 2021 (restated)		50,066	57,587,843	4,052,774	(18,380,117)	43,310,566
31 December 2021						
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year		-	-	-	(5,566,755)	(5,566,756)
Issue of share capital	21	16,285	(16,285)	-	-	-
Group reorganisation	12	-	-	-	(1,279,221)	(1,279,221)
Balance at 31 December 2021		66,351	57,571,558	4,052,774	(25,226,093)	36,464,570

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
Cash flows used in operating activities			
Cash used in operations	27	(1,998,277)	(11,619,712)
Interest paid		-	(49,182)
		<u>(1,998,277)</u>	<u>(11,668,894)</u>
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(178,399)	(59,855)
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	3,467
Purchase of intangibles		(6,000)	(53,442)
Investment in subsidiaries		(165,000)	(3,799,457)
Disposal of subsidiaries		-	9,354,263
Investment in associates		-	-
Other investments		266,487	(47,053)
Impairment of investments		-	1,145,218
Interest received		-	-
		<u>(82,912)</u>	<u>6,543,141</u>
Financing activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares		-	-
Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities		(279,893)	(422,705)
Drawdown on intercompany borrowing facilities		2,741,522	5,690,000
		<u>2,461,629</u>	<u>5,267,295</u>
Net cash from financing activities		2,461,629	5,267,295
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		380,440	141,542
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		<u>322,121</u>	<u>180,579</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		<u>702,561</u>	<u>322,121</u>

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Company information

Digital Science & Research Solutions Limited is a limited liability company incorporated in England and Wales and domiciled in the United Kingdom.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Correction of prior year error

During preparation of the current year financial statements, management identified prior year error in relation to accounting for acquisitions of interests in subsidiaries.

In 2019, the Company entered into a share purchase agreement for the acquisition of the remaining 50% shares in its subsidiary, Figshare LLP, from the previous shareholders, achieving the holding of 100%.

In 2020, the Company purchased the remaining 31% of shares of another subsidiary, Digital Science UK Limited (formerly Writelatex Limited), from the previous shareholders, achieving the holding of 100%.

The purchase consideration for the above two acquisitions of shares comprised of certain amount of cash, plus a certain amount of newly issued shares of the Company. The Company recorded the addition to the investment equal to the amount of cash paid and did not record the fair value of newly issued shares.

As a result, the Company has re-stated its statements of financial position, statement of changes in equity and certain notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 by £4,054,095 (year ended 31 December 2019: £2,016,306) to reflect share capital issued as part consideration for investment in subsidiaries. The affected lines in the financial statements are set out below:

Financial statements to 31 December 2019	Before Restatement	Restated Amount	After Restatement
Statement of financial position			
Investments	45,483,574	2,016,306	47,499,800
Non-current assets	61,147,845	2,016,306	63,164,151
Total Assets	76,963,140	2,016,306	78,969,446
Share capital	48,745	657	49,402
Merger reserve	-	2,015,649	2,015,649
Total equity	44,589,222	2,016,306	46,605,528
Total equity and liabilities	76,953,140	2,016,306	78,969,446
Statement of changes in Equity			
Share capital			
Issue of share capital	8,294	657	8,951
Balance at 31 December 2019	48,745	657	49,402
Merger reserve			
Issue of share capital	-	2,015,649	2,015,649
Balance at 31 December 2019	-	2,015,649	2,015,649
Total			
Issue of share capital	13,958,294	2,016,306	15,974,600
Balance at 31 December 2019	44,589,222	2,016,306	46,605,528
Note 12 Investments			
Investments in subsidiaries	43,405,818	2,016,306	45,422,124

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention (continued)

Financial statements to 31 December 2019 (continued)

Note 20 Share capital

Ordinary share capital	48,745	657	49,402
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Note 22 Merger reserve

Issue of new shares	-	2,015,649	2,015,649
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Financial statements to 31 December 2020

	Before Restatement	Restated Amount	After Restatement
Statement of financial position			
Investments	38,830,605	4,054,095	42,884,700
Non-current assets	54,203,693	4,054,095	58,257,788
Total Assets	72,950,029	4,054,095	77,004,124
Share capital	48,745	1,321	50,066
Merger reserve	-	4,052,774	4,052,774
Total equity	39,256,471	4,054,095	43,310,566
Total equity and liabilities	72,950,029	4,054,095	77,004,124
Statement of changes in Equity			
Share capital			
Balance at 1 January 2020	48,745	1,321	49,402
Issue of share capital	-	664	664
Balance at 31 December 2020	48,745	1,321	50,066
Merger reserve			
Balance at 1 January 2020	-	2,015,649	2,015,649
Issue of share capital	-	2,037,125	2,037,125
Balance at 31 December 2020	-	4,052,774	4,052,774
Total			
Balance at 1 January 2020	44,589,222	2,016,306	46,605,528
Issue of share capital	-	2,037,789	2,037,789
Balance at 31 December 2020	39,256,471	4,054,095	43,310,566
Note 12 Investments			
Investments in subsidiaries	37,851,013	4,054,095	41,905,108
Note 20 Share capital			
Ordinary share capital	48,745	1,321	50,066
Note 22 Merger reserve			
Issue of new shares	-	4,052,774	4,052,774

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

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1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention (continued)

Covid-19

The directors believe the company is well placed to withstand the economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic for a number of reasons. The company's products are all electronic, so there will be no supply chain issues, the business model is subscription based, giving security over future revenues due to high rates of recurring revenue. The customer base of the OneDS group is predominantly in the field of research which has been mostly exempt from government shut downs.

The principal risks from the pandemic were identified as recoverability of assets through customer payments and reduction in revenue. However no significant financial impacts arose in these areas. The directors expect revenue still to grow during the current financial year.

The company has technology solutions sufficient to enable most employees to effectively work remotely, and a business model that lends itself to remote working, enabling business activities to continue while offices are closed and employees are required to isolate and adhere to social distancing requirements.

1.2 Going concern

In their assessment of Going Concern the directors have given consideration to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic or macroeconomic uncertainties on the company's financial position, for which consideration has to be given to the company and its direct subsidiaries collectively referred to as the Digital Science group on the basis that the company controls the resources and cashflows of the subsidiaries, due to the operating structure of the entities in the group.

Due to the structure of the entity there is reliance on intercompany financing for the day to day operations via a central treasury function, the entity also has intercompany loan balances that are repayable on demand. As such the directors have obtained a letter of support from the ultimate parent company GvH Vermögensverwaltungsgesellschaft XXXIII mbh. Based on enquiries performed the directors are confident that the ultimate parent can provide such support for the period to 30 September 2023. On this basis they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements up to 30 September 2023.

1.3 Revenue

Revenue is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

1.4 Non-current investments

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

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1 Accounting policies

1.5 Fair value measurement

IFRS 13 establishes a single source of guidance for all fair value measurements. IFRS 13 does not change when an entity is required to use fair value, but rather provides guidance on how to measure fair value under IFRS when fair value is required or permitted. The resulting calculations under IFRS 13 affected the principles that the Company uses to assess the fair value, but the assessment of fair value under IFRS 13 has not materially changed the fair values recognised or disclosed. IFRS 13 mainly impacts the disclosures of the Company. It requires specific disclosures about fair value measurements and disclosures of fair values, some of which replace existing disclosure requirements in other standards.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.7 Financial assets

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

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

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

Loans and receivables

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

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

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those at FVTPL, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

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

Derecognition of financial assets

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

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1 Accounting policies

1.8 Employee benefits

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

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

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

1.9 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.10 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation are included in the income statement for the year.

1.11 New Standards adopted in the year

The company has adopted the following new and amended IFRS and IFRIC standards and interpretations during the year, mandatory as at 1 January 2021 unless otherwise stated. Adoption of these revised standards and interpretations did not have any material impact on the company's financial statements.

Amendments to IFRS 9, IFRS 39, IFRS 7, Interest Rate Benchmark Reform
IFRS 4 and IFRS 316

Amendments to IFRS 16

Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions

IASB have issued the following standards and interpretations with an effective date after the date of these financial statements:

Standard or interpretations	Title
Effective from 1 January 2022	
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as
Amendments to IAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment
Amendments to IAS 37	Onerous contracts
Amendments to IFRS 9	Financial Instruments
Amendments to IAS 41 Agriculture	Agriculture
Effective from 1 January 2023	
IFRS 17	Insurance contracts
IAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates

No material impact is expected from the adoption of these standards and interpretations in future periods.

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Turnover attributable to geographical markets outside the United Kingdom amounted to £9,225,332 (2020: £8,785,777)

Analysis of revenue:	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Rendering of services	9,396,123	8,809,777

3 Operating loss

	2021	2020
	£	£
Operating loss for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Exchange losses/(gains)	238,988	(83,889)
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's	59,920	48,539

4 Employees

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

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
The average number of monthly employees	116	95
	116	95

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	9,364,526	9,496,837
Social security costs	984,693	1,417,741
Pension costs	468,994	390,474
	10,818,213	11,305,052

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5 Directors' remuneration

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Remuneration for qualifying services	546,000	556,800
Phantom share option plan expense	1,800,981	1,593,397
Company contribution to defined contribution pension scheme	16,225	27,725

Directors accruing benefits under

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Defined benefit pension schemes	-	-
Defined Contribution pension schemes	2	2
Phantom share option plan	3	3

Highest paid director

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Emoluments and other benefits	1,253,808	1,127,812
Company contribution to defined contribution pension scheme	5,500	17,000

This individual had accrued pension at the year-end relating to the defined benefit scheme of £nil (2020: £nil).

Phantom share option plan was adopted during 2020. The plan gives a participant the right to receive a bonus based on certain contracted calculations, depending on the manner in which the option will be exercised, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions and continued employment. Under this plan, phantom options in respect of a total of 1,237 notional shares in the Company were granted to three Directors of the Company. The expense of £1,800,981 (2020: £1,593,397) was recognised in the current year, which represents the portion of the total bonus receivable by Directors, attributable to 2021, calculated based on the most likely method of exercise, expected exercise date and expected future value of the bonus at that time, discounted to year end date. The total expected payment will be recognised over the service period until exercise date.

6 Investment income

	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest income		
Other interest income	378,656	391,286

7 Finance costs

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other interest payable	1,019,163	718,486

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8 Income tax credit

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Tax credit on the income statement		
Current income tax:		
Current income tax	(1,163,756)	(501,147)
Adjustments in respect of current income tax of previous years	79,322	4,542
	<u>(1,084,434)</u>	<u>(496,605)</u>
Total current income tax		
Deferred income tax:		
Relating to origination and reversal of temporary differences	-	-
Relating to change in tax rates	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deferred income tax	-	-
Income tax credit reported in income statement	<u>(1,084,434)</u>	<u>(496,605)</u>

Reconciliation of the total tax credit

The credit for the year can be reconciled to the loss per the income statement as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Loss before taxation	<u>(6,651,190)</u>	<u>(5,829,356)</u>
Expected tax credit based on a corporation tax rate of 19% (19%)	(1,263,726)	(1,107,578)
Income not subject to corporation tax	(313,743)	(1,876,938)
Expenses not deductible in determining taxable profit	526,450	2,086,655
Unutilised tax losses carried forward	45,907	401,256
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(79,322)	
	<u>(1,084,434)</u>	<u>(496,605)</u>
Tax credit for the year		

Further information on the effect of taxes in future years can be seen in Note 18.

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9 Right-of-use assets

	Land and buildings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	1,184,356
Additions	-
	1,184,356
At 31 December 2021	1,184,356
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	473,084
Charge for the year	236,871
	709,955
At 31 December 2021	709,955
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	711,272
At 31 December 2021	474,401

10 Property, plant and equipment

	Office Equipment £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	360,252
Additions	178,399
Disposals	-
	538,651
At 31 December 2021	538,651
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	
At 1 January 2021	135,298
Charge for the year	87,176
	222,474
At 31 December 2021	222,474
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	224,954
At 31 December 2021	316,177

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	Intangibles	
	£	
Cost		
At 1 January 2021		305,880
Additions		6,000
		<u>311,800</u>
At 31 December 2021		311,800
Accumulated amortisation		
At 1 January 2021		130,677
Charge for the year		98,598
		<u>229,275</u>
At 31 December 2021		229,275
Carrying amount		
At 31 December 2020		175,203
At 31 December 2021		<u>82,605</u>
	2021	2020
	£	£
Goodwill	<u>17,084,661</u>	<u>14,261,659</u>

In 2017 the Company acquired the trade and assets of Symplectic Limited and Altmetric LLP, for a consideration of £14,893,120. The Company accounted for this acquisition as common control transactions at book value reflecting net liabilities acquired at book value of £1,047,987 and goodwill of £14,261,658.

During the year, Goodwill of £2,823,002 was recognised in respect of the trade and asset transfer of CC Technology Limited. Further details can be seen in Note 12.

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****12 Investments**

	2021	2020	2019
		restated	restated
	£	£	£
Investments in subsidiaries	37,967,865	41,905,108	45,422,124
Investments in associates	688,000	688,000	688,000
Other investments	-	-	1,138,323
Loans as investments	1,170,323	291,592	251,433
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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

As part of a group reorganisation during the year, the trade and assets of subsidiary CC Technology Limited were transferred into the company. Consideration for this was £859,674, representing the Net assets acquired. The related investment has been impaired down to the carrying value of CC Technology Limited being £636,347. This has been replaced by the Goodwill of £2,823,002 (representing the goodwill created at group level on the original acquisition) with the balance of £1,279,241 being recorded within equity.

During 2020 the company purchased the remaining share capital in subsidiary Digital Science UK Limited (formerly Writelatex Limited) for a consideration of £4.7m. In relation to this purchase, 664 ordinary shares, with a value of £2,037,789 were issued to the former shareholders of Digital Science UK Limited (formerly Writelatex Limited). This part of the transaction was recognised in the 2021 accounts as a prior year adjustment.

During 2020 the subsidiary Symplectic Limited was liquidated and a loss on disposal of £9.3m was recognised in the profit and loss account. Prior to liquidation, Symplectic Limited paid a dividend to the company of £9.7m.

During 2019 the company became the sole partner in Figshare LLP, for a consideration of £995,000. Also in relation to this purchase, 657 Ordinary shares, with a value of £2,016,306, were issued to the former partner in Figshare LLP. This part of the transaction was recognised in the 2021 accounts as a prior year adjustment.

During 2019 the company purchased the share capital of several entities from parent company Holtzbrinck Science & Technology Limited (formerly Digital Science & Research Limited) details and consideration paid as follows:

Digital Science UK Ltd (formerly Writelatex Limited)	68.63%	8,355,000
Digital Science & Research Pty Limited	100.00%	91,000
CC Technology Limited	100.00%	4,764,000
Digital Science & Research ooo	100.00%	52,000
Total		<u>13,262,000</u>

Associate investment in Thinqlab was purchased from Holtzbrinck Science & Technology Limited (formerly Digital Science & Research Limited) during 2019 for a consideration of £688,000.

Since the balance sheet dates an agreement has been entered into by the minority investment in Gigantum Inc. to sell the majority of its assets and IP, in 2020 this investment was fully impaired, therefore a reversal of this impairment has been recognised in the profit and loss account in 2021. The value of this is £1,145,218, representing the entire book value. Further details can be seen in Note 28.

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13 Subsidiaries

Details of the company's principal subsidiaries at 31 December 2021 are as follows:

	Country of incorporation (or residence)	Proportion of ownership interest (%)	Proportion of voting power held (%)	Nature of business
Symplectic Limited	England and Wales	100.00%	100.00%	Software services
Figshare LLP	England and Wales	100.00%	50.00%	Software services
Digital Science & Research Solutions Inc	USA	100.00%	100.00%	Software services
DS Digital Science GmbH GmbH	Germany	100.00%	100.00%	Software services
Altmetric 2015 Limited	England and Wales	100.00%	100.00%	Software services
Altmetric LLP*	England and Wales	100.00%	100.00%	Software services
Digital Science & Research SRL	Romania	100.00%	85.00%	Software development
Digital Science UK Limited	England and Wales	100.00%	-	Software services
Digital Science & Research Pty Limited	Australia	100.00%	-	Software services
CC Technology Limited	Scotland	100.00%	-	Software development
Digital Science & Research ooo	Russia	100.00%	-	Software services

*Shares held by subsidiary undertakings

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****13 Subsidiaries (continued)**

Investments in the following companies are stated as follows:

	Intercompany holdings (%)	Cost	Impairment	Net
Figshare LLP	100.00%	4,173,939	-	4,173,939
Altmetric 2015 Limited	100.00%	2,782,135	-	2,782,135
Digital Science & Research Solutions Inc	100.00%	4,462,300	-	4,462,300
DS Digital Science GmbH	100.00%	11,060,213	-	11,060,213
UberResearch Inc	100.00%	638,794	-	638,794
Digital Science & Research SRL	85.00%	38,858	-	38,858
Digital Science UK Limited	68.63%	14,031,742	-	14,031,742
Digital Science & Research PTY Limited	100.00%	91,000	-	91,000
CC Technology Limited	100.00%	636,347	-	636,347
Digital Science & Research ooo	100.00%	52,537	-	52,537
Total		37,967,685	-	37,967,685

The investments in subsidiaries are all stated at cost. The investments were tested for impairment during the period and the cost was considered equal to the recoverable value of these investments.

14 Trade and other receivables

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade receivables	37,781	-
Other receivables	288,566	197,118
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	27,216,164	18,046,773
Amounts due from fellow group undertakings	498	84,156
Prepayments	153,397	96,168
	<u>27,696,406</u>	<u>18,424,215</u>

Included within amounts due from subsidiary undertakings are loans repayable from the subsidiary undertakings with an aggregate value of £19,859,593 (2020: £11,841,068). These loans are interest bearing and repayable on demand. The interest rates are as follows: 2.43% for UK loans, 2.48% for US loans and 2.35% for EU loans. Other receivables from related parties amounting to £7,357,069 (2020: £6,289,821), are not interest bearing and repayable on demand.

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The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other receivables is approximately equal to their fair value.

Ageing of past due but not impaired receivables	2021	2020
	£	£
Neither past due nor impaired	39,749	-
Past due but not impaired <60 days	-	-
Past due but not impaired 60-90 days	150	-
Over 90 days	(2,118)	-
	<u>37,781</u>	<u>-</u>

16 Trade and other payables

Current	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade payables	241,995	403,175
Amounts due to parent company	3,788,530	3,815,105
Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	26,599,359	16,679,142
Amounts due to fellow group undertakings	1,690,676	1,637,157
Accruals and deferred revenue	2,904,636	2,142,111
Social security and other taxation	14,683	277,529
Other payables	831,516	96,846
	<u>36,071,395</u>	<u>25,051,065</u>

Included within amounts due to related parties are loans payable to subsidiary undertakings with an aggregate value of £22,814,805 (2020: £18,345,099). These loans are interest bearing and repayable on demand. The interest rates are as follows: 2.43% for UK loans, 2.48% for US loans and 2.35% for EU loans. Other amounts due to related parties amounting to £9,501,019 (2020: 8,152,470), are not interest bearing and repayable on demand.

Non-current	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts due to parent company	9,483,943	6,127,491
Amounts payable under long term incentive plans	3,648,378	1,720,397
	<u>13,132,321</u>	<u>7,847,888</u>

Included within amounts due to parent company are loans payable to a parent company with an aggregate value of £9,483,943 (2020: £6,127,491). These loans are interest bearing and repayable on 29 December 2023 and 30 December 2024. The interest rates range from 7.5% to 10%.

Amounts payable under long term incentive plans includes, £3,394,378 (2020: £1,593,397) relating to share option liabilities.

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17 Lease liabilities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Current	287,784	279,893
Non-current	226,928	514,712
	<u>514,712</u>	<u>794,605</u>

The lease liabilities are secured by the related underlying assets. The undiscounted maturity analysis of lease liabilities at 31 December 2021 is as follows:

	2021	2020
	£'000	£'000
Minimum Lease Payments:		
Within one year	299,012	369,792
After one year but not more than five years	230,073	812,205
More than five years	-	71,763
	<u>529,085</u>	<u>1,253,760</u>
Finance charges:		
Within one year	11,228	89,899
After one year but not more than five years	3,145	297,493
More than five years	-	71,763
	<u>14,373</u>	<u>459,155</u>
Present Value of payments:		
Within one year	287,784	279,893
After one year but not more than five years	226,928	514,712
More than five years	-	-
	<u>514,712</u>	<u>794,605</u>

The Company has elected not to recognise a lease liability for short term leases (leases of expected term of 12 months or less) or for leases of low value assets. Payments made under such leases are expensed on a straight-line basis.

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****18 Deferred taxation**

There is no deferred tax asset or liability recognised in the accounts of the company. Deferred tax balances are calculated at the latest enacted rate of 19%. There is an un-recognised deferred tax asset in the company which is compromised as follows

	2021 £	2020 £
Tax losses	(3,155,867)	(2,979,671)
	<u>(3,155,867)</u>	<u>(2,979,671)</u>

This deferred tax asset is not recognized due to the losses incurred by the company in the current year, and the uncertainty as to exactly when the carried forward deferred tax assets will be available for use against future taxable profits.

Factors affecting future tax charges

The UK Budget 2021 announcements on 3 March 2021 included measures to support economic recovery as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These included an increase to the UK's main corporation tax rate to 25%, which is due to be effective from 1 April 2023. These changes were substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. It is not anticipated that these changes will have a material impact on the company's/group's deferred tax balances.

The effect on the Company of these further proposed changes of the UK tax system will be reflected in the Company's financial statements in future years, as appropriate, once the proposals have been substantively enacted.

19 Retirement benefit schemes**Defined contribution schemes**

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

The total costs charged to income in respect of defined contribution plans is £466,994, (2020: £390,474).

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20 Share capital	2021	2020	2019
	£	restated	restated
		£	£
Ordinary share capital			
<i>Issued and fully paid</i>			
66,351 Ordinary shares of £1 each	66,351	50,066	49,402
	<u>66,351</u>	<u>50,066</u>	<u>49,402</u>

21 Share premium account	£
At 1 January 2021	57,587,843
Issue of new shares	(16,285)
At 31 December 2021	<u>57,571,558</u>

The issue of share capital in the current year relates to the correction of the historic differences between the ordinary share capital and the share premium account, as a result of the prior year's share issues being recorded as the share premium instead of the ordinary share capital.

22 Merger reserve	£
	Restated
At 1 January 2019	-
Issue of new shares	2,015,649
At 31 December 2019	2,015,649
At 1 January 2020	2,015,649
Issue of new shares	2,016,306
At 31 December 2020	4,052,774
At 1 January 2021	4,052,774
At 31 December 2021	<u>4,052,774</u>

During 2019, 657 additional shares were issued as part of the consideration for acquiring the remaining share capital in Figshare LLP with a total value of £2,016,306. An amount of £2,015,649 was recognised in a merger reserve in relation to this transaction. During 2020, 664 additional shares were issued as part of the consideration for acquiring the remaining share capital in Digital Science UK Limited (formerly Writelatex Limited) with a total value of £2,037,789. An amount of £2,037,125 was recognised in a merger reserve in relation to this transaction.

23 Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in banks. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows can be reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cash and bank balances	<u>702,561</u>	<u>322,121</u>

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24 Capital risk management

The Company's principal financial instruments comprise related party borrowings, cash and short term deposits. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the Company's operations.

It is, and has been throughout the year under review, the Company's policy that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken.

The main risk arising from the company's financial instruments are foreign currency risk, credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risk and they are summarised below.

Foreign currency risk

The company is exposed to foreign exchange risk in a number of currencies, principally the US Dollar and the Euro.

The company operates with in foreign management policies agreed with the company's ultimate holding company.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counter party will not meet its obligation under a financial instrument or customer contract, leading to a financial loss. The company is exposed to credit risk from its operating activities and from its financing activities, foreign exchange transaction and other financial instruments.

Trade receivables

Customer credit risk is managed subject to the company's established policy, procedures and control relating to customers' credit risk management. Formal credit limits are in place for all major customers. It is not the company's policy to enter into credit insurance arrangements due mainly to restriction on countries covered and the cost of arranging insurance cover. However, the company's historic bad debt experience has been low.

Interest rate risk

The Company's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Company's long-term debt obligations. All of the Company's long term debt obligations are funded through the company's ultimate holding company. Banking facilities at the level of the company are arranged mainly by means of uncommitted credit facilities in order to manage the Company's working capital funding requirements. Management of the interest rate exposure on long-term debt obligation is undertaken at the level of the Company's ultimate holding company.

The sensitivity to a reasonable possible change in interest rates, with all other variables, held constant of the company's profit before tax (through the impact of floating rate borrowings) has been tested, but as the effect was immaterial this has not been disclosed.

Liquidity risk

Long-term Company's financial facilities are arranged at the level of the company's ultimate holding company. The company arranges adequate short and medium-term liquidity through its immediate and ultimate holding companies to fund forecast working capital requirements.

The Company's financial liabilities as at 31 December 2021, detailed in note 16, are expected to be settled within 1 year.

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25 Related party transactions

At the year end, the company had the following balances with related parties:

	Loans receivable		Trade receivables	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Altmetric 2015 Limited	4,677,531	4,568,175	-	-
Digital Science & Research Solutions Inc	12,533,547	4,531,782	3,450,471	3,106,392
Digital Science & Research SRL	209,636	225,551	14,066	9,631
DS Digital Science GmbH	1,415,114	2,105,032	294,931	317,321
Holtzbrinck Science & Technology Limited	-	-	152,489	152,489
Digital Science UK Limited	454,298	6,196	156,366	24,567
Biodata Inc	-	-	498	84,116
Figshare LLP	569,467	404,332	3,288,248	2,149,729
CC Technology Limited	-	-	-	445,576
	19,859,593	11,841,068	7,357,069	6,289,821

	Loans payable		Trade payables	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Digital Science & Research Solutions Inc	1,055,767	1,046,520	5,068,724	3,778,479
Symplectic Limited	-	-	-	1,063
Digital Science & Research SRL	-	-	44,680	37,371
Holtzbrinck Science & Technology Limited	3,788,530	3,815,105	846	846
CC Technology Limited	720,634	1,579,704	-	-
Macmillan Publishers international Limited	1,612,907	1,572,869	71,841	37,508
Altmetric LLP	6,024,565	5,895,973	-	-
Georg von Holtzbrinck GmbH & Co. KG	-	-	55,709	26,780
DS Digital Science GmbH	-	723,446	234,763	79,038
Digital Science & Research Pty Limited	-	-	363,477	199,530
Digital Science UK Limited	7,560,892	3,096,134	-	-
Holtzbrinck Investment Limited	9,483,942	6,127,491	-	-
CC Technology Limited	-	-	-	269,838
	30,247,237	23,857,242	5,840,040	4,430,453

The Company had the following transactions with related parties:

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25 Related party transactions (continued)

The Company had the following transactions with related parties:

	Revenue		Other income		Interest income	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Digital Science and Research Solutions Inc	9,155,609	8,592,070	2,605,490	2,410,032	50,053	65,331
Holtzbrinck Science & Technology Limited				224,367		
Digital Science UK Limited			162,052	80,672		
Figshare LLP			948,766	707,619	180,135	169,332
CC Technology Limited			5,225	92,231	30,762	36,589
DS Digital Science GmbH Georg Von Holtzbrinck GmbH & Co KG						15,123
					33,251	43,279
Digital Science & Research SRL					5,199	5,524
Altmetric 2015 Ltd					99,494	107,819
	9,155,609	8,592,070	3,721,533	3,514,921	368,132	391,285

	Other expenses		Interest expense	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Digital Science and Research Solutions Inc	1,098,849	1,349,554	99,940	
Holtzbrinck Science & Technology Limited		16,005		
Digital Science UK Limited			119,757	34,178
CC Technology Limited	306,938	224,865	30,762	34,178
Georg Von Holtzbrinck GmbH & Co KG	118,992			
Macmillan Publishers International Ltd	740,551	699,482		
Digital Science & Research SRL	410,589	308,875		
Digital Science & Research PTY Ltd	330,003	495,904		
DS Digital Science GmbH	209,808	215,213		15,123
Altmetric LLP			134,655	145,923
Holtzbrinck Investment Limited			614,930	437,491
	3,215,730	3,309,898	1,000,044	669,304

DIGITAL SCIENCE & RESEARCH SOLUTIONS LIMITED**SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****26 Controlling party**

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Digital Science & Research Limited which holds 75% of the issued share capital of the company. The Address of their registered office is The Campus, 4 Crinan Street, London, United Kingdom, N1 9XW.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Georg von Holtzbrinck GmbH & Co KG, a German partnership.

Georg Von Holtzbrinck GmbH & Co KG is the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertaking of which the company is a subsidiary undertaking for which group financial statements are prepared.

27 Cash generated from operations

	2021	2020
	£	£
Loss for the year	(5,566,755)	(5,332,751)
Adjustments for:		
Finance income	(378,656)	(391,286)
Finance costs	1,019,163	718,486
Depreciation	87,176	52,264
Depreciation on right-of-use assets	236,871	236,871
Amortisation of intangibles	98,598	111,878
Reversal of impairment	(1,145,218)	-
Movements in working capital:		
Increase in trade and other receivables	(8,893,535)	(2,408,213)
(Decrease)/Increase in trade and other payables	12,544,079	(4,606,961)
Cash (used in)/from operations	(1,998,277)	(11,619,712)

28 Post balance sheet events

In light of the war in Ukraine which commenced on 24 February 2022, the Company has considered whether any adjustments are required to reported amounts in the financial statements. The Company does not have income or accounts receivable balances with customers in Russia or Ukraine. The effect of trading restrictions or sanctions is not considered to have a material adverse impact on the Company or its investee companies (further details can be found in the individual accounts of the investees). Accordingly, the war is considered to be a non-adjusting event.

Since the balance sheet date an asset sale agreement has been entered into to by the minority investment Gigantum Inc. The Company's has received cash consideration in relation to this deal of \$1,589,700, and further consideration by way of dividends is expected of \$48,124 in various dates up to September 2023.