



# TXT e-solutions Group

Consolidated financial statements  
as at 31 December 2014

## TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

Registered office, management, and administration:

Via Frigia, 27 – 20126 Milan - Italy

Share capital:

€5,911,932 fully paid-in

Tax code and Milan Business Register number: 09768170152

## Corporate bodies

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members' term of office expires upon approval of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016:

Alvise Braga Illa	Chairman	(1)
Marco Edoardo Guida	Chief Executive Officer	(2)
Franco Cattaneo	Independent Director	(3)
Andrea Cencini	Director	(2)
Paolo Enrico Colombo	Director	(2)
Teresa Cristiana Naddeo	Independent Director	(3)
Stefania Saviolo	Independent Director	(3)

(1) Powers assigned: ordinary and extraordinary administration, except purchase and sale of buildings.

(2) Powers assigned: ordinary administration.

(3) Member of the Remuneration Committee and the Risks and Internal Controls Committee.

### BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS

Members' term of office expires upon approval of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016:

Raffaele Valletta	Chairman
Luisa Cameretti	Standing Auditor
Fabio Maria Palmieri	Standing Auditor
Angelo Faccioli	Alternate Auditor
Pietro Antonio Grignani	Alternate Auditor
Laura Grimi	Alternate Auditor

### EXTERNAL AUDITORS

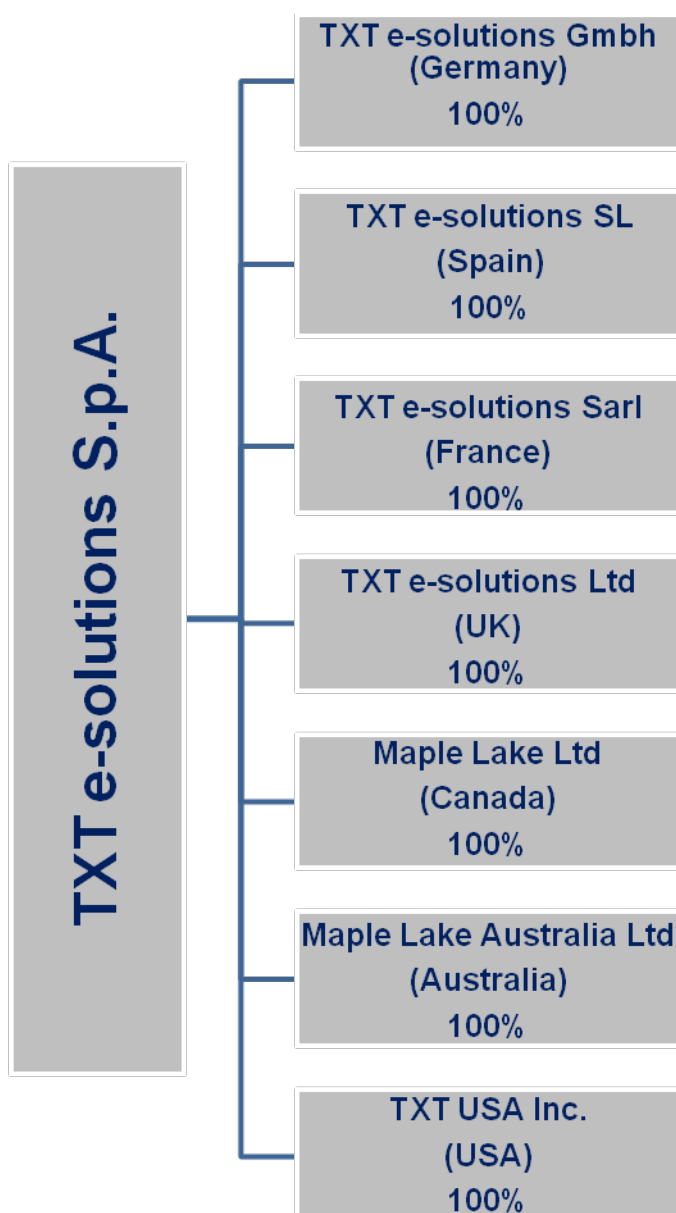
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Organisational structure and scope of consolidation



Key data and Directors' report on operations for the year 2014

## TXT e-solutions Group – Key data

<b>INCOME DATA</b> (€thousand)	<b>2014</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>% change</b>
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<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>55,878</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>
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of which:

TXT Perform	34,101	61.0	31,657	60.2	7.7
TXT Next	21,777	39.0	20,903	39.8	4.2

<b>GROSS OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EBITDA)</b>	<b>6,792</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>6,263</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>8.4</b>
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<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EBIT)</b>	<b>5,467</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>4,956</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.3</b>
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<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>4,172</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>(10.1)</b>
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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b> (€thousand)	<b>31 Dec. 2014</b>	<b>31 Dec. 2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
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Fixed assets	18,020	17,850	170
Net working capital	6,326	4,813	1,513
Post-employment benefits and other non-current liabilities	(3,841)	(3,299)	(542)
<b>Capital employed</b>	<b>20,505</b>	<b>19,364</b>	<b>1,141</b>
Net financial position	8,465	8,573	(108)
Group shareholders' equity	28,970	27,937	1,033

<b>DATA PER SHARE</b>	<b>31 Dec. 2014</b>	<b>31 Dec. 2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
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Average number of shares outstanding *	10,431,238	10,463,926	(32,688)
Net earnings per share *	0.40	0.44	(0.04)
Equity per share *	2.78	2.67	0.11

<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	<b>31 Dec. 2014</b>	<b>31 Dec. 2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
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Number of employees	569	498	71
TXT share price	7.81	9.07	(1.26)

\* The number of shares and the relevant 2013 prices were restated following the free share capital increase dated 17 December 2013, with the issue of one new share for every share issued, so as to allow comparison with 2014. The shares outstanding are equal to the shares issued less treasury shares.

## Notes on Alternative Performance Measures

Pursuant to the CESR Recommendation on alternative performance measures (CESR/05-178b), it should be noted that the reclassified statements included in this Directors' Report on Operations show a number of differences from the official statements shown in the accounting tables set out in the following pages and in the Notes with regard to the terminology and the level of detail.

Specifically, the reclassified consolidated Income Statement introduces the following terms:

- **EBITDA**, which in the official consolidated Income Statement means "Total revenues" net of total operating costs;
- **EBIT**, which in the official consolidated Income Statement means "Total revenues" net of total operating costs, depreciation and amortisation, and impairment of fixed assets.

The reclassified consolidated Balance Sheet was prepared based on the items recognised as assets or liabilities in the official consolidated Balance Sheet, and it introduces the following terms:

- **FIXED ASSETS**, the sum of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, goodwill, deferred tax assets and liabilities, and other non-current assets;
- **NET WORKING CAPITAL**, the sum of inventories, trade receivables/payables, current provisions, tax receivables/payables, and other current assets/liabilities and sundry receivables/payables;
- **CAPITAL EMPLOYED**, the algebraic sum of Fixed Assets, Net Working Capital, post-employment benefits, and other non-current liabilities.

## Directors' report on operations for the year 2014

Dear Shareholders,

TXT e-solutions' Board of Directors chaired by Alwise Braga Illa has approved today the consolidated results as at 31 December 2014.

During 2014 the Group focused on investing in North America and Europe to develop the Luxury and Fashion market for the TXT Perform software dealing with end-to-end solutions – from the collection to the shelf and e-commerce – for leading international customers.

- Total Revenues increased from € 52.6 million to € 55.9 million (+6.3%). The € 3.3 million increase in revenues was attributable to development of business in the two divisions for € 1.8 million (+3.4%) and to non-recurring income during the second quarter for € 1.5 million, received as compensation from two sellers of Maple Lake.
- TXT Perform Division's revenues (61% of the Group's revenues) increased by +7.7%, while those of the TXT Next division (39% of the Group's revenues) increased by +4.2%.
- International revenues grew from €28.2 million to €31.8 million, accounting for 57% of total revenues, and were essentially attributable to the TXT Perform Division.
- Net of direct costs, the Gross Margin rose from €27.7 million to €29.4 million. The € 1.7 million increase in gross margin in 2014 was due to the positive contribution of non-recurring income, net of non-recurring charges in the second quarter of the year (€ 1.1 million) and to the improvement in operating profit (€ 0.6 million). Gross margin amounted to 52.7%, unchanged compared to 2013.
- Gross operating profit (EBITDA) amounted to € 6.8 million, up by 8.4% compared to € 6.3 million in 2013, due to the positive contribution of non-recurring income, net of non-recurring charges (€ 1.1 million). Profit from operations fell by € 0.6 million compared to the prior year, due to higher investments (+9.0%).
- Earnings before taxes (EBT) amounted to € 5.2 million, up 15.4% compared to € 4.5 million in 2013, due to the reduction in net financial charges. The percentage of revenues grew from 8.6% to 9.3%.
- Net profit amounted to € 4.2 million (7.5% of revenues), after tax charges of € 1.0 million, equal to 20% of the earnings before taxes. In 2013, net profit benefited from revenues of € 0.1 million for deferred tax assets for previous tax losses.
- The Net Financial Position at 31 December 2014 was positive to the tune of € 8.5 million (€ 8.6 million at 31 December 2013), after distribution of dividends (€2.6 million) and 2013 bonuses to personnel (€2.2 million), as well as share buy-backs (€0.6 million).

Cash flow from operating activities in 2014, before changes in net working capital, amounted to €5.2 million, up +21.9% compared to €4.3 million in 2013.

- Shareholders' equity amounted to € 29.0 million at 31 December 2014, increasing by € 1.1 million from € 27.9 million at 31 December 2013, mainly due to the net profit for the period (€ 4.2 million), net of distribution of dividends (€ 2.6 million), share buy-backs (€ 0.6 million) and other changes in equity.

TXT's results for 2014, compared with the previous year's figures, are presented below:

<i>(€ thousand)</i>	2014		2013		% change
		%		%	
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>55,878</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Direct costs	26,455	47.3	24,854	47.3	6.4
<b>GROSS MARGIN</b>	<b>29,423</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>27,706</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>
Research and development costs	4,698	8.4	4,761	9.1	(1.3)
Commercial costs	11,094	19.9	10,174	19.4	9.0
General and administrative costs	6,839	12.2	6,508	12.4	5.1
<b>GROSS OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EBITDA)</b>	<b>6,792</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>6,263</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>8.4</b>
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	1,325	2.4	1,307	2.5	1.4
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EBIT)</b>	<b>5,467</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>4,956</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Financial income (charges)	(249)	(0.4)	(435)	(0.8)	(42.8)
<b>EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES (EBT)</b>	<b>5,218</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>4,521</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.4</b>
Taxes	(1,046)	(1.9)	121	0.2	n.s.
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>4,172</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>4,642</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>(10.1)</b>



## REVENUES AND GROSS MARGINS

The table below highlights the TXT Group's results reclassified by business unit down to gross margin:

<i>(€ thousand)</i>	TXT PERFORM				
	2014	%	2013	%	14/13 change
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>34,101</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>31,657</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Licenses & maintenance	12,537	36.8	12,762	40.3	(1.8)
Projects and other income	21,564	63.2	18,895	59.7	14.1
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>12,946</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>11,624</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>
<b>GROSS MARGIN</b>	<b>21,155</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>20,033</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<i>(€ thousand)</i>	TXT NEXT				
	2014	%	2013	%	14/13 change
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>21,777</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>20,903</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>
Licenses & maintenance	101	0.5	80	0.4	26.3
Projects and other income	21,676	99.5	20,823	99.6	4.1
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>13,509</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>13,230</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>GROSS MARGIN</b>	<b>8,268</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>7,673</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>
<i>(€ thousand)</i>	TOTAL TXT				
	2014	%	2013	%	14/13 change
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>55,878</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,560</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Licenses & maintenance	12,638	22.6	12,842	24.4	(1.6)
Projects and other income	43,240	77.4	39,718	75.6	8.9
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>26,455</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>24,854</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>GROSS MARGIN</b>	<b>29,423</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>27,706</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>6.2</b>

### TXT Perform Division

The TXT Perform Division mainly operates in the Luxury, Apparel and Large International Retail sectors, providing 'end-to-end' solutions – from the collection to the shelf and e-commerce – for business planning, sales budgeting, and effectively implementing business plans.

The TXT Perform Division's revenues amounted to € 34.1 million, rising 7.7% compared to € 31.7 million in 2013. The € 1.5 million non-recurring income received as compensation from two of Maple Lake shares' sellers contributed to this growth.

The division's international revenues increased from € 26.7 million to € 29.5 million, mainly due to good performance of sales in Germany and France, and account for 87% of TXT Perform's total revenues.

Revenues from licenses and maintenance amounted to € 12.5 million, down from the € 12.8 million in revenues recorded in 2013, mainly due to the higher number of large contracts during 2013. Revenues from licenses and maintenance amounted to 37% as a percentage of the Division's total revenues.

The Division's gross margin, net of direct costs, increased from € 20.0 million to € 21.2 million, essentially due to the positive contribution of non-recurring income (€ 1.1 million). Gross margin amounted to 62.0% as a percentage of revenues, compared to 63.3% in 2013.

New customers of TXT Perform in 2014 include Otto (D), La Halle (F), Orsay (F), The White Company (UK), Pandora (DK), Kronos (D), Constellium (D), Ellos (SE), PAS Group (AUS) and Build-a-Bear Workshop (USA), along with the extension of existing licenses for existing customers such as Damartex (F), Dior (F), Auchan (F), Starboard Cruise Services (USA), USCG Community (USA), Cotton On (AUS), Lindex (FIN), Ecco (DK) and Greencore (UK).

During 2014, the Division implemented the AgileFit solution for End-to-End Retail – an exclusive, innovative and proprietary solution applied for the first time to Miroglio, Bata and Pandora's systems. AgileFit speeds up installation and return on investments for TXT Customers. About 40 customers, including Thirty-One Gifts (USA), Damartex (F), Lacoste (F), Fat Face (UK), Hamm Reno (D), Apollo Optik (D), Yamamay (I), Lavazza (I), Peek & Cloppenburg (D) and La Halle (F) implemented new TXT solutions. Furthermore, six projects were launched for Louis Vuitton (F) and a roll out plan for Europe, America and Asia was implemented for Burberry's (UK).

We are also satisfied with the successful solutions created for Sephora France and completed within the deadlines. Such solutions will also be implemented by Sephora USA and Pandora, a dynamic new generation jeweller operating in 84 countries worldwide.

Customers of the Luxury, Fashion, and Retail sectors contributing to revenues in 2013 and 2014 numbered 350, with more than 100,000 points of sales and sales channels throughout the world. TXT Perform's potential market, in the geographical areas it currently serves – Europe and North America – includes approximately 1,500 large Retailers.

In 2014, TXT launched AgileFit, a new approach to the creation of Retail projects, speeding up implementation and return on investments in planning for customers in the Retail, Luxury and Fashion segments. TXTPlanning and TXTPLM respond to the challenge of creating “customer driven” assortment plans, based on advanced forecasting functions, work flow management processes and easy interface for staff in charge of planning and all the functions involved in the Retail process. This state-of-the-art solution represents the “Next generation” in the retail industry.

On 7 February 2014, TXT USA Inc. was incorporated with the aim of supporting trade development. Staff based in North America was increased by hiring high-profile managers and appointing two Senior Vice Presidents for North America's operations: Mr Peter Charness was appointed as Commercial Director and Chief Marketing Officer, and Jean-Philippe Vorsanger was appointed as Chief Operating Officer.

In 2014, TXT organised several Thinking Retail events – notably in Berlin, New York and Los Angeles – which saw the participation of over 200 large Retailers and international Brands, with the

aim of sharing experiences and results concerning integrated planning, based on TXT's omni-channel solutions.

### **TXT Next Division**

Revenues for the TXT Next division amounted to € 21.8 million, up 4.2% compared to € 20.9 million in 2013, mainly due to the good sales results for the Verification and Validations services in the banking sector. The Division's revenues accounted for 39% of the Group's revenues.

Gross margin increased from € 7.7 million to € 8.3 million, as a result of the lower impact of direct costs. The gross margin's percent impact increased from 36.7% to 38.0%.

TXT Next offers a specialised and innovative portfolio of engineering and software services to leading European companies, particularly in the following sectors:

- Aerospace, Automotive & Rail;
- High Tech Manufacturing;
- Banking & Finance.

TXT Next stands out for its ability to design highly reliable advanced solutions with technology as a key business factor. It specialises in mission critical software and systems and embedded software as well as in software for training purposes based on simulations and virtual & augmented reality.

TXT is a qualified partner for aerospace companies in designing and developing aviation products, systems and components, as well as in implementing innovative aeronautical production management systems.

In the financial and banking sector, TXT specialises in Business Process Modelling and Independent Verification & Validation of supporting IT systems.

The product range builds on the great operating experience accrued by working side by side with leading companies for over twenty years, as well as on our in-depth expertise in software planning and development. Furthermore, the Division has strategic partnerships with Microsoft, HP and IBM.

## **TXT GROUP'S REVENUES**

Research and development costs amounted to € 4.7 million in 2014, compared to € 4.8 million in 2013, due to the reduction of research activities for funded projects. As a percentage of revenues, they amounted to 8.4%. These costs were sustained to ensure constant updating of existing software products.

Commercial costs in the period stood at € 11.1 million, +9.0% compared to 2013 as a result of the strengthened commercial network in North America and Europe and for new initiatives to promote TXT Perform products at the NRF event in New York and the Thinking Retail! conference in Berlin and New York. Commercial costs rose from 19.4% to 19.9% as a percentage of revenues.

General and administrative costs amounted to € 6.8 million. As a percentage of revenues, they decreased from 12.4% in 2013 to 12.2%. The Group's presence in North America was strengthened through the incorporation of TXT USA Inc. aimed at accelerating trade development in the United States.

Gross operating profit (EBITDA) amounted to € 6.8 million in 2014, up from € 6.3 million in 2013, due to the positive contribution of non-recurring income (€ 1.5 million), net of non-recurring charges (net impact of € 1.1 million). Profit from operations slightly fell compared to the previous year, due to higher investments in North America and Europe (+€ 0.9 million).

Operating profit (EBIT) amounted to € 5.5 million, compared to € 5.0 million in 2013, up 10.3% after amortisation/depreciation of property, plant and equipment, R&D, intellectual property rights to software and the customer portfolio deriving from the Maple Lake acquisition; amortisation/depreciation amounted to a total of € 1.3 million, in line with the previous year. Operating profit was 9.8% of revenues, up compared to 9.4% in 2013.

Earnings before taxes (EBT) amounted to € 5.2 million, up 15.4% compared to € 4.5 million in 2013, due to the reduction in net financial charges. The percentage of revenues grew from 8.6% to 9.3%.

Net profit amounted to € 4.2 million, after tax charges of € 1.0 million, equal to approximately 20% of the earnings before taxes. In 2013, net profit benefited from net tax income of € 0.1 million for deferred tax assets for previous tax losses.

## CAPITAL EMPLOYED

At 31 December 2014, Capital Employed totalled €20.5 million, compared to €19.4 million at 31 December 2013, mainly due to the increase in net working capital.

The table below shows the details:

(€ thousand)	31 Dec. 2014	31 Dec. 2013	Change
Intangible assets	15,079	15,370	(291)
Net property, plant and equipment	1,249	1,118	131
Other fixed assets	1,692	1,362	330
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>18,020</b>	<b>17,850</b>	<b>170</b>
Inventories	1,821	1,451	370
Trade receivables	18,571	16,840	1,731
Sundry receivables and other short-term assets	2,197	1,802	395
Trade payables	(1,540)	(1,504)	(36)
Tax payables	(1,117)	(842)	(275)
Sundry payables and other short-term liabilities	(13,606)	(12,934)	(672)
<b>Net working capital</b>	<b>6,326</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>1,513</b>
<b>Post-employment benefits and other non-current liabilities</b>	<b>(3,841)</b>	<b>(3,299)</b>	<b>(542)</b>
<b>Capital employed</b>	<b>20,505</b>	<b>19,364</b>	<b>1,141</b>
Group shareholders' equity	28,970	27,937	1,033
Net financial position (Cash)	(8,465)	(8,573)	108
<b>Capital employed</b>	<b>20,505</b>	<b>19,364</b>	<b>1,141</b>

Intangible assets fell by €0.3 million as a result of amortisation of research and development costs, intellectual property rights to software and the customer portfolio acquired from the Maple Lake group.

Property, plant and equipment amounted to €1.2 million, up €0.1 million compared to year-end 2013, due to investments made in servers and computers.

Other assets amounted to €1.7 million, essentially comprising deferred tax assets which increased by €0.3 million compared to the end of 2013, upon recognition of prepaid taxes on prior tax losses.

Net working capital increased by €1.5 million, from €4.8 million to €6.3 million, due to the rise in trade receivables (+€1.7 million), particularly from customers in the aerospace & defence segment, inventories (+€0.4 million) for customer orders accrued and not yet invoiced, and the increase in sundry receivables (+€0.4 million), including research and development grants not yet collected.

Liabilities arising from Post-Employment Benefits and other non-current liabilities rose from € 3.3 million to € 3.8 million, mainly due reduction in the interest rates used in the actuarial valuation of said liabilities.

Consolidated shareholders' equity amounted to € 29.0 million, increasing by € 1.1 million from € 27.9 million at 31 December 2013, mainly due to the net profit for the period (€ 4.2 million), net of distribution of dividends (€ 2.6 million) and share buy-backs (€ 0.6 million).

The consolidated Net Financial Position at 31 December 2014 was positive to the tune of € 8.5 million, essentially in line with 31 December 2013 (positive for € 8.6 million), due to the generation of cash flow from operating activities, which financed the payment of dividends (€ 2.6 million), the purchase of treasury shares (€ 0.6 million) and growth in net working capital following development of business (+€ 1.3 million).

Pursuant to Consob communication dated 28 July 2006 and in conformity with the CESR's recommendation dated 10 February 2005, "Recommendations for the consistent implementation of the European Commission's Regulation on prospectuses", it is noted that the TXT e-solutions Group's Net Financial Position at 31 December 2014 is as follows:

(€ thousand)	31 Dec. 2014	31 Dec. 2013	Change
Cash and bank assets	12,304	14,821	(2,517)
Short-term financial payables	(2,154)	(3,352)	1,198
<b>Short-term financial resources</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>11,469</b>	<b>(1,319)</b>
Payables due to banks with maturity beyond 12 months	(1,685)	(2,896)	1,211
<b>Net Available Financial Resources</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>8,573</b>	<b>(108)</b>

The Net Financial Position at 31 December 2014 is detailed as follows:

- Cash and bank assets of € 12.3 million: the group's cash and bank assets were largely invested in euro-denominated short-term bank deposits, with the rest being held as cash for operating activities. This item also includes grants for research projects (€ 0.9 million) received by TXT as coordinator and lead manager; these amounts will be subsequently distributed to the other participating companies and the amounts were therefore recognised under short-term financial payables. The overall effect of these advances on net financial position is therefore zero.
- The € 2.2 million in short-term financial payables consist of payments due within 12 months for outstanding medium/long-term loans (€ 1.3 million) and the financial payable for grants to be paid to research projects partners (€ 0.9 million).
- Payables due to banks with maturity beyond 12 months, totalling € 1.7 million, consist of a 5-year loan entered into at the end of 2012 with an initial par value of € 4.0 million and a 3.6% interest rate, as well as of largely subsidised medium/long-term loans for funded research and development. The item decreased by € 1.2 million compared with 31 December 2013 due to outstanding loan payments.

## Q4 2014 ANALYSIS

An analysis of the fourth quarter of 2014 is provided in the table below:

<i>(€ thousand)</i>	Q4 2014		Q4 2013		% change
		%		%	
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>14,196</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>12,949</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9.6</b>
Direct costs	7,004	49.3	6,092	47.0	15.0
<b>GROSS MARGIN</b>	<b>7,192</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>6,857</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>4.9</b>
Research and development costs	1,310	9.2	1,143	8.8	14.6
Commercial costs	2,901	20.4	2,558	19.8	13.4
General and administrative costs	1,776	12.5	1,657	12.8	7.2
<b>GROSS OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EBITDA)</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1,499</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>(19.6)</b>
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	345	2.4	362	2.8	(4.7)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) (EBIT)</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>(24.4)</b>
Financial income (charges)	(57)	(0.4)	(119)	(0.9)	(52.1)
<b>EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES (EBT)</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>(21.1)</b>
Taxes	(239)	(1.7)	737	5.7	n.s.
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>(67.9)</b>

Compared to the last quarter of 2013, Q4 performance was as follows:

- Net revenues totalled € 14.2 million, up 9.6% compared to € 12.9 million in Q4 2013. Revenues from the sale of licenses and maintenance amounted to € 3.3 million and grew +23.6% compared to € 2.7 million in Q4 2013, due to good performance of license sales. Revenues from services grew 6.0% from € 10.3 million to € 10.9 million. The TXT Perform division grew 6.6% during the quarter, while the TXT Next division increased by +14.1%.
- The gross margin amounted to € 7.2 million compared to € 6.9 million, up 4.9%, after allocation variable compensation for employees. Profitability on revenues amounted to 50.7%, down compared to 53% in Q4 2013, due to higher direct personnel costs.
- Research and development costs amounted to € 1.3 million, up 14.6% compared to € 1.1 million in Q4 2013, due to acceleration for the development of AgileFit and in-memory solutions.
- Commercial costs amounted to € 2.9 million, up 13.4% compared to € 2.6 million in Q4 2013, due to investments in the sales forces in North America and Europe. Commercial costs rose from 19.8% to 20.4% as a percentage of revenues.
- General and administrative costs amounted to € 1.8 million. As a percentage of revenues, they decreased from 12.8% to 12.5%.
- Gross operating profit (EBITDA) amounted to € 1.2 million, down compared to € 1.5 million in Q4 2013, essentially due to the increase in R&D and commercial investments. As a percentage of revenues, they amounted to 8.5%.



- Operating profit (EBIT) was €0.9 million, compared to € 1.1 million in Q4 2013, net of depreciation/amortisation of property, plant and equipment, R&D costs capitalised in previous years, intellectual property rights to software and the customer portfolio deriving from the Maple Lake acquisition.
- Net profit was € 0.6 million, compared to € 1.8 million in Q4 2013, which included € 0.7 million in revenues for deferred tax assets for previous tax losses. Tax charges recognised during Q4 2014 amounted to €0.2 million.

## **EMPLOYEES**

At 31 December 2014, the Group had 569 employees, compared with 498 at 31 December 2013, with an increase of 71 employees working in both divisions (TXT Perform and TXT Next) for the purpose of strengthening the commercial and technical networks.

Personnel costs amounted to €34.1 million in 2014, compared to €31.3 million in 2013, rising 8.7%, mainly as a result of the increase in the TXT Perform and TXT Next Divisions' technical and commercial staff and the decision to carry out some activities previously performed by external suppliers internally.

## **TXT SHARE PERFORMANCE AND TREASURY SHARES**

In 2014, the share price of TXT e-solutions reached a high of €11.91 on 4 February 2014 and a low of €6.89 on 14 October 2014. At 31 December 2014, the share price was €7.81.

Trade volumes in 2014 remained high, with a daily average of 47,500 shares traded.

On 3 February 2014, one new share for every share held was granted, following the free share capital increase resolved upon by the Shareholders' Meeting of 17 December 2013. In accordance with the adjustment made by Borsa Italiana, an adjustment factor of 0.50x was applied to historical values. As a result, share prices for 2013 have halved, so as to be consistent with current prices, which reflect the double number of shares. Trade volumes doubled accordingly, leaving the value of daily trades unchanged.

At 31 December 2014, treasury shares amounted to 1,427,850 (1,368,120 at 31 December 2013), accounting for 12.08% of shares outstanding, and were purchased at an average price of € 2.84 per share.

In 2014, TXT purchased 72,070 treasury shares at an average price of €8.27 per share, for a total of €595,860. 12,340 treasury shares were granted to an employee following the achievement of the Stock Grant performance targets.

The Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014 renewed the authorisation to purchase treasury shares for a period of 18 months up to 20% of the share capital. According to the plan, the maximum payment must not be higher than the average of the official Stock Market prices in the three sessions prior to the purchase, plus 10%, and in any case it must not exceed €25.00.

The Shareholder's Meeting held on 16 April 2014 examined and approved the 2013 financial statements and approved the distribution of a €0.25 dividend per share, up on the €0.20 dividend per share distributed in 2013. Dividends were paid on 22 May 2014 (ex-dividend date: 19 May



2014; record date: 21 May 2014). Total dividends amounted to € 2.6 million paid in relation to 10.5 million shares, excluding treasury shares held at that date.

The Shareholders' Meeting appointed the members of the Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors, who will hold office for three years until the approval of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016. The Board of Directors is therefore still composed of 7 directors – with the term renewed for another three-year period for 6 of them, while Ms Stefania Saviolo replaced Mr Adriano De Maio, who was independent director during the last 14 years.

As far as the Board of Statutory Auditors is concerned, Ms Luisa Cameretti replaced Mr Luigi Filippini as Standing Auditor.

In order to provide regular updates on the Company, an email-based communication channel is operational (txtinvestor@txtgroup.com). Everyone can sign up for this service in order to receive, in addition to press releases, specific communications to Investors and Shareholders.

## **DISCLOSURE ON TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

Transactions by TXT e-solutions S.p.A. with related parties, as identified by IAS 24, essentially refer to the provision of services and the funding and lending activities with the Group's subsidiaries. All transactions fall within the course of ordinary activities and are conducted at arm's length, i.e. under the conditions that would apply between two independent parties, and are carried out in the interest of the Group companies.

On a half-yearly basis, directors and managers with strategic responsibilities declare any transactions with the parent company and with subsidiaries, including through third parties, in accordance with the provisions of IAS 24.

Amounts of transactions with related parties for trading, financial or other purposes are highlighted in Note 5 of the "Notes to the consolidated financial statements". Identification, approval and execution of transactions with related parties by TXT are governed by the "Procedure governing transactions with related parties" approved on 8 November 2010 and published on the web site: [www.txtgroup.com/it/governance](http://www.txtgroup.com/it/governance).

With regard to the description of risks, reference should be made to the relevant "Financial Risk Management" section of the Notes.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND REMUNERATION REPORT**

The Parent Company's By-Laws comply with the provisions of the Corporate Governance Code issued by the Corporate Governance Committee for Listed Companies. The annual Report on Corporate Governance and Shareholding Structures is included in Appendix 2.

Appendix 3 includes the corporate policy for the remuneration of directors.

**EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD AND OUTLOOK**

On 26 February 2015, it was announced that TXT Retail AsiaPacific Ltd would be operational in Hong Kong around the end of the current quarter, in order to provide direct support to key projects and international customers of the Asia Pacific area. The new Hong Kong company, wholly-owned by TXT e-solutions, will lead TXT's growth in the large, dynamic Asia Pacific market, with local business managers, directly connected to the TXT Solution Center in Milan and TXT's international organisation in Europe, North America and Australia.

2015 started with increasing risks attributable to the general situation and the uncertain trend of the reference markets, including the Luxury and Fashion segments. Despite this, the Company believes it can outperform the market, thanks to ongoing investments in North America, and the development of existing customers, already numerous and based throughout the world. The Company is increasingly targeting international manufacturing sectors which are gradually recovering.

The portfolio of negotiations for new licenses and contracts is fair, but it is subject to uncertainties over the outcome of negotiations and decision times. The outlook for orders for services and projects is favourable and envisages development in the current quarter's performance essentially in line with the prior-year period.

There are no additional events worthy of mention.

Manager responsible for preparing  
corporate accounting documents

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Paolo Matarazzo

Alvise Braga Illa

Milan, 4 March 2015

TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

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Pursuant to Article 123-bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance

Milan, 4 March 2015

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## GLOSSARY

**2014 Corporate Governance Code:** the Corporate Governance Code of listed companies approved in July 2014 by the Corporate Governance Committee and promoted by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., ABI, Ania, Assogestioni, Assonime and Confindustria.

**Civil Code:** the Italian Civil Code.

**Board:** the Issuer's Board of Directors.

**Issuer:** the issuer of listed shares to which the Report refers.

**Financial Year:** the accounting period to which the Report refers.

**Consob Issuers' Regulation:** Regulation 11971/1999 (and subsequent amendments) concerning issuers issued by Consob.

**Consob Regulation on markets:** Regulation 16191/2007 (and subsequent amendments) concerning markets issued by Consob.

**Consob Regulation on transactions with related parties:** Regulation 17221 of 12 March 2010 (and subsequent amendments) on transactions with related parties issued by Consob.

**Report:** the report on corporate governance and shareholding structure drafted by companies pursuant to Article 123-bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance (TUF).

**Consolidated Law on Finance (*Testo unico finanziario, TUF*):** Legislative Decree no. 58 dated 24 February 1998.

## **1. ISSUER'S PROFILE**

This report illustrates the Corporate Governance system adopted by TXT e-solutions S.p.A. (hereinafter the "Company" or "TXT") and its compliance with the Corporate Governance Code of listed companies (hereinafter the "Code") pursuant to Article 124-bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance, Article 89-bis of the Consob Issuers' Regulation and Article IA.2.6 of the Instructions accompanying Borsa Italiana S.p.A.'s Rules.

Within the scope of the measures aimed at enhancing value for shareholders and ensuring transparent management actions, TXT defined an articulated and homogeneous system of rules of conduct concerning both its own organisational structure and relations with stakeholders – in particular with shareholders – that comply with the most advanced Corporate Governance standards. The Corporate Governance system adopted by the Board is in line with the principles stated in the Code aimed at ensuring proper and transparent corporate information and creating value for shareholders through an effective management of the Company.

Corporate bodies are listed below:

- Shareholders' Meeting;
- Board of Directors;
- Remuneration Committee;
- Risks and Internal Controls Committee;
- Board of Statutory Auditors.

The duly constituted Shareholders' Meeting (the "Shareholders' Meeting") represents the Company through its resolutions, which are adopted in compliance with the law and the By-Laws; they are binding on all shareholders, including those who are absent or dissenting.

The Board of Directors (the "Board") is assigned with the tasks of managing the Company on an exclusive basis. It is appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting every three years. Its members shall appoint a Chairman and a CEO and define their powers.

The Remuneration Committee is constituted by Board members and has consultative and advisory functions. In particular, it puts forward opinions and proposals to the Board of Directors concerning the remuneration of the Company's executive directors and managers with strategic responsibilities.

The Risks and Internal Controls Committee is constituted by Board members empowered to assess the adequacy of internal control and risk management systems, and to express an opinion on the control procedures.

The Board of Statutory Auditors is responsible for ensuring compliance with the law and the Company's By-Laws as well as for overall management controls. Is not assigned with the task of auditing company accounts, which is the responsibility of External Auditors, registered in a specific Register. The latter are vested with the power to verify, during the reporting period, that company books are properly managed, accounting items are correctly recorded and statutory and consolidated financial statements are in line with accounting entries and audits performed, and that all accounting documents are compliant with relevant regulations.

The corporate bodies' powers and tasks comply with the law, the Company's By-Laws and bodies' resolutions passed from time to time.

A copy of the annual report is available at the Company's registered office and on the website [www.txtgroup.com](http://www.txtgroup.com) under the "Company/Investor Relations/Corporate Governance" section.

## **2. INFORMATION ON THE SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1 of the Consolidated Law on Finance) at 31 December 2014**

### **a) Share capital structure (Article 123-bis, paragraph, 1, letter a), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

The Company's share capital is fully made up by ordinary shares. At 31 December 2014, the subscribed and paid-in share capital was equal to € 5,911,932.00, broken down into 11,823,864 shares with a par value of € 0.50 each.

In addition, the Shareholders' Meeting of 23 April 2012 approved a stock grant plan providing for the allocation of a maximum of 1,020,000 shares (originally 510,000, they doubled subsequently to the free share capital increase of 2013) to the Company's top managers, dependent on achieving specific performance goals, which may be assigned by the Board of Directors in three three-year tranches, with the Plan ending by 30 June 2017.

The Shareholders' Meeting held on 17 December 2013 passed a resolution approving a free share capital increase involving the issue of 1 share with a par value of € 0.5, cum dividend, for every share held, by using the share premium reserve. Shares have become cum dividend since 1 January 2013. The new shares issued became effective on the Stock Market on 3 February 2014, increasing from 5,911,932 to 11,823,864 shares.

### **b) Share transfer restrictions (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter b), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

There are no share transfer restrictions.

### **c) Significant shareholdings (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter c), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

In accordance with the communications made pursuant to Article 120 of the Consolidated Law on Finance, the Company's shareholdings above 2% are indicated in Table 1.

### **d) Shares with special control rights (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter d), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

No shares with special controlling interests have been issued.

### **e) Employee shareholdings: exercise of voting rights (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter e), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

The By-Laws do not envisage any provisions on the exercise of voting rights by employee shareholders.

### **f) Restrictions to voting rights (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter f), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

There are no restrictions to voting rights.

### **g) Shareholders' agreements (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter g), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

No shareholders' agreements pursuant to Article 122 of the Consolidated Law on Finance have been notified to the Company.



**h) Change of control clauses (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter h), of the Consolidated Law on Finance) and provisions on takeover bids as per the Company's By-Laws (Articles 104, paragraph 1-ter, and 104-bis, paragraph 1)**

The Company and its subsidiaries did not enter into significant agreements that are effective, change or terminate if the Company's controlling interests change.

**i) Agreements between the Company and its directors providing for a severance package in case of resignation, dismissal without just cause or end of term of office because of a takeover bid**

At 31 December 2014, no agreement was entered into.

Disclosures pursuant to Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter i) are provided in the Remuneration Report, published pursuant to Article 123-ter of the Consolidated Law on Finance.

**l) Provisions applicable to the appointment and replacement of Directors, as well as to the amendment of the By-Laws, if different from the relevant supplementary legal and regulatory provisions**

At 31 December 2014, there were no provisions different from the applicable legal or regulatory provisions.

Disclosures pursuant to Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter l) are provided in the Board of Directors' Report (Section 4.1).

**m) Delegated powers to increase share capital and authorisation to purchase treasury shares (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter m), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

On 17 December 2013, the Shareholders' Meeting passed a resolution approving a free share capital increase of € 2,955,966.00, involving the issue of one new ordinary share with a par value of € 0.50, cum dividend as from 1 January 2013, for every share held, by using part of the share premium reserve, and providing the Board of Directors with powers for implementation. The issue was subscribed on 3 February 2014.

On 23 April 2012, the Shareholders' Meeting approved a stock grant plan for managers with strategic and key roles within the Company and the Group, up to a maximum of 1,020,000 ordinary shares (originally 510,000, they doubled subsequently to the share capital increase), to be performed by granting treasury shares.

On 16 April 2014, the Company's Shareholders' Meeting revoked the previous authorisation to purchase treasury shares and empowered the Board of Directors to proceed, also through delegated parties, pursuant to Article 2357 of the Italian Civil Code, with the purchase, in one or more tranches, for a period of 18 months since the resolution, of TXT e-solutions S.p.A. ordinary shares up to the legal maximum amount of 20% of the share capital. The minimum payment for the purchase must not be lower than the par value of TXT e-solutions S.p.A. shares, and the maximum payment must not be higher than the average of the official Stock Market prices in the three sessions prior to the purchase, plus 10%, and in any case it must not exceed € 25.00 (twenty-five/00).

The Shareholders' Meeting also authorised the Board of Directors, pursuant to Article 2357-ter of the Italian Civil Code, to transfer – also through delegated parties, at any time, in whole or in part, in one or more tranches and also before the purchases have been completed – treasury shares purchased based on this resolution, through their sale on the market, in relation to the stock options and stock grant plans adopted by the Shareholders' Meeting, and, finally, as a consideration for the purchase of holdings and/or the conclusion of agreements within the framework of the Company's investment policy. As necessary and in compliance with the legal and regulatory provisions, the Board can establish the suitable deadlines, means and conditions, without prejudice to the fact that the disposal of the shares may take place for a minimum amount that is not lower than the par value of such shares.

This purchase will be made possible by using the share premium reserve for an amount equal to the value of the treasury shares purchased.

At the end of the reporting period, 1,427,850 treasury shares are recognised in the Company's financial statements (1,368,120 at 31 December 2013), equal to 12.08% of the share capital, for a total par value of €

713,925 and a market value of € 11,151,509 (share price at 31 December 2014 equal to € 7.81). This purchase is possible by using the share premium reserve for an amount equal to the value of the treasury shares purchased. During 2014, 72,070 treasury shares were purchased at an average price of € 8.27 and 12,340 treasury shares were awarded to employees within the Stock Grant Plan.

**Management and coordination activities (Article 2497 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code)**

The Company is not subject to any management and coordination activities pursuant to Article 2497 et seq. of the Italian Civil Code.

### **3. COMPLIANCE (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter a), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

The Company adopted the Corporate Governance Code for listed companies approved by the Corporate Governance Committee in March 2006 (and subsequent amendments) and promoted by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. The Code is available to the public on Borsa Italiana's website ([www.borsaitaliana.it](http://www.borsaitaliana.it)).

The Issuer and its strategically important subsidiaries are not subject to non-Italian legal provisions affecting the Company's corporate governance structure.

## **4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **4.1. Appointment and replacement (Article 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter L), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

The Company is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of three to fourteen members, as decided by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting upon appointment. Directors are appointed in compliance with current applicable regulations on gender balance as specified below.

The Director's position is subject to compliance with the respectability, professionalism and independence requirements pursuant to the provisions applicable to the Company, and with those provided for by the codes of conduct issued by the company managing regulated markets.

If one or more members leave office during the financial year, those remaining in office replace them through a resolution approved by the Board of Statutory Auditors, as long as the majority of Board members is appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting. If the leaving members had been appointed by minorities (as hereafter defined), the new members will be chosen by the Board from among those belonging to the leaving members' minority list. In the event of replacement, the Board of Directors must also ensure compliance with current regulations on gender balance. The new members will hold office until the next Shareholders' Meeting.

Board Members are appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting on the basis of lists in which candidates must be progressively included. Shareholders who, alone or together with other shareholders, reach at least the share capital percentage provided for by the law or by Consob pursuant to Article 147-ter, paragraph 1, of the Consolidated Law on Finance (currently at 4.5%) have the right to submit the lists. The minimum shareholding requirement for the submission of lists is met based on the number of shares held by Shareholders upon submission. Related certification may be provided after the deposit but within the deadline scheduled for the publication of lists by the issuer.

Each shareholder can submit, or participate with other shareholders in the submission of, only one list and each candidate can stand in only one list, under penalty of being ineligible to qualify as a candidate.

The lists shall be deposited at the issuer's offices no later than 25 days before the date fixed for the Shareholders' Meeting resolving on the appointment of Board of Directors' members and they shall be available to the public at the Company's registered office, on its website, and by any other means provided for by Consob Regulation at least 21 days before the date fixed for the Shareholders' Meeting.

Within the above-mentioned deadlines, each list must also be submitted together with the declarations in which

individual candidates accept their candidacy and certify the absence of ineligibility and incompatibility reasons and the possession of relevant regulatory requirements, the candidate's CV and the existence of any independence requirements pursuant to Article 148, paragraph 3, of the Consolidated Law on Finance. The shareholders shall prove they own the number of shares necessary for submitting the lists by providing and/or sending a copy of the notices issued by the relevant parties to the Company's registered office, at least three days before the date scheduled for the Shareholders' Meeting on first call. The lists must show which candidates comply with the independence requirements provided for by the law.

Each person entitled to vote may vote for just one list.

The appointment of Directors is as follows:

- in the event that more than one list is submitted:

- a) four fifths of Board members are selected from the list that received the highest number of votes, based on the list's progressive order and rounding to the lower unit, in case of decimals;
- b) the other Board members are selected from the list ranking second, based on the list's progressive order, as long as said list is not directly or indirectly connected with the shareholders who submitted or voted for the list receiving the highest number of votes; in the event that several lists obtained the same number of votes, a run-off will be held between said lists and all the shareholders participating in the Shareholders' Meeting will cast their vote. The candidates belonging to the two lists receiving the majority of votes are elected;

- if only one list is submitted, directors are selected from that list, based on the list's progressive order until the number of directors provided for by the Shareholders' Meeting is reached;

- if no list is submitted or the number of elected candidates is not sufficient with respect to the number of directors required by the Shareholders' Meeting, directors are appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting through a resolution passed by the type of majority required by the law.

The lists with three or more candidates must include a gender mix, as provided for in the Shareholders' Meeting's notice, so that the Board of Directors' composition complies with current regulations on gender balance.

In any case, the appointed directors shall include at least one independent director, or the number of directors provided for by the regulations applicable to the Company upon appointment. If the independent director is not elected on the basis of the above-mentioned voting procedure, he/she will be appointed in place of the last director selected from the list he/she belongs to, giving priority to the independent director belonging to the list that received the greatest number of votes.

The minimum gender mix requirements provided for by regulations applicable to the Company must be complied with upon directors' appointment. If, following the election of candidates based on lists, the Board of Directors' composition does not comply with the gender mix requirements, a director of the least represented gender shall be appointed in place of the last director selected from the list to which he/she belongs, giving priority to the director of the least represented gender belonging to the list that received the majority of votes. Finally, if said procedure does not ensure within the Board the minimum gender mix requirements provided for by regulations, directors belonging to the least represented gender shall be appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting through a resolution passed by the type of majority required by the law without any restriction in terms of lists, and shall replace, if necessary to reach the number of board members required by the Shareholders' Meeting, the last elected candidate taken from the list that received the majority of votes.

In addition to the provisions of the Consolidated Law on Finance, the Company is not subjected to other provisions regarding the composition of the Board of Directors (such as industry provisions).

The Board of Directors has not established, within the Board, any Nomination Committee, since that function is directly performed by the Board owing to the Company's shareholders structure and Board's size.

At its meeting of 10 May 2012 the Board of Directors decided not to adopt a succession plan for executive directors (*Criterion 5.C.2.*), since the identification of parties to be assigned such role or the adoption of relevant selection criteria cannot be performed before the replacement becomes necessary. The appointment of a new executive director shall be assessed on a case by case basis.

#### **4.2. Composition (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter d), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

In accordance with the Company's By-Laws, the Board of Directors has a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 14 members, pursuant to the resolution passed by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting upon appointment.

Board members' term of office lasts for three financial years; afterwards they may be re-elected. The current Board includes 7 members, 4 of whom are executive directors and 3 are non-executive independent directors. Pursuant to Article 3 of the Code, the latter do not have any economic relations with the Company, its subsidiaries, executive directors or shareholders such as to prejudice their judgement. In addition, they do not hold, directly or indirectly, any controlling interests and they do not enter in any shareholders' agreements to control the Company.

All members of the Board of Directors have been appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014 and shall remain in office up until approval of the Financial Statements at 31 December 2016.

During the Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014, two lists were submitted. The majority list was submitted by E-business consulting SA with the names of Franco Cattaneo (independent board member) and Teresa Cristiana Naddeo (independent board member) (both elected). The minority list was submitted by Alvisè Braga Illa, with the following names: Alvisè Braga Illa, Paolo Enrico Colombo, Marco Edoardo Guida, Stefania Saviolo (independent board member) and Andrea Cencini (all elected). There are no connections between the lists. The majority list received 54.42% of votes; the minority list 45.58%.

On 8 May 2014, the Board of Directors appointed Mr Alvisè Braga Illa as Chairman and Mr Marco Edoardo Guida as Chief Executive Officer.

Directors Alvisè Braga Illa, Marco Edoardo Guida, Franco Cattaneo, Paolo Enrico Colombo, Andrea Cencini and Teresa Cristiana Naddeo, elected by the Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014, had already been serving as Directors.

The professional experiences of each director (Article 144-decies of the Consob Issuers' Regulation) are indicated below:

##### Alvisè Braga Illa

Born in Segovia (Spain) on 12 December 1939.

After graduating from Politecnico di Milano, Mr Braga Illa worked for ten years as a researcher and professor at the Lincoln Laboratory and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he was also in charge of the Optical Communications Group and Network Systems. Mr Braga Illa managed Italtel R&D Laboratories, founded Zeltron S.p.A. and led the Ducati Energia restructuring process as General Manager. Mr Braga Illa founded TXT Automation Systems, sold to ABB in 1997, and TXT e-solutions in 1989.

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##### Marco Guida

Born in Milan on 12 September 1961.

After graduating in Electronic Engineering, Mr Guida was in charge of a Computer Integrated Manufacturing team at Pirelli Informatica until 1994, when he joined TXT e-solutions. From 2000 onwards Mr Guida has been appointed as Vice Chairman and subsequently as Manager of International Operations, effectively converting TXT from an Italian company to an international group, by managing the acquisition and integration of two foreign companies (based in UK and Germany, respectively). In 2006 he was appointed as General Manager of TXT e-solutions and in January 2009 he was appointed as CEO of the TXT Group.

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##### Franco Cattaneo

Born in Trieste on 11 July 1939.

Degree in Mechanical Engineering. PMD at Harvard Business School (USA).

Professional background: Chief Executive Officer of Jucker (Italy), Chief Executive Officer and General Manager

of Pomini S.p.A. (leading engineering company). Chairman of Ing. Leone Tagliaferri & C. S.p.A. (oven manufacturing company); in 1993 Chief Executive Officer of Jucker; Chief Executive Officer of Cotonificio Roberto Ferrari S.p.A.; Vice Chairman of ACIMIT (Italian association of companies producing machinery for the textile industry); Executive Chairman of Savio Macchine Tessili S.p.A.; from 1999 to 2004 Senior Executive Director of Caretti & Associati S.p.A. Chief Executive Officer of Aprilia S.p.A. in 2004. Until 2014, independent director and member of the Remuneration, Control and Risk Committee of Interpump Group S.p.a.

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Andrea Cencini

Born in Tolmezzo (UD) on 7 June 1963.

After graduating in IT, he was assigned the task of designing and developing network monitoring systems at a leading IT company. He joined TXT e-solutions in 1989 holding increasingly high-profile positions, managing the CRM and e-business business units. He is currently the Manager of the TXT Perform division.

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Paolo Enrico Colombo

Born in Milan on 29 February 1956.

After graduating with an Electronic Engineering degree from Politecnico di Milano in 1980, Mr Colombo was a Researcher for several years at Olivetti in Ivrea, CNR and major Software companies. In the TXT group since 1984, he personally headed the launch and development of various business sectors for the company, covering a number of managerial roles. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of TXT e-solutions since its inception, Executive Vice President and currently Managing Director of the TXT NEXT Division.

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Teresa Cristiana Naddeo

Born in Turin on 22 May 1958.

After graduating in Economics and Commerce from the Turin University, she acquired long-term experience on the Italian and international financial markets. In recent years, Ms Naddeo has worked in the Zenit Group's brokerage and asset management companies, with significant operating and managerial responsibilities and as a Director. Previously, Ms Naddeo had joined Arthur Andersen, reaching senior levels; she performed the audit and certification of financial statements of large Groups in the banking, financial, television and media industries. Ms Naddeo is active in numerous professional and civic associations and foundations, and is registered in the Roll of Chartered Accountants and Auditors of Milan. She is director at Zenit SGR and since 2014 has been standing auditor at Salini Impregilo SpA.

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Stefania Saviolo

Born in Milan on 14 March 1965.

Ms Saviolo graduated with a degree in Business Economics from Milan's Bocconi University, where she also earned her Ph.D in International Business. She achieved her Chartered Accountant qualification in Milan in 1994.

In 1992-1993, she was Visiting Scholar at the Stern School of Business - New York University, where she also followed the International Teacher Program. She has been contract Professor at the Political Economics Department of Bocconi University. Since 1994, she has been a Lecturer of Fashion and Luxury Management at Bocconi University and Senior Professor at SDA Bocconi School of Management, where she teaches undergraduate, graduate and executive courses. At SDA Bocconi, she was the founder and director the Master's Degree in Fashion, Experience & Design Management. Since 2013, she has held the role of Manager at SDA Bocconi's Luxury & Fashion Knowledge Center. Ms Saviolo also provides management consulting services for leading companies in the fashion and luxury sector, in the areas of brand management, product marketing and globalisation strategies, and has published a number of papers in the area of strategy and brand management for fashion, luxury and lifestyle companies.

Independent directors hold office in companies that are not part of the TXT Group.

**Maximum number of positions held in other companies**

The Board has not set any specific criteria regarding the maximum number of management and control positions that can be held with other companies (*Criterion 1.C.3.*), also given the composition of the Board, whose members regularly and effectively participate in carrying out the role of director.

**Induction Programme**

The Chairman made it possible for directors to participate, subsequent to their appointment and during their term of office, in initiatives aimed at providing them with adequate knowledge of the business sector in which the Company operates, the corporate dynamics and their development, as well as the relevant regulatory framework of reference (*Criterion 2.C.2.*). Application of the principle is fulfilled for the independent directors (3 individuals) through discussions and meetings with management and participation in operational events and initiatives. The other directors (4 individuals) are directors and managers of the company.

The Board of Directors shall act and decide autonomously, having full knowledge of the facts, and pursue the objective of creating value for the shareholders – an essential requirement for a profitable relation with the financial market. All the directors devote the necessary time to the diligent performance of their duties, being aware of the responsibilities pertaining to their office.

The Company did not set up an Executive Committee or a Nomination Committee. The members of the Remuneration and Control Committee are all independent Directors.

No other change has occurred since the end of the 2014 reporting period to date.

**4.3. Role of the Board of Directors (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter d) of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

The Board of Directors has a fundamental role in the company's management, charged with strategic functions and organisational coordination. The board is also responsible for verifying that a suitable audit system needed to monitor the performance of the Company is in place.

The Board (*Criterion 1.C.1. letter a*):

- examines and approves the Company's strategic, industrial, and financial plans, periodically monitoring their implementation;
- examines and approves the strategic, industrial, and financial plans of the Group headed by the Company, periodically monitoring their implementation;
- determines the Company's corporate governance;
- defines the structure of the Group headed by the Company.

The tasks carried out by the Board of Directors on an exclusive basis are determined both by the Company's By-Laws and by corporate common practice. In particular, the Board is vested with the broadest powers regarding the Company's ordinary and extraordinary management and specifically, it is entitled to take all the measures it deems appropriate for achieving the Company's goals, except for those reserved exclusively for the Shareholders' Meeting pursuant to legal provisions. Notably, the Board of Directors:

1. gives and revokes the CEO's mandates (if any) by defining his/her operational environment and powers;
2. undertakes commitments which are not included in the ordinary management of the Company and previously approved budgets;
3. determines the remuneration of the Chairman of the Board of Directors after examining the Remuneration Committee's proposal and after consulting with the Board of Auditors;
4. examines and approves transactions having a significant impact on the Company's profitability, assets and liabilities or financial position and resolves upon the acquisition and disposals of stakes, companies or business branches; it assesses in advance real estate transactions and disposal of strategic assets;
5. defines the guidelines and identification parameters of the most significant transactions, also involving related parties;

6. oversees general operating performance on the basis of information received from the General Manager and the Risks and Internal Controls Committee;
7. establishes the Company's and the Group's structure and checks their adequacy;
8. reports to the shareholders at the Shareholders' Meeting.

During the financial year 2014, the Board of Director held 5 meetings with an average duration of 3 hours. Six meetings have been scheduled for 2015, the first of which was held on 9 January 2015.

The Chairman organises all the Board activities ensuring that Directors are promptly provided with all documentation and information necessary to take any decision. In order to ensure that all the Directors make informed decisions and that a proper and complete assessment of the agenda items is performed, all documentation and information – and in particular draft interim reports – shall be made available to the Board members a few days before the meeting (*Criterion 1.C.5.*). The Board meetings may also be held via audio and video conferencing. In certain circumstances, depending on the kind of the decisions to be taken, on confidentiality requirements or critical timing, some restriction to prior disclosure could apply.

Company managers, in charge of relevant functions, the Company's auditors and occasionally other external members may join any Board meeting with the aim of providing in-depth analysis of the issues on the agenda (*Criterion 1.C.6.*).

The Board assessed the suitability of the organisational, managing and accounting structure of the Company and its strategically significant subsidiaries provided by the CEO, with special reference to the internal control and risk management system and the management of conflicts of interest (*Criterion 1.C.1., letters b) and c).*

After examining the proposals of the relevant committee and in accordance with the Board of Statutory Auditors, the Board decided the remuneration of the Chairman and of the other directors (*Criterion 1.C.1., letter d).*

The Board assessed the Company's general management, taking into account, in particular, the disclosure provided by the delegated bodies, and periodically comparing the actual results with respective targets (*Criterion 1.C.1., letter e).*

The Board examined and approved in advance the transactions having a significant impact on the strategies, profitability, assets and liabilities or financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries (*Criterion 1.C.1., letter f).*

The Board is reserved the right to examine and approve in advance any transactions of the Company and its subsidiaries in which one or more directors have an interest both in favour of themselves or on behalf of third parties (*Criterion 1.C.1., letter f).*

On 4 March 2014, the Board assessed the size, composition and functioning of the board itself and of its committees (*Criterion 1.C.1., letter g).*

An assessment was carried out by means of a questionnaire and subsequent discussion and evaluation of the results. The assessment parameters examined include various aspects regarding how the Board of Directors operates, such as size and composition, involvement, meetings, effectiveness and responsibilities, as well as the Committees' composition and function.

The Shareholders' Meeting did not authorise, on a general and preventive basis, exemptions to the non-competition agreement provided for by Article 2390 of the Italian Civil Code (*Criterion 1.C.4.*).

With the purpose of ensuring correct management of company information, the Company adopted a procedure for internal handling and disclosure to third parties of documents and information concerning the Company, notably price sensitive information (*Criterion 1.C.1., letter j).*

#### **4.4. Delegated bodies**

### **Chief Executive Officer**

At the Board of Directors' meeting of 8 May 2014, Mr Marco Edoardo Guida was confirmed as Chief Executive Officer, a position which he has held since 1 January 2009. During this meeting the powers already conferred during the Board of Directors' meeting of 20 April 2011 were also confirmed. He is entitled to exercise, with sole signature, the following powers involving the Company's ordinary management, in any case reporting to the Board of Directors according to legal provisions:

1. sign in the name and on behalf of the Company, sale and purchase agreements and lease agreements, including financial leases concerning movables, even those registered in public registers, tenders, creditors' agreements; act as a principal or agent in agency or sub-agency agreements and appoint agents;
2. participate in bids, tenders, public and private auctions to the end of providing works and services of all types; sign supply and service contracts; take part in the related tenders, with regard to any public administrations;
3. sign quotations and accept purchase orders on behalf of the Company;
4. open and close bank accounts, apply for loans and credit lines with ordinary credit institutions of any entity and nature, on a medium-to-long term basis, and sign all the documents requested by the aforementioned credit institutions for completing said applications; accept the related contract clauses;
5. collect payments and values due to the Company for any reason by any entity as well as by Administrations belonging to the State, Regions, Provinces and Municipalities; issue receipts and discharges; issue, endorse and collect bills of exchange, money orders and bank cheques, including overdraft, provided that the figure is within the credit line allowed to the Company; perform any transaction concerning the use of loans provided by banks and in particular arrange for any commercial bills to be discounted and collected and use the relevant proceeds; take any action or make transactions with the Public Debt Offices, *Cassa Depositi e Prestiti*, post offices, railway offices, Customs and transport firms and in general with any public and private office, with the power to collect valuables, packages, letters and registered letters, etc.; in other words, implement any formality and transactions, including those with Issuing and Credit Institutions, by authorising investment and divestment;
6. represent the Company before any Administrative Authority, sign and submit petitions, appeals, minutes concerning any subject; file administrative and court cases in relation to bankruptcy proceedings, creditors' agreements and moratoria; sign tax declarations and certifications;
7. appoint, employ, promote, suspend and dismiss staff, including managers;
8. sign contracts aimed at forming Associations, temporary business associations, consortia for participating in tenders promoted by both private and public bodies;
9. appoint attorneys-in-fact and representatives to whom to transfer, in whole or in part, said functions;
10. sign on behalf of the Company, by virtue of his signatory powers, all deeds concerning the above-mentioned issues, by adding the corporate name before the signature.

In his capacity as Chief Executive Officer, Mr Marco Guida is responsible for the Company's management.

The case of interlocking directorate does not apply since TXT's Chief Executive Officer does not serve as a director in other issuers (not belonging to the same Group) where a TXT director serves as Chief Executive Officer (*Criterion 2.C.5*).

### **Chairman**

The Chairman of the Board has been entitled with special tasks on corporate strategy and communication, institutional relations as well as all the powers regarding the Company's ordinary and extraordinary management, except for the purchase and sale of real estate property.

The Chairman reports to the Board of Directors on the activities performed by providing, from time to time, adequate disclosure to update the Board of Directors on atypical or unusual transactions or on transactions with related parties whose examination and approval are not reserved to the Board of Directors.

The Chairman is not the controlling Shareholder.



At the meeting of the Board of Directors of 8 May 2014 the following powers were conferred on the Chairman, Mr Braga Illa, which had already been conferred at the Board of Directors' meeting of 20 April 2011:

1. perform, in the name and on behalf of the Company, all the ordinary and extraordinary operations, except for purchase and sale of real estate property; in particular, for example, but not limited to:
2. release grants, securities and guarantees in general, in the name of the Company;
3. sign in the name and on behalf of the Company, sale and purchase agreements and lease agreements, including financial leases concerning movables, even those registered in public registers, tenders, free loans, lease agreements concerning real estate property; act as a principal or agent in agency or sub-agency agreements and appoint agents;
4. participate in bids, tenders, public and private auctions to the end of providing works and services of all types;
5. open and close bank accounts, apply for loans and credit lines with ordinary credit institutions of any entity and nature, on a medium-to-long term basis, and sign all the documents requested by the aforementioned credit institutions for completing said applications; accept the related contract clauses;
6. collect payments and values due to the Company for any reason by any entity as well as by Administrations belonging to the State, Regions, Provinces and Municipalities; issue receipts and discharges; issue, endorse and collect bills of exchange, money orders and bank cheques, including overdraft, provided that the figure is within the credit line allowed to the Company; perform any transaction concerning the use of loans provided by banks and in particular arrange for any commercial bills to be discounted and collected and use the relevant proceeds; take any action or make transactions with the Public Debt Offices, *Cassa Depositi e Prestiti*, post offices, railway offices, Customs and transport firms and in general with any public and private office, with the power to collect valuables, packages, letters and registered letters, etc.; in other words, implement any formality and transactions, including those with Issuing and Credit Institutions, by authorising investment and divestment;
7. represent the Company before any ordinary, special, national, regional and administrative Authority; sign and submit petitions, appeals, minutes concerning any issue, file administrative and court cases; take part in creditors' agreements and bankruptcy procedures; appoint lawyers and enter into any retainer agreements, in relation to any court proceedings, including with enforcing powers, in any stage and instance; settle disputes through arbitration, with awards enforceable as a court ruling (*arbitrato rituale*) or with decisions counting as a contract (*arbitrato irrituale*), and acting as *amiabile compositeur*; appoint arbitrators; sign tax declarations and certifications;
8. represent the Company during any import or export transaction, Customs formalities, before the Bank of Italy or the Ministry of Foreign Trade;
9. appoint, employ, promote, suspend and dismiss staff of any level;
10. sign contracts aimed at forming Associations, temporary business associations, consortia for participating in tenders promoted by both private and public bodies; subscribe or purchase stocks or shares of companies of any nature;
11. appoint attorneys-in-fact and representatives to whom to transfer, in whole or in part, said functions;
12. apply for patents for inventions or trademarks; sign the relevant licence contracts, waive or withdraw patent applications;
13. subscribe interest-bearing or non-interest-bearing financing contracts with subsidiaries or associated companies; represent the Company during both ordinary and extraordinary shareholders' meetings;
14. sign on behalf of the Company all deeds concerning above-mentioned issues, and all the ordinary and extraordinary deeds, mentioned by way of example and not limitation, by adding the corporate name before the signature.

**Executive Committee (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2 letter d), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

No Executive Committee has been created.

**Disclosure to the Board of Directors**

The delegated bodies reported to the Board on the activity performed with regard to the powers assigned to them on a quarterly basis.

#### **4.5. Other executive directors**

The Board of Directors comprises two additional members (Mr Andrea Cencini, Manager of the TXT Perform Division, and Mr Paolo Colombo, Manager of the TXT Next Division) who shall be deemed executive directors by virtue of the managing responsibilities held with the Issuer and its strategically significant subsidiaries (*Criterion 2.C.1.*).

Initiatives aimed at increasing knowledge of the corporate situation and trends are implemented upon each director's request (*Criterion 2.C.2.*).

#### **4.6. Independent directors**

The Board of Directors has three non-executive members (without operating powers and/or executive functions within the Company) such as to ensure, regarding both number and standing, that their opinion can be significant to the Board's decisions.

The non-executive members shall provide their specific technical and strategic expertise during board discussions in order to analyse the subjects under a different point of view and pass shared, responsible resolutions in line with corporate interests.

To this end, even if in urgent circumstances powers can also be assigned to non-executive directors, they shall not be considered as executive directors under this Report.

The three non-executive directors qualifying as independent are Mr Franco Cattaneo, Ms Teresa Cristiana Naddeo and Ms Stefania Saviolo.

In compliance with the provisions of Article 3.P.1. of the Code, Independent Directors:

- i) do not entertain, directly or indirectly or on behalf of third parties, nor have recently entertained business relationships with the Company, its subsidiaries, the executive directors and/or the controlling shareholder of such a relevance to influence their autonomous judgment;
- ii) do not own, directly or indirectly or on behalf of third parties, a quantity of shares enabling them to control the Company or exercise a considerable influence over it nor do they participate in shareholders' agreements to control the Company;
- iii) are not family members of executive directors of the Company or of persons mentioned in points i) and ii) above.

The Board of Directors verified the compliance with the independence requirements provided for by the Code with respect to each non-executive director (*Criterion 3.C.4.*). In performing the above-mentioned assessments the Board applied all the criteria provided for by the Code (*Criterion 3.C.1. and 3.C.2.*).

The Board of Directors assessed the independence of non-executive directors by considering, among other things, the principle of substance over form (*Criterion 3.C.1. and 3.C.2.*), and making use not only of information provided by those concerned, but also of all information available to the Company; it therefore confirmed as independent directors Mr Franco Cattaneo, Ms Teresa Cristiana Naddeo and Ms Stefania Saviolo.

The Board of Statutory Auditors verified the correct application of the criteria and the verification procedures adopted by the Board to assess its members' independence (*Criterion 3.C.5.*).

The independent directors are committed to maintaining their independence status over their term of office and, if necessary, to resign (Comment to Article 5 of the Code).

During the financial year the independent directors did not meet in the absence of the other directors (*Criterion 3.C.6.*), except for the meetings of the Remuneration Committee and of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee, of which they are exclusive members.

#### **4.7. Lead independent director**

The role of Chairman of the Board of Directors is separate from the role of Chief Executive Officer, and the Chairman is not the individual who controls the company; nevertheless, on 8 May 2014, the Board of Directors appointed Mr Franco Cattaneo as Lead Independent Director (*Criterion 2.C.3.*).

The Lead Independent Director (*Criterion 2.C.4.*):

- a) represents a point of reference and coordination for the requests and contributions of non-executive directors, particularly independent ones;
- b) collaborates with the Chairman of the Board of Directors in order to ensure that directors receive complete and prompt information.

The powers of the Lead Independent Directors include the power to convene, autonomously or upon request by the other directors, specific reunions of only independent directors in order to discuss issues deemed of interest for functioning of the Board of Directors or management of the company.

## **5. PROCESSING COMPANY INFORMATION**

According to the company best practice on confidential information, press releases on resolutions regarding the approval of financial statements, half-yearly and quarterly reports, extraordinary decisions and transactions are approved by the Board, without any prejudice to the power assigned to the Chairman and CEO in the event of urgent notices required by the relevant Authorities.

The disclosure of price sensitive information shall take place in compliance with guidelines issued by CONSOB and Borsa Italiana S.p.A. by means of dedicated communication tools (Network Information System), only accessible to corporate functions participating in the process.

Directors shall keep the documents and information acquired in the performance of their duties as confidential and comply with the procedure adopted for disclosure to third parties of such documents and information.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall oversee compliance with the provisions on company disclosure by arranging and coordinating all related intervention of internal structures. In light of the low degree of complexity of the Company's structure and operating scope, the Board has not adopted internal procedures for the disclosure of price sensitive information to date.

Code of Conduct on Internal Dealing.

The 2003/6/EC directive on market abuse has been endorsed by Articles 152-sexies et seq. of the Consob Issuers' Regulation no. 11971, as amended with resolution no. 15232 of 29 November 2005. The Company has adopted a code of conduct on Internal Dealing, concerning the transactions performed by "relevant persons" in relation to its listed financial instruments (*Criterion 1.C.1., letter j*).

According to the Code of Conduct provisions, the Company shall notify to the market the transactions performed by each relevant person whose global amount is equal to or higher than € 5,000 per person. Such notification shall be made within five trading days subsequent to the end of the transaction.

## **6. COMMITTEES WITHIN THE BOARD (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter d), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

No committees different from the ones provided for by the Code, with consultative and advisory functions, have been constituted.

No committees performing the functions of two or more committees provided for by the Code have been constituted.

## **7. NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The Board of Directors has not established, within the Board, any Nomination Committee, since that function is directly performed by the Board owing to the Company's shareholders structure and Board's size.

## 8. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

Information provided in this section is to be considered jointly with the relevant parts of the Remuneration Report, published in compliance with Article 123 of the Consolidated Law on Finance.

The Board of Directors has formed a Remuneration Committee (Committee for the definition of emoluments) from within its members through a resolution dated 8 June 2000. It includes three members, all independent, non-executive directors (*Principle 6.P.3.*).

**Composition and functions of the Remuneration Committee** (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter d), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)

The Remuneration Committee is composed of three independent non-executive directors (Franco Cattaneo, Teresa Cristiana Naddeo and Stefania Saviolo) (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter a*) (*Principle 6.P.3.*). The Chairman of the Committee is Mr Franco Cattaneo.

During the year 2014 the Committee held three meetings (on 27 February, 8 May and 11 December) of an average duration of one hour. The members of the Board of Statutory Auditors are also required to take part in the Remuneration Committee's meetings. Each director's participation is shown in Table 2 attached to this Report. Three meetings have been scheduled for 2015. The first 2015 meeting was held on 26 February 2015.

Directors should not participate in meetings held to discuss and submit to the Board their own remuneration (*Criterion 6.C.6.*).

Other non-members have been invited to join the meetings of the Remuneration Committee (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter f*).

The Board of Directors' Meeting held on 10 December 2010 resolved to approve the Remuneration Committee Regulations.

### Functions of the Remuneration Committee

The Committee's specific goal is to provide the Board with the most appropriate guidelines and means to set top managers' remuneration and verify that the parameters adopted by the Company for defining remuneration of employees, including managers, are correctly set and applied, also with a view to relevant market standards and Company's growth targets.

The Remuneration Committee submits to the Board its proposals for definition of the general remuneration policy for executive directors, other directors who cover particular offices and managers with strategic responsibilities (*Principle 6.P.4.*). The Remuneration Committee submits to the Board its proposals on the remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer and Directors holding particular positions, monitoring the application of the decisions adopted by the Board (*Criterion 6.C.5.*).

The Remuneration Committee carries out supporting activities in favour of the Board of Directors regarding the remuneration plan of directors and managers with strategic responsibilities.

The remuneration of directors and managers with strategic responsibilities is set to be sufficiently attractive to keep and motivate personnel with the required professional expertise to efficiently manage the Group.

The remuneration of executive directors and managers with strategic responsibilities is set with the aim of aligning their interests with the priority goal of creating value for shareholders in the medium-to-long term. As for directors with managing roles or dealing in general with the company management, or as for managers with strategic responsibilities, a large part of their remuneration is connected to the achievement of specific performance benchmarks, which may also be of a non-economic nature. These objectives have been determined and indicated beforehand in compliance with the general policy guidelines of the Corporate Governance Code.

The remuneration of non-executive directors is proportional to their commitment, including their participation to one or more committees.

Pursuant to the Corporate Governance Code of Listed Companies, the Committee has the following tasks:

- a) it periodically assesses the adequacy, general consistency and effective application of the general remuneration policy of executive directors, directors who cover particular offices and managers with strategic responsibilities, based on the information provided by the CEO. It also submits proposals on the issue to the Board of Directors;
- b) it submits proposals on the remuneration of the executive directors and of other directors who cover particular offices to the Board of Directors. It also submits proposals on the determination of performance benchmarks relating to the variable component of such directors' remuneration. It also monitors the relevant decisions of the Board, especially regarding the achievement of the performance goals.

The Committee shall perform its tasks in complete autonomy and full independence from the CEO.

Should the Committee be supported by a consultant on the market practices in terms of remuneration policies, it shall firstly ascertain that he/she is not in a position that might compromise his/her independence of judgment.

Minutes of Remuneration Committee meetings are duly taken and filed (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter d*). All members of the Committee attended the meetings held during the year. During the said meetings, the Committee:

- submitted proposals to the Board with regard to the remuneration of executive directors and managers with strategic responsibilities, with respect to both the fixed and variable portion of remuneration;
- positively evaluated the criteria adopted, with regard to the incentive policy tied to the achievement of pre-set goals, as well as the remuneration policies adopted for top managers;
- examined information on the Group's remuneration policy, including it in a remuneration report later approved by the Board and also subject to examination by the Shareholders' Meeting.

For additional information on the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee, see the Remuneration Report published pursuant to Art. 123-ter of the Consolidated Law on Finance.

As part of its mandate, the Remuneration Committee has access to company information and offices to the end of performing its functions, within the limits set by the Board (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter e*).

The financial resources available to the Remuneration Committee to perform its duties amount to € 25,000.

## **9. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS**

Information provided in this section is to be considered jointly with the relevant parts of the Remuneration Report, published in compliance with Article 123 of the Consolidated Law on Finance.

### **General Remuneration Policy**

The company has defined a remuneration policy for directors and managers with strategic responsibilities (*Principle 6.P.4.*).

In relation to top management, standard remuneration is adopted for Company's managers who are also shareholders and those who are not shareholders, and executive members of the Board.

The remuneration policy for executive directors or directors covering particular offices defines guidelines with reference to the issues and in line with the criteria listed below:

- a. the fixed and the variable component are properly balanced according to the Company's strategic objectives and risk management policy;
- b. the variable components are capped at a certain amount;
- c. the fixed component is sufficient to reward the director should the variable component not be paid because of the failure to achieve the performance objectives specified by the Board of Directors;

- d. performance objective are predetermined, measurable, and linked to the creation of value for shareholders in the medium-to-long term;
- e. the payment of a significant portion of the medium-to-long term variable compensation is deferred by a reasonable period with reference to its accrual; measurement of this portion and duration of the postponement are consistent with the characteristics of the business activity carried out and with the associated risk profiles;
- f. contractual agreements are in place whereby the company may request the restitution, in whole or in part, of variable portions of the remuneration paid (or withhold amounts that have been deferred), determined based on data that subsequently proved to be clearly inaccurate;
- g. no compensation is provided following directors' early end of term of office or for failure to be reappointed.

### **Share-based compensation plans**

Stock grants plans are set in favour of executive directors and managers with strategic responsibilities, except for the Chairman.

In preparing share-based compensation plans, the Board of Directors has ensured that:

- a. the shares, options and every other directors' right to purchase shares or to be remunerated based on the share price performance price have a vesting period of three years, with intermediate partial vesting;
- b. vesting pursuant to paragraph a) is subject to predetermined measurable performance objectives;
- c. the directors keep a portion of the shares assigned or purchased following exercise of rights pursuant to paragraph a) for three years from receipt of compensation (*Criterion 6.C.2.*)

### **Remuneration of executive directors**

A significant portion of the remuneration of the directors with managerial powers is associated with the achievement of specific performance objectives indicated above and determined in compliance with the guidelines included in the general remuneration policy defined by the Board of Directors (*Principle 6.P.2.*).

When the authorised bodies determined the remuneration of managers with strategic responsibilities the above criteria were applied in matters of remuneration policy and compensation plans based on shares relative to the remuneration of executive directors or directors vested with particular tasks (*Criterion 6.C.3.*).

### **Remuneration of managers with strategic responsibilities**

A significant portion of the remuneration of managers with strategic responsibilities is associated with the attainment of previously indicated specific performance objectives determined in compliance with the guidelines contained in the general remuneration policy defined by the Board of Directors (*Principle 6.P.2.*).

In determining the remuneration of managers with strategic responsibilities, the delegated bodies applied the above-mentioned criteria on remuneration policy and share-based compensation plans for executive directors or directors covering particular offices (*Criterion 6.C.3.*).

### **Incentive plans for the Manager responsible for internal audit and the Director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents**

The incentive plans for the Manager responsible for internal audit and the Director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents are consistent with their duties (*Criterion 6.C.3.*).

### **Remuneration of non-executive directors**

Non-executive directors' remuneration is not connected to the economic results achieved by the Issuer; it is based on a fixed amount decided by the Shareholders' Meeting. Non-executive directors are not involved in stock options incentive plans (*Criterion 6.C.4.*). Non-executive directors who are also independent Directors at TXT are not involved in stock options incentive plans (*Criterion 6.C.4.*).

The Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014 approved the Directors' Remuneration Report prepared by the Board of Directors.

**Severance package for directors in the event of resignation, dismissal or termination of the relationship following a public takeover bid** (pursuant to Art. 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter i of the Consolidated Law on Finance)

No agreements have been signed between the Company and its directors providing a severance package in case of resignation or dismissal without just cause or if the term of office ends because of a takeover bid.

An end-of-term severance package equal to 25% of the fee for particular offices resolved upon and accrued each year was confirmed by the Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014 in favour of the Chairman of the Board of Directors. It shall be paid when his term of office as Member of the Board of Directors ends.

With the other directors no severance agreements were signed in case of resignation or dismissal/dismissal without just cause or if their term of office ends because of a takeover bid.

The company discloses, in the event of withdrawal from office and/or termination of the employment relationship with an executive director or general manager, following the internal processes to determine the assignment or recognition of a severance package and/or other benefits, detailed information in this regard, through a press release (*Principle 6.P.5.*).

The market disclosure pursuant to principle 6.P.5. includes (*Criterion 6.C.8.*):

- a) adequate information on the severance package and/or other benefits, including the relative amount, timing of the disbursement - distinguishing the part disbursed immediately from the part subject to deferral, as well as the components assigned for the role of director from those regarding any employment relationships - and any restitution clauses, with particular regard to:
  - 1) severance package for end of term of office or employment termination, specifying the case in which said amounts accrue (for example, expiry of office, dismissal from office or compromise agreement);
  - 2) maintenance of the rights connected to any monetary incentive plans or incentive plans based on financial instruments;
  - 3) monetary or non-monetary benefits subsequent to withdrawal from office;
  - 4) non-compete agreements, describing the main contents;
  - 5) any other compensation assigned for any reason and in any form;
- b) information on the compliance or non-compliance of the severance package and/or other benefits with the guidelines contained in the remuneration policy, and in the event of even partial deviations with regard to the guidelines in said policy, information on the resolution procedures followed in application of the Consob regulations on transactions with related parties;
- c) information on the application or non-application of mechanisms that place limitations on or adjust payment of the severance package in the event in which termination is due to the achievement of objectively inadequate results, and any formulation of requests for restitution of amounts already paid;
- d) information on the fact that replacement of the withdrawing executive director or general manager is governed by a specific plan adopted by the company and, in any case, information on the procedures that have been or will be implemented in replacing the director or manager.

## **10. RISKS AND INTERNAL CONTROLS COMMITTEE**

The Company has set up a Risks and Internal Controls Committee (*Principles 7.P.3. and 7.P.4.*).

**Composition and functions of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee** (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter d), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)

The Risks and Internal Controls Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors (Mr Franco Cattaneo, Ms Teresa Cristiana Naddeo and Ms Stefania Saviolo) (*Principle 7.P.4.*). (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter a*). Ms Teresa Cristiana Naddeo is the Chairman of the Committee.

During the year 2014 the Committee held three meetings, chaired by the Chairman, on 27 February, 30 July and 11 December. Besides its members, the Executive Director in charge of the internal control system and the Manager responsible for internal audit, the Committee meetings were also attended by the Statutory Auditors (*Criterion 7.C.3.*). At least three meetings have been scheduled for 2015. The first 2015 meeting was held on 26 February 2015.

At least one member of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee has experience in accounting and finance issues deemed to be suitable by the Board upon appointment (*Principle 7.P.4.*)

The Chairman and the other members of the Board of Statutory Auditors have taken part in the Risks and Internal Controls Committee meetings (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter ñ.*)

Under invitation of the Committee, non-members have taken part in the Risks and Internal Controls Committee's Meetings (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter ñ.*)

### **Functions of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee**

The Risks and Internal Controls Committee carries out supporting activities in favour of the Board of Directors on the internal control system and on the approval of year-end financial statements and half-yearly reports. Since it monitors corporate activities in general, it also has consultative and advisory functions. In particular, according to the Corporate Governance Code of Listed Companies, the Risks and Internal Controls Committee has been assigned the following tasks:

- a) assist the Board of Directors in identifying the guidelines of the internal control and risk management system and verify that such system is suitable and effective from time to time, in order to ensure that the main corporate risks are adequately identified and managed (*Criterion 7.C.1.*);
- b) assess, together with the Director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents, having heard the External Auditors and the Board of Auditors, the proper implementation of the accounting standards and their consistency for the purposes of the consolidated financial statements (*Criterion 7.C.2., letter a.*);
- c) express opinions on specific issues concerning identification of the company's main risks (*Criterion 7.C.2., letter b.*);
- d) examine periodic reports on assessment of the internal control and risk management system and specific reports by internal audit (*Criterion 7.C.2., letter c.*);
- e) monitor the autonomy, adequacy, effectiveness, and efficiency of the internal audit function (*Criterion 7.C.3., letter d.*);
- f) request the internal audit function – if necessary – to conduct inspections on specific operational areas, promptly informing the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors (*Criterion 7.C.2., letter e.*);
- g) report to the Board of Directors, at least every six months, on the occasion of the approval of the year-end financial statements and the half-yearly report, on the adequacy of the internal control and risk management system (*Criterion 7.C.2., letter ñ.*);
- h) assess the position and ensure the effective independence of the Director in charge of the Internal Control and Risk Management System, based on the provisions of Legislative Decree no. 231/2001 on the corporate administrative liability;
- i) assess, with the assistance of the Director in charge of the Internal Control and Risk Management System the manager of administrative functions and the manager responsible for internal audit, the proposals submitted by the External Auditors applying for the audit position, advising the Board on the issue which shall be submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting by the latter.

The Risks and Internal Controls Committee should perform its task in a completely autonomous and independent manner both from the CEO (on business integrity issues) and the External Auditors (on assessment of results mentioned in the report and in the letter of recommendations).

Minutes of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee Meetings are duly taken and filed (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter d.*). All members of the Committee attended the meetings held during the year.

During said meetings, the Committee also examined:

- the 2013 consolidated financial statements, the 2014 half-yearly report and the results on the auditing



- process, as well as the interim reports;
- the Audit Plan, the audit activities carried out, the activities relative to the Group's Risk Assessment, the progress of the Audit Plan and relative results, and the structure and role of the Internal Audit Department;
- the development project for the Enterprise Risk Management process.

As part of its mandate, the Risks and Internal Controls Committee has access to company information and offices and can appoint external consultants to the end of performing its functions, within the limits set by the Board (*Criterion 4.C.1., letter e*).

The financial resources available for the Risks and Internal Controls Committee to carry out its duties were set at € 25,000.

## **11. INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

Pursuant to the Code, such system may be defined as: "The set of rules, procedures and organisational structures aimed at making possible, through appropriate identification, measurement, management and monitoring of the main risks, an effective and correct management of the Company, consistent with pre-set goals".

In compliance with the Code, the internal control and risk management system also involves:

- i) the Board of Directors that sets the system guidelines and assesses its adequacy and effective operations, through the appointment of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and its regular reporting activities;
- ii) the CEO who implements the guidelines defined by the Board of Directors and in particular, identifies the main corporate risks thanks to the support of directors in charge of internal control appointed by him;
- iii) the Risks and Internal Controls Committee with consultative and advisory functions, relating also to the assessment of the adequacy and correct use of the Company's accounting standards;
- iv) Directors in charge of internal control who verify, within internal processes, whether the defined controls are adequate with respect to the potential risks and suggest to the Committee and management, where necessary, the adoption of any measures aimed at eliminating risks of a financial nature and enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the corporate processes.

The Board of Directors is responsible for defining the global policies of the internal control and risk management system, setting the guidelines and regularly overseeing its adequacy and effectiveness thanks to the support of the Directors in charge of internal control. The responsibility for implementing the internal control and risk management system, in terms of carrying out and managing the measures, mechanisms, procedures and rules, fully applies to all the Company's functions.

The Board of Directors shall also ensure that the main risks faced by the Company are identified and adequately managed.

The Company's internal control and risk management system relating to financial reporting is based on the "COSO Report" model that considers "the internal control system as a set of mechanisms, procedures and tools aimed at ensuring achievement of corporate goals".

The aims of the financial reporting process are the accuracy, reliability, trustworthiness and timeliness of the information disclosure. Risk management is an integral part of the internal control system. The periodic assessment of the internal control system on the financial reporting process aims to verify that the components of the COSO Framework (control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication, monitoring) are properly working together to achieve these objectives. The Company has implemented administrative and accounting procedures that ensure high standard reliability of the internal control on financial reporting.

The approach adopted by the Company on the assessment, monitoring and continuous updating of the internal

control and risk management system in terms of financial reporting allows that assessment is carried out on critical areas with higher risk/importance, i.e. where the risks of material mistakes are higher, also due to fraud, on financial statements items and on related documents. The identification and assessment of possible errors that could have significant effects on financial reporting takes place through a risk assessment process that identifies organisational entities, processes and related accounting entries and the specific activities that could generate any significant errors. According to the methodology adopted by the Company, risks and related controls are associated to accounts and business processes generating accounting items.

Once identified by the risk assessment process, the significant risks shall be identified and assessed by specific tools (key controls) that ensure their coverage, thus limiting the risk of any potentially significant error on financial reporting.

Based on international best practice, the Group has implemented two types of control:

- controls at Group or subsidiary level for assignment of responsibilities, powers and delegation, duties and allocation of privileges and access rights for IT applications;
- controls at process level, such as the issue of authorisations, reconciliation processes, compliance tests, etc. This category includes controls relating to operational processes, period-end accounting and cross-cutting controls. Such controls may be “preventive” with the aim of preventing the occurrence of anomalies or fraud that could cause errors in financial reporting or “detective” with aim of detecting any anomaly or fraud that has already occurred.

The assessment of controls, where appropriate, may require the identification of compensation controls, corrective action or improvement plans. The results of monitoring activities are regularly examined by Managers responsible for preparing the corporate accounting documents. They are then reported to top management and to the Risks and Internal Controls Committee, which in turn reports to the Parent Company's Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors.

#### **11.1. Executive director in charge of the internal control and risk management system**

On 8 March 2010 the Board of Directors appointed CEO Marco Guida as the Executive Director in charge of the internal control system (*Principle 7.P.3., letter a) no. (i)*).

The executive director in charge of supervising the functions of the internal control and risk management system was responsible for the following activities:

- together with the Supervisory Board, he was in charge of identifying the main corporate risks, taking into account the features of the business carried out by the Company and its subsidiaries. His findings were submitted to the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and to the Board of Directors (*Criterion 7.C.4., letter a)*);
- he implemented the guidelines adopted by the Board, managing the drafting, implementation and management of the internal control and risk management system, verifying its general adequacy, efficacy and effectiveness (*Criterion 7.C.4., letter b)*);
- he aligned the system with the operating activities and with the current regulatory framework (*Criterion 7.C.4., letter c)*);
- he has the power to request the internal audit function to conduct inspections on specific operational areas and on the compliance with the rules and internal procedures in performing company activities, promptly informing the Chairman of the Board, the Chairman of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors (*Criterion 7.C.4., letter d)*);
- during the Board of Director's meeting of 12 May 2011, he proposed to appoint Luigi Piccinno as Manager responsible for internal audit (*Principle 7.P.3., letter c)*).

#### **11.2. Manager responsible for internal audit**

On 12 May 2011, the Board of Directors appointed Luigi Piccinno as Manager responsible for internal audit, with the task of checking the consistency of the internal control and risk management system, its operations and effectiveness (*Criterion 7.P.3., letter b)*).

The appointment was made on advice of the Executive Director in charge of internal control and risk management system, following consultations with the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors (*Criterion 7.C.1., part two)*).

The Manager responsible for internal audit's remuneration, following the opinion of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee, has been determined in accordance with company policies and is sufficient for him to carry out his duties (*Criterion 7.C.1., part two*).

The Manager responsible for internal audit:

- a. is in charge of the company quality system, and is a member of the Supervisory Board pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 231. He reports directly to the Executive Director in charge of the Internal Control and Risk Management System. The Board of Directors, after consulting with the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and with the Executive Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, deemed this solution adequate and balanced, in view of the relatively small size of the group and its streamlined operating structure (*Criterion 7.C.5., letter b*);
- b. verifies, both on an ongoing basis and in relation to specific needs and in compliance with international standards, the operations and suitability of the internal control and risk management system, by means of an audit plan, approved by the Board of Directors based on structured analyses and priorities (*Criterion 7.C.5., letter a*);
- c. had direct access to useful information for carrying out his duties (*Criterion 7.C.5., letter c*);
- d. prepared a report containing adequate information on his activity, on the method with which risk management is conducted as well as on the compliance with the plans defined for their management, in addition to an assessment on the adequacy of the internal control and risk management system (*Criterion 7.C.5., letter d*) and submitted it to the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, the Chairman of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and the Chairman of the Board of Directors as well as to the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system (*Criterion 7.C.5., letter f*);
- e. reported to the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and to the Board of Statutory Auditors on the activities performed (*Criterion 8.C.6., letter e*). Additionally, he reported to the Executive Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system (*Criterion 7.C.5., letter f*);
- f. verified, within the audit plan, the reliability of the information systems including accounting systems (*Criterion 7.C.5., letter g*).

The Manager responsible for internal audit, in carrying out its functions, is supported by an external consultant, Mr Marco Masante (*Criterion 7.C.6.*).

### **11.3. Organisation model pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 231/2001**

The Board Meeting held on 14 March 2008 approved the organisation model in compliance with the provisions of Legislative Decree no. 231/2001. Such model includes the Code of Ethics with binding rules and principles for directors, employees, consultants, external staff and suppliers.

To define the organisation, management and control model, TXT adopted a planning approach that allows to use and integrate in such model the existing rules as well as to integrate any new offences defined by the law. The TXT model structure aims at making controls and procedures within the group as efficient and consistent as possible.

This approach: i) enhances the existing corporate assets in terms of internal policies, regulations and rules addressing and governing risk management and control procedures; ii) makes it possible to promptly update rules and methods to be communicated within the Company, subject to future fine-tuning; iii) makes it possible to manage all corporate operating rules in the same way, including those pertaining to "sensitive issues".

The TXT model is composed of:

- a) the General Part;
- b) the Code of Ethics and the organisation procedures that are already in force within TXT and pertain to the control of conducts, events or acts relevant to Legislative Decree no. 231/2001. The Code of Ethics and the procedures in force, even if they have not been explicitly issued pursuant to Legislative Decree no. 231/2001, aims at monitoring that the conduct of TXT representatives or employees is correct, accurate and compliant with the law, and therefore, they contribute to ensure crime prevention according to Legislative Decree no. 231/2001;

- c) the Special Part, concerning the specific offence categories that are relevant for TXT and the applicable provisions.

On 5 August 2010, the Board approved updating of the Code of Ethics and the Organisation Model, in particular with reference to the company activities in the software and IT systems sector and to the expertise it has accrued over recent years. The most significant updates regard the activities in terms of workplace safety, also with regard to sub-contracts and dealings with third parties, along with the distinctive realm of cyber crimes.

The analysis focused on the planning methods, principles and measures used to identify corporate risks and to subsequently assess regulations and procedures of operating activities, the general features of controls, protocols and procedures to monitor those fields potentially at risk. It also included tasks, powers, ineligibility and incompatibility reasons that would result in the Supervisory Board's end of term of office pursuant to said regulations. During its supervision activities, the Board shall regularly report to the Executive Director in charge of the internal control system, and periodically to the Board of Directors in reference to the degree of implementation, effectiveness and operating efficiency of the Model.

The Board has updated the risk report with "as is" and gap analysis, along with the Code of Ethics, the Supervisory Board's regulations and the "Organisation and Management Model 231", and it confirmed Mr Marco Edoardo Guida as the Executive Director in charge of the Internal Control and Risk Management System, with the power to modify the operating tools, including those of the Organisation Model, as well as any operating procedure and/or company control protocol that shall be adopted in order to monitor new activities or new aspects of previously existing activities. He was also granted the power to approve any changes that may be implemented to the operating procedures and/or existing company control protocols, in order to meet the organisation and updating requirements, as requested by the various relevant bodies and by the Supervisory Board as well.

On 8 May 2014, the Board of Directors confirmed the 12-month office of the Supervisory Board pursuant to the 231 Model: Mr Marco Masante (Chairman) and Mr Luigi Piccinno.

On 1 October 2014, the company adopted a Policy for the prevention of corruption (available online at <http://www.txtgroup.com/it/governance/Pagine/codeofethics.aspx>) and disseminated a specific procedure to all employees of Group companies.

The Organisation Model is available on the Company's website at the following address:

<http://www.txtgroup.com/it/governance/Pagine/organizationalmodel231.aspx>

#### **11.4. External Auditors**

The Shareholders' Meeting of 23 April 2012 appointed Reconta Ernst & Young Spa, Via della Chiesa 2 - 20123 Milan as External Auditors for the years 2012 to 2020, following the proposal of the Board of Statutory Auditors. Their tasks include auditing the annual financial statements, limited auditing of the half-yearly reports, as well as monitoring activities under Article 155 of the Consolidated Law on Finance.

#### **11.5. Director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents**

On 14 February 2008, the Board of Directors, with a favourable opinion of the Board of Statutory Auditors, appointed Mr Paolo Matarazzo as Director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents. Mr Paolo Matarazzo is also the Group's Chief Financial Officer (*Principle 7.P.3., letter c*).

The Director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents arranges appropriate administrative and accounting procedures to prepare of the consolidated and statutory financial statements, as well as all other financial documents. The delegated bodies and the Director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents certify the equity, income and financial disclosure pursuant to legal requirements.

The Board of Directors oversees that the Director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents can access suitable instruments to perform his tasks and that administrative and accounting procedures are effectively complied with.

### 11.6. Coordination between the parties involved in the internal control and risk management system

The various Company parties involved in the internal control and risk management system (the Board of Directors, the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, the risks and internal controls committee, the manager responsible for internal audit, the director responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents and other company roles and functions with specific duties of internal control and risk management, and the board of statutory auditors) shall coordinate their own activities and exchange relevant information during periodic meetings and, if necessary, during specially convened meetings (*Principle 7.P.3.*).

## 12. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS AND TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

Transactions with related parties are defined by international accounting standards (notably IAS 24) and also involve consolidated subsidiaries 100%-owned by the Company. Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries are mainly of an on-going commercial nature, based on agreements which do not feature any unusual clauses differing from standard market practices for transactions at arm's length.

In view of the nature of transactions and their ordinary character in line with market practices, the Board deemed it unnecessary to apply for a "fairness opinion" to be provided by an independent expert to the end of assessing the economic consistency of the transactions. As stated above, transactions with related parties, with significant income, equity and financial value, are reserved to the Board of Directors.

With reference to the disclosure to the Board of Directors, except for necessary and urgent events, all transactions with significant income, equity and financial value, significant transactions with related parties and atypical and/or unusual transactions are submitted to the prior approval of the Board of Directors.

As for transactions with related parties, including intra-group transactions, not submitted for Board approval as deemed typical or usual and/or at standard conditions – i.e. at the same conditions applied by the Company to any other party – the CEO or the General Manager or the Managers in charge of the transactions, without any prejudice to the dedicated procedure pursuant to Article 150, paragraph 1, of the Consolidated Law on Finance, shall collect and preserve, by type or group of transactions, adequate disclosure on the nature of the transaction, its methods of execution, conditions, whether economic or otherwise, of implementation, on the assessment method adopted, underlying interests and reasons and any risks for the Company.

Despite their subject and value being pertinent, prior approval of the Board of Directors is not required for transactions which:

- are executed at market conditions or at the same conditions applied to parties other than the related parties;
- are typical or usual – i.e. they fall under the Company's ordinary operations as for their subject, nature and degree of risk, as well as execution period.

In any event, the Board of Directors shall be duly notified about such transactions as well.

On 8 November 2010, the Board of Directors approved a new implementation procedure, pursuant to Article 2391-bis of the Italian Civil Code, the Corporate Governance Code of Listed Companies, and the Consob Regulation on related parties, approved by Resolution no. 17221 of 12 March 2010 (the "Consob Regulation"). This new procedure identifies the rules governing the determination, approval and execution of transactions with related parties of TXT e-solutions S.p.A., either directly or through subsidiary companies. The purpose of this procedure is to ensure the formal and material transparency of said transactions.

"Significant Transactions with Related Parties" refer to:

- i) Transactions exceeding the lower of € 500,000 or 5% of any of the following relevance ratios, to be applied according to the specific transaction:
  - Amount relevance ratio: the ratio between the transaction amount and the net equity resulting from the latest published TXT consolidated balance sheet or, if greater, the TXT capitalisation at the end of the last trading day included in the period covered by the latest periodic report (annual, half-yearly or interim reports) published. Should the economic conditions of the transaction be determined, the transaction amount shall be:

- a. for cash components, the amount paid by or to the other party;
- b. for financial instrument components, the fair value determined at the date of the transaction, in accordance with international accounting standards adopted by Regulation (EC) no. 1606/2002;
- c. for funding or guarantees, the maximum amount payable.

If the economic conditions of the transaction depend, in whole or in part, on items not yet known, the transaction amount is the maximum amount allowable or payable under the agreement.

- **Asset relevance ratio:** the ratio between the total assets of the entity involved in the transaction and TXT's total assets. The data to be used shall be obtained from the most recently published TXT consolidated balance sheet. Where possible, similar data should be used for determining the total assets of the entity involved in the transaction.  
For transactions involving the acquisition and disposal of shares in companies that have an impact on the area of consolidation, the value of the numerator is the total assets of the investee, regardless of the percentage of capital concerned.  
For transactions involving the acquisition and disposal of shares in companies that do not have an impact on the area of consolidation, the value of the numerator is:
    - a. in case of acquisition, the transaction amount, plus the liabilities of the company acquired taken on by the purchaser, if any;
    - b. in case of disposal, the amount of the sold asset.
 For transactions involving the acquisition and disposal of other assets (other than the acquisition of company shares), the value of the numerator is:
    - a. in case of acquisition, the higher of the consideration or the carrying amount that will be attributed to the asset;
    - b. in case of disposal, the carrying amount of the asset.
  - **Liabilities relevance ratio:** the ratio between the total liabilities of the entity acquired and TXT's total assets. The data to be used shall be obtained from the most recently published TXT consolidated balance sheet, if drawn up. Where possible, similar data should be used for determining the total liabilities of the company or business branch acquired.
- ii) Transactions with the listed parent company or any entities related to the latter which are in turn related to TXT, where at least one of the above-mentioned relevance ratios exceeds 2.5%.
- iii) Transactions with related parties that may have consequences on the management independence of the Company (including those concerning intangible assets), exceeding the relevance thresholds of 5.0% as stated in (i) or 2.5% if conditions pursuant to point (ii) apply.

In order to calculate the aforementioned amounts, each single transaction is considered, or, should several transactions be connected because of the same purpose or goal, the total amount of all connected transactions is considered.

The Board of Directors is in charge of decisions regarding Transactions with Related Parties, and the Significant Transactions with Related Parties (hereinafter the "Transactions"). In order to make decisions, the Board shall receive, with reasonable prior notice, adequate and complete disclosure on the features of the Transactions, such as the nature, means of execution, conditions, including economic conditions, interests, underlying reasons and any risks for the Company. Both in the information-gathering phase and in the decision-making phase, the Board of Directors shall attentively examine the Transactions. This analysis shall be supported by adequate documentation showing the reasons for the Transactions, their profitability, and that the transaction conditions are materially correct. In particular, should the Transaction conditions be equivalent to market or standard conditions, detailed supporting documentation shall be provided.

The Board of Directors decides on the Transactions after justified, non-binding advice of a committee solely composed of non-related non-executive Directors, with the majority of them being independent (the "Independent non-Related Directors' Committee") which examines the interests of the Company in reference to

the Transaction, its profitability and if its conditions are materially correct.

In order to issue non-binding advice, the Independent non-Related Directors' Committee shall receive exhaustive and adequate disclosure on the Transactions and their features. The Independent non-Related Directors' Committee may be supported – at the Company's expenses – by one or more independent experts that are not related and have no direct or indirect personal interest in the Transaction. These experts may express an opinion or draft a report on the economic conditions and/or the technical aspects and/or on the legitimacy of the Transactions. The maximum amount that may be charged to the Company shall be proportional to the value of the Transaction, and in any case it shall not exceed € 20,000 for each single transaction.

The Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors shall receive exhaustive disclosure on Transactions at least every three months.

The decision of the Board of Directors may be taken despite advice to the contrary from the Independent non-Related Directors' Committee.

Should the Transaction involve the interest of one of the TXT Directors, the Director qualifying as the related party shall promptly inform the Board of Directors about the existence of a personal interest, pursuant to Article 2391 of the Italian Civil Code, and he /she shall abstain from voting on the issue. If the Board of Directors deems that the presence of the aforementioned Director during the information-gathering and decision-making phases is useful, he or she may take part in the process, after the Board of Statutory Auditors has been consulted on the issue.

The resolutions of the TXT Board of Directors on the Transactions shall provide full information on the interests of the Company, reasons, profitability and material correctness of the Transactions for the Company and the group to which the Company belongs (the "TXT Group"). Should said Transactions be the responsibility of the Shareholders' Meeting or should they be authorised by the latter, pursuant to the law or the By-Laws, the aforementioned procedure shall apply to the negotiation, information-gathering and decision-making phases.

Transactions of less than € 100,000 are excluded from the aforementioned procedure, as long as they do not represent a risk and they do not have a significant impact on the Company's equity and financial position. Similarly, the remuneration plans based on financial instruments approved by the Shareholders' Meeting, pursuant to Article 114-bis of the Consolidated Law on Finance and related implementation provisions, are also excluded from this procedure, also in light of the Shareholders' Meeting competence and rigorous disclosure process. Furthermore the decisions taken by the Shareholders' Meeting on issues stated in Article 2389, paragraph 1, of the Italian Civil Code, regarding remuneration of members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, are likewise excluded from this procedure, as well as the decisions on the remuneration of Directors who cover particular offices up to the amount decided by the Shareholders' Meeting pursuant to Article 2398, paragraph 3, of the Italian Civil Code. Finally, resolutions on remuneration of Directors who cover particular offices not included in the aforementioned examples and of Managers with strategic responsibilities are excluded from this procedure, provided that:

- the Company has implemented a remuneration policy;
- a committee composed of mainly independent non-executive directors has been set up to deal with the remuneration policy;
- the Shareholders' Meeting has approved the report concerning the remuneration policy or it has expressed its opinion on it;
- the remuneration is consistent with the relevant corporate remuneration policy.

Transactions with or between companies controlled, even jointly, by TXT are excluded from this procedure, as long as in the TXT-controlled companies there are no significant interests of other parties related to the Company. Interests are considered as non-significant if they are limited to the fact that one or more Directors or Managers with strategic responsibilities hold office both with TXT and its subsidiaries.

Transactions with associated companies are also exempt from the procedure concerning Transactions with Related Parties, as long as the associated companies do not have any significant interests of other Company's related parties.

Ordinary transactions that are performed at market or standard conditions are completely excluded from this procedure.

This procedure is available on the Company's website at the following address:

<http://www.txtgroup.com/it/governance/Pagine/otherinformation.aspx>

### **13. APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AUDITORS**

The Board of Statutory Auditors' appointment is expressly governed by the Company's By-Laws.

The Board of Statutory Auditors consists of three Standing Auditors and three Alternate Auditors.

The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting appoints the Board of Statutory Auditors in compliance with current regulations on gender balance and determines its members' remuneration. Minority shareholders have the right to elect the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors and an Alternate Auditor.

Without prejudice to the provisions of the second last paragraph of this article, the appointment of the Board of Directors is based on the lists drafted by the shareholders in which the candidates are listed progressively.

The number of candidates in each list is not greater than the number of members to be elected.

The lists that contain three or more candidates must be comprised of candidates from both genders, with a minimum of two candidates for each gender if the list consists of six candidates.

Such lists may be submitted by those shareholders who, either alone or together with others, own at least 2% (two per cent) of shares with voting rights during the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting.

The lists shall be deposited at the issuer's offices no later than 25 days before the date fixed for the Shareholders' Meeting resolving on the appointment of Board of Statutory Auditors' members and they shall be available to the public at the Company's registered office, on its website, and by any other means provided for by Consob Regulation at least 21 days before the date fixed for the Shareholders' Meeting.

The lists must also include a description of the candidates' professional background and a list of offices held as director or auditor in other companies and declarations in which individual candidates accept their candidacy and, under their own responsibility, certify the absence of ineligibility and incompatibility reasons and the possession of relevant regulatory requirements provided for by the law or the By-Laws.

Lists that do not comply with the provisions previously described are considered as not submitted.

Each candidate may appear in one list only, under penalty of being ineligible to qualify as a candidate.

Likewise, individuals that do not satisfy the requirements provided for by applicable standards or who are already serving as Statutory Auditors in more than five companies listed on the Italian regulated markets cannot be elected as Statutory Auditors. Each person entitled to vote may vote for just one list.

Members of the Board of Statutory Auditors shall be elected as follows, without prejudice to provisions on gender balance.

Two standing auditors and two alternate auditors are drawn from the list that received the greatest number of votes during the Shareholders' Meeting, on the basis of the progressive order in which they were listed. The Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors and the other alternate auditor are drawn from the second list that received the greatest number of votes during the Shareholders' Meeting, on the basis of the progressive order in which they were listed. In the event that several lists obtained the same number of votes, a run-off takes place between said lists and all the shareholders participating in the Shareholders' Meeting shall cast their vote. Candidates from the list that obtain a simple majority of votes are deemed elected.

If the Board of Statutory Auditors' composition does not comply with gender mix requirements provided for by current regulations, the necessary replacements shall be made from the list receiving the highest number of votes and based on the progressive order the candidates were listed in.

In the event of death, withdrawal or end of term of office of one auditor, the alternate auditor belonging to the



same list takes over.

If the chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors is to be replaced, the other standing Auditor drawn from the same list as the outgoing chairman shall take over the chairmanship; if, due to prior or simultaneous withdrawals from office, it is impossible to carry out the replacement following the above-mentioned criteria, a Shareholders' Meeting shall be convened to fill the vacancies of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Pursuant to the provisions of the aforementioned paragraph or to the law, in the event that the Shareholders' meeting is required to appoint standing and/or alternate members of the Board of Statutory Auditors to fill vacancies, the procedure shall be as follows: in order to replace Auditors from the majority list, the appointment is made by a relative majority vote without any restriction in terms of lists; if, on the contrary, Statutory Auditors from the minority list must be replaced, the Shareholders' Meetings replaces them by a relative majority vote by choosing them, where possible, from among the candidates indicated in the list to which the Statutory Auditor to be replaced belonged to.

Should just one list be presented, the Shareholders' Meeting shall vote candidates of that list; if the list obtains the relative majority of votes, the standing Auditors to be elected are the first three candidates in progressive order and the fourth, fifth and sixth candidate are Alternate auditors; the chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors is the first person indicated in the list; in case of death, withdrawal or end of term of office of an Auditor or if the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors has to be replaced, the Alternate Auditors and the Standing Auditor, respectively, shall take over the offices following the order indicated in the list.

If there are no lists, or if the list voting procedure does not elect all the standing and alternate members, the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors and if the case may be, the chairman thereof, are appointed by the Shareholders' Meetings by the type of majority required by the law, in compliance with the current regulations on gender balance.

Outgoing auditors may be re-elected.

## **14. COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter d), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

The current Board of Statutory Auditors was elected, in compliance with the procedures described above, by the Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014, and it shall hold office until approval of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016. On 21 March 2014, two lists of candidates for appointment to the company's Board of Statutory Auditors were deposited at the registered office. The majority list was submitted by E-business consulting SA and included Fabio Maria Palmieri, Luisa Cameretti, Pietro Antonio Grignani and Laura Grimi (two standing auditors and two alternate auditors, as respectively appointed). The minority list was submitted by Alvisè Braga Illa and included Raffaele Valletta, Angelo Faccioli and Patrizia Rossi (from which the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors and two alternate auditors were elected). There are no connections between the lists. The majority list received 54.42% of votes; the minority list 45.58%.

The Board of Statutory Auditors' current composition is shown in Table 3 attached to this Report.

In occasion of the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014 which approved the financial statements, Mr Luigi Carlo Filippini resigned from his office as standing auditor. No significant changes in the Board of Statutory Auditors took place after the end of the reporting period.

The professional experience of each Statutory Auditor (Article 144-decies of Consob Issuers' Regulations) is provided below.

### Raffaele Valletta

Born in Milan on 10 October 1939.

Graduated in Economics and Commerce from Università Cattolica del S. Cuore in Milan in 1963. Enrolled in the

register of Chartered Accountants since 1964 and in the Register of Statutory Auditors since 1995. Founding member of Studio Commercialisti Associati Valletta-Belloni-Cattaneo-Polli-Todescato in Milan. On several occasions Mr Valletta was appointed as assistant to the judge by the Milan Court and Court of appeal and as Receiver by the Ministry of Labour and Welfare.

Fabio Maria Palmieri

Born in Erba (province of Como) on 16 July 1962.

After graduating in Economics and Commerce from Università Cattolica del S. Cuore in Milan in 1988, he enrolled in the register of Chartered Accountants and Bookkeepers of Como under number 457 and in the Register of Statutory Auditors under number 69384. Partner of Studio Legale Tributario Bruni-Galasso-Palmieri based in Como, which involves the cooperation of around fifteen consultants. He is currently a consultant of two groups, a board member in 5 companies, and a standing auditor of around 20 companies, including a listed company.

Luisa Cameretti

Born in San Giorgio a Cremano (province of Naples) on 11 November 1965.

Graduated in Economics and Commerce from Università Cattolica di S. Cuore in Milan in 1990. Enrolled in the register of Chartered Accountants of Milan since 1996 and in the Register of Statutory Auditors under number 91224. Associated with the firms "Studio Tributario e Societario Borioli e Colombo" and "Studio Sciumé e Associati". She founded the firm "Zazzeron e Cameretti Associati Studio Tributario e Societario", which works in corporate and tax consulting for companies, cooperatives, associations and foundations.

During 2014 the Board held 5 meetings of an average duration of two hours. 5 meetings have been scheduled for 2015, and the first one was held on 20 January 2015.

The Board of Statutory Auditors assessed the independence of its members (*Criterion 8.C.1.*). In performing the above-mentioned assessment, the Board complied with the criteria provided for by the Code concerning Directors' independence (*Criterion 8.C.1.*).

The Board of Directors made it possible for statutory auditors to participate, subsequent to their appointment and during their term of office, in initiatives aimed at providing them with adequate knowledge of the business sector in which the Company operates, the corporate dynamics and their development, as well as the relevant regulatory framework of reference (*Criterion 2.C.2.*). Considering the Board of Statutory Auditors' composition and the members' seniority, the application of the principle is fulfilled with thorough discussions and meetings with management.

According to corporate policies, in the event that an auditor who, on his own behalf or on behalf of third parties, has an interest in a specific corporate transaction, he or she shall promptly and exhaustively report to the other auditors and to the Chairman about nature, terms, origin and scope of his/her interest (*Criterion 8.C.3.*).

The Board of Statutory Auditors oversaw the independence of external auditors, verifying both the respect of the relevant regulations and the nature and entity of services other than audit provided to the Issuer and its subsidiaries by the external auditors and the entities belonging to its network.

While performing its activities, the Board of Statutory Auditors coordinated with the internal audit function and the Risks and Internal Controls Committee (*Criterion 8.C.4. and 8.C.5.*).

## **15. RELATIONSHIP WITH SHAREHOLDERS**

The Company endeavours to develop a constructive dialogue with institutional investors, shareholders and the public in general, deeming it an important goal since its listing. To the end of maintaining such relationship, in compliance with regulations governing disclosure of corporate documents and figures, TXT has decided to create specific internal functions.

Furthermore, communications are provided to shareholders through the Company's website

(www.txtgroup.com), where income and financial information (i.e. annual, half-yearly and quarterly reports), price sensitive and other press releases issued by the Company are available, as well as a list of corporate events and communication tools that allow to proactively interface with the market with regard to all new corporate and financial issues concerning the Company and allow Shareholders to exercise their rights based on informed decisions.

The Chief Financial Officer Paolo Matarazzo was appointed as Investor Relations Manager. Considering the relatively limited size of TXT and the characteristics of its shareholding structure, a specific corporate structure was not deemed necessary (*Criterion 9.C.1.*).

During 2014, the Company took part in the "Star conference" event organised by Borsa Italiana in Milan, on 25 and 26 March 2014, as well as in London on 3 October 2014. The company also organised a presentation for investors and analysts during the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014, as well as various meetings with investors in Milan, Paris, London and Frankfurt.

## **16. SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter c), of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

The duly constituted Shareholders' Meeting represents all the shareholders. The resolutions it approves in compliance with the law and the By-Laws bind all the shareholders, including those who are absent or disagree. Shareholders' Meetings are normally held at the Company's registered office, but they can be held elsewhere in Italy.

The one share one vote principle applies.

The Shareholders' Meeting is convened by public notice published in a national newspaper and on the Company's website within the deadlines and by the means provided for by the law; the notice indicates the date, time and place of the meeting and the agenda. The Shareholders' Meeting cannot pass resolutions on issues which are not on the agenda. As an exception to Article 135-undecies, paragraph 1 of the Consolidated Law on Finance (Italian Legislative Decree no. 58/1998), the Company shall not select a representative appointed to receive from the shareholders the proxies and voting indications. The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting held to approve the financial statements shall be convened by the Board within 120 days from the end of the relevant reporting period.

The right to participate in the Shareholders' Meeting is held by those entitled with voting rights at the record date, i.e. 7 trading days before the date fixed for the shareholders' meeting and who have provided the Company with the related communication made by an authorised intermediary. Shareholders holding shares only subsequent to the record date shall not have the right to take part in and vote at the Shareholders' Meeting. No voting procedures by post or electronic means are allowed.

Each shareholder entitled to participate can be represented during the Shareholder's Meeting by means of a written proxy. The relevant form is available on the Company's website (www.txt.it, Investor Relations, Corporate Governance, Shareholders' Meeting document section). The proxy may be sent electronically to deleghetxt@txtgroup.com. The early notification of proxies does still require the person entrusted with it to submit a true copy and certify the identity of the delegating person, in order to take part in the Shareholders' Meeting.

Shareholders who, even jointly, represent at least 1/40 of the share capital with voting rights may ask for integrations on the agenda, indicating the issues in the request. The latter must be sent within 15 days of the publication of the notice, to the registered office of the Company and submitted to the Chairman of the Board of Directors with due certification of the shareholding requirements. In addition to this request, a report on the topic must be deposited in a timely manner at the registered office, so that it can be made available to the other Shareholders at least 10 days before the Shareholders' Meeting on first call. This integration is not allowed on topics on which the Shareholders' Meeting must vote, as per the law, upon proposal of the Directors, or which are based on a project or report prepared by them.

Shareholders entitled to participate in the Shareholders' Meeting may submit questions on the agenda even before the Shareholders' Meeting, by sending a registered letter to the Company's registered office or by email to [infofinance@txtgroup.com](mailto:infofinance@txtgroup.com). Questions that are received prior to the Shareholders' Meeting shall be answered at the latest during the meeting itself. The Company reserves the right to give a single answer should there be numerous questions on the same topic. The request must include the necessary certification issued by the intermediaries proving the shareholders' voting right or the communication approving participation in the Shareholders' Meeting and the voting rights.

The Shareholders' Meeting is regularly attended by the Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors.

The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting votes on annual financial statements, net profit allocation, the appointment of the Board of Directors' members and their remuneration, the appointment of Standing and Alternate Auditors and the Board of Statutory Auditors' Chairman and on their remuneration. The ordinary Shareholders' Meeting also votes on the appointment of the External Auditors, establishing the relevant fees, and on approval of the regulations of the Shareholders' Meeting as well as on any other issue pursuant to the law.

The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting votes on issues involving changes in the Company's By-Laws, the appointment and powers of receivers in case of liquidation as well as on any other issues pursuant to the law.

Both the first and subsequent dates of convening shall be indicated in the Shareholders' Meeting notice, pursuant to law, unless the Board of Directors opts for the new single-call system instead of the traditional one allowing multiple calls; in this case, the Board of Directors shall explain the choice in the notice.

The recommendation included in the Corporate Governance Code considering the Shareholders' Meetings as an opportunity for developing a constructive dialogue between the Board of Directors and shareholders has been carefully analysed and fully shared by the Company. The latter also deemed suitable – besides encouraging the participation of all directors to the Shareholders' Meeting – to adopt specific measures aimed at adequately enhancing this instrument (*Criterion 9.C.3.*).

To this end, the Shareholders' Meeting held on 7 April 2001 approved the introduction of a specific set of rules to ensure that the Company's Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings are effectively held, while guaranteeing the right of each shareholder to ask for clarifications on the agenda, speak and put forward proposals.

The Board reported to the Shareholders' Meeting on the activities performed and scheduled, and arranged to provide shareholders with adequate disclosure on the necessary issues so that they can take informed decisions pertaining to the Shareholders' Meeting (*Comment to Article 9 of the Code*).

At 31 December 2014 the Company's market capitalisation was € 81.1 million, compared to € 107.2 million at 31 December 2013 and € 32.6 million at 31 December 2012. The shareholding structure was unchanged. In this respect, it was not deemed necessary to submit to the Shareholders' meeting amendments to the By-Laws on the percentages established for exercising shares and the measures aimed at protecting minorities and in said case report on the results of said amendments (*Criterion 9.C.4.*).

During 2014, one ordinary Shareholders' Meeting was convened.

The Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014 approved the 2013 financial statements, the dividend distribution, the Remuneration Report, the treasury share purchase plan, appointment of the Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors and determination of remuneration.

In reference to Article 7 of the Corporate Governance Code relating to the remuneration of directors and managers with strategic responsibilities, the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014 approved the remuneration policy document prepared by the Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors.

**17. OTHER CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ISSUES (Article 123-bis, paragraph 2, letter a) of the Consolidated Law on Finance)**

No other corporate governance issues have been implemented in addition to those previously mentioned.

**18. CHANGES AFTER THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD**

There were no changes in the Company's corporate governance after the end of the reporting period.

**TABLE 1: Shareholding structure**

Shareholder	Direct shareholder	No. of shares owned	As a % of capital	As a % of voting capital
4CV PTE Ltd (via E-Business Consulting S.A.)	NO	2,968,000	25.10	28.55
Alvise Braga Illa	YES	1,627,323	13.76	15.65
Kabouter Management LLC	YES	591,193	5.00	5.69
Marco Edoardo Guida	YES	252,000	2.13	2.42
Treasury shares (with suspended voting right)	YES	1,427,850	12.08	-
Outstanding shares	YES	4,957,498	41.93	47.69
Total shares		11,823,864	100.00	100.00

**TABLE 2: Composition of the Board of Directors and Committees**

Office	Name	Year of birth	Date of first appointment	In office since	In office until	List	Exec.	Non-exec.	Indep. pursuant to code	Indep. pursuant to Consolidated Law on Finance	No. of other offices (1)	Risks and Internal Controls Committee	Remuneration Committee
Chairman	Alvise Braga Illa	1939	03.07.1989	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Minority	x				-		
CEO	Marco Edoardo Guida	1961	23.04.2008	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Minority	x				-		
Director	Franco Cattaneo	1939	23.04.2008	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Majority		x	x	x	-	x	Chairman
Director	Andrea Cencini	1963	20.04.2011	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Minority	x				-		
Director	Paolo Enrico Colombo	1956	28.06.1999	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Minority	x				-		
Director	Teresa Cristiana Naddeo (2)	1958	10.05.2012	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Majority		x	x	x	2	Chairman	x
Director	Stefania Saviolo	1965	17.04.2014	17.04.2014	31.12.2014	Minority		x	x	x	-	x	x
<b>WITHDRAWING DIRECTORS DURING THE YEAR IN QUESTION</b>													
Director	Adriano De Maio	1941	25.05.2000	01.01.2014	16.04.2014	Minority		x	x	x	2	Chairman	x
No. of meetings held during 2014:				BoD: 5		ICC: 3	RC: 3						
<b>Quorum required to submit lists by minorities to elect one or more members (pursuant to Art. 147-ter of the Consolidated Law on Finance): 4.5%</b>													

(1) This column shows if Board members serve as a Director or Statutory Auditor in other companies listed on Italian regulated markets.

Such other offices are detailed in the Report on Corporate Governance.

A full disclosure of all offices held is provided in the Board of Statutory Auditors' Report to the Financial Statements.

(2) Director co-opted by the Board on 10 May 2012 and appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting on 7 December 2012.

**TABLE 3: Composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors**

Office	Name	Year of birth	Date of first appointment	In office since	In office until	List	Indep. pursuant to code	BoSA attendance %	No. of other offices (1)
Chairman	Raffaele Valletta	1939	03.07.1989	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Minority	x	100%	-
Standing auditor	Fabio Maria Palmieri	1962	28.06.1999	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Majority	x	100%	-
Standing auditor	Luisa Cameretti	1965	17.04.2014	17.04.2014	31.12.2014	Majority	x	100%	-
Alternate auditor	Pietro Antonio Grignani	1964	29.04.2002	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Majority			
Alternate auditor	Laura Grimi	1975	17.04.2014	17.04.2014	31.12.2014	Majority			
Alternate auditor	Angelo Faccioli	1949	23.04.2008	01.01.2014	31.12.2014	Minority			
Alternate auditor	Patrizia Rossi	1972	17.04.2014	17.04.2014	31.12.2014	Minority			
<b>WITHDRAWING AUDITORS DURING THE YEAR IN QUESTION</b>									
Standing	Luigi Carlo Filippini	1962		01.01.2014	16.04.2014	Majority	x	100%	-
No. of meetings held during 2014: 5									
Quorum required to submit lists by minorities to elect one or more members (pursuant to Art. 148-ter of the Consolidated Law on Finance): 2%									





# TXT e-solutions Group

Consolidated financial statements  
as at 31 December 2014

## TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

**Registered office, management, and administration:**

**Via Frigia, 27 – 20126 Milan - Italy**

**Share capital:**

**€5,911,932 fully paid-in**

**Tax code and Milan Business Register number: 09768170152**

## Corporate bodies

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members' term of office expires upon approval of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016:

Alvise Braga Illa	Chairman	(1)
Marco Edoardo Guida	Chief Executive Officer	(2)
Franco Cattaneo	Independent Director	(3)
Andrea Cencini	Director	(2)
Paolo Enrico Colombo	Director	(2)
Teresa Cristiana Naddeo	Independent Director	(3)
Stefania Saviolo	Independent Director	(3)

(1) Powers assigned: ordinary and extraordinary administration, except purchase and sale of buildings.

(2) Powers assigned: ordinary administration.

(3) Member of the Remuneration Committee and the Risks and Internal Controls Committee.

### BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS

Members' term of office expires upon approval of the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2016:

Raffaele Valletta	Chairman
Luisa Cameretti	Standing Auditor
Fabio Maria Palmieri	Standing Auditor
Angelo Faccioli	Alternate Auditor
Pietro Antonio Grignani	Alternate Auditor
Laura Grimi	Alternate Auditor

### EXTERNAL AUDITORS

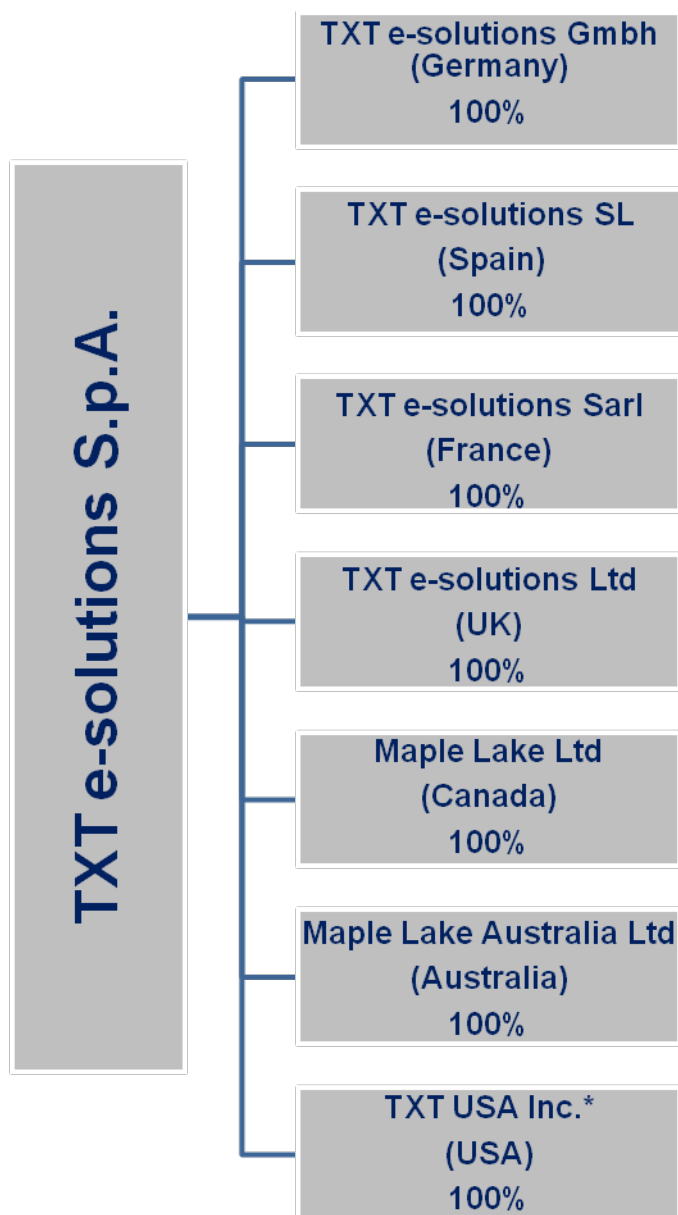
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Organisational structure and scope of consolidation



\* Company formed in 2014

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## Consolidated Balance Sheet

ASSETS	Notes	31 Dec. 2014	Of which due to related parties	31 Dec. 2013	Of which due to related parties
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Goodwill	6.1	12,993,445		12,481,045	
Intangible assets with a finite useful life	6.2	2,085,369		2,888,814	
<b>Intangible assets</b>		<b>15,078,814</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,369,859</b>	<b>-</b>
Property, plant and equipment	6.3	1,248,845		1,107,372	
Leased assets	6.3	-		11,093	
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>		<b>1,248,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,118,465</b>	<b>-</b>
Investments in associates	6.4	-		-	
Sundry receivables and other non-current assets	6.5	136,068		128,741	
Deferred tax assets	6.6	1,556,303		1,233,314	
<b>Other non-current assets</b>		<b>1,692,371</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,362,055</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>18,020,030</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,850,379</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Period-end inventories	6.7	1,820,672		1,451,390	
Trade receivables	6.8	18,570,928		16,840,120	
Sundry receivables and other current assets	6.9	2,196,824		1,802,252	
Cash and cash equivalents	6.10	12,304,130		14,821,027	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>34,892,554</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,914,789</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>52,912,584</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52,765,168</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>					
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>					
Share capital		5,911,932		5,911,932	
Reserves		12,867,534		13,875,881	
Retained earnings (accumulated losses)		6,018,431		3,506,898	
Profit (loss) for the period		4,172,380		4,642,043	
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	6.11	<b>28,970,277</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,936,754</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Non-current financial liabilities	6.12	1,684,734		2,895,924	
Employee benefits expense	6.13	3,841,200		3,299,049	
Deferred tax provision	6.6	965,428		769,518	
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>6,491,362</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,964,491</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Current financial liabilities	6.14	2,153,926		3,352,069	
Trade payables	6.15	1,540,108		1,504,522	
Tax payables	6.16	150,971		73,182	
Sundry payables and other current liabilities	6.17	13,605,940	1,350,908	12,934,150	1,206,025
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>17,450,945</b>	<b>1,350,908</b>	<b>17,863,923</b>	<b>1,206,025</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>23,942,307</b>	<b>1,350,908</b>	<b>24,828,414</b>	<b>1,206,025</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		<b>52,912,584</b>	<b>1,350,908</b>	<b>52,765,168</b>	<b>1,206,025</b>

## Consolidated Income Statement

	Notes	2014	Of which due to related parties	2013	Of which due to related parties
Revenues and other income		55,878,267		52,560,046	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>55,878,267</b>		<b>52,560,046</b>	
Purchase of materials and external services	<b>7.2</b>	(12,493,564)	(578,340)	(13,114,779)	(485,366)
Personnel costs	<b>7.3</b>	(34,083,703)	(852,453)	(31,346,993)	(752,377)
Other operating costs	<b>7.4</b>	(2,508,985)		(1,835,313)	
Depreciation and amortisation/Impairment	<b>7.5</b>	(1,325,395)		(1,307,076)	
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)</b>		<b>5,466,620</b>	<b>(1,430,793)</b>	<b>4,955,885</b>	<b>(1,237,743)</b>
Financial income	<b>7.6</b>	1,298,742		1,227,977	
Financial charges	<b>7.6</b>	(1,547,260)		(1,662,425)	
<b>EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES</b>		<b>5,218,102</b>	<b>(1,430,793)</b>	<b>4,521,437</b>	<b>(1,237,743)</b>
Income taxes	<b>7.7</b>	(1,045,722)		120,606	
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>		<b>4,172,380</b>	<b>(1,430,793)</b>	<b>4,642,043</b>	<b>(1,237,743)</b>
<b>EARNINGS PER SHARE</b>	<b>8</b>	0.40		0.44	
<b>DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE</b>	<b>8</b>	0.39		0.43	

## Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

	2014	2013
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>4,172,380</b>	<b>4,642,043</b>
Foreign currency translation differences - foreign operations	58,080	(99,891)
Net change in fair value of assets held for sale	-	3,450
<b>Total items of other comprehensive income that will be subsequently reclassified to profit/(loss) for the period net of taxes</b>	<b>58,080</b>	<b>(96,441)</b>
Defined benefit plans actuarial gains (losses)	(346,940)	87,370
<b>Total items of other comprehensive income that will not be subsequently reclassified to profit/(loss) for the period net of taxes</b>	<b>(346,940)</b>	<b>87,370</b>
<b>Total profit/ (loss) of Comprehensive income net of taxes</b>	<b>(288,860)</b>	<b>(9,071)</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>3,883,520</b>	<b>4,632,972</b>



## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

	2014	2013
<b>Net profit (loss) for the period</b>	<b>4,172,380</b>	<b>4,642,043</b>
Non-monetary costs	-	152,653
Current tax	(170,787)	(816,381)
Change in deferred tax	(127,079)	(920,093)
Depreciation and amortisation, impairment and provisions	1,325,395	1,208,271
<b>Cash flows from (used in) operating activities (before change in working capital)</b>	<b>5,199,909</b>	<b>4,266,493</b>
(Increases)/decreases in trade receivables	(1,768,109)	1,112,252
(Increases)/decreases in inventories	(369,282)	(62,904)
Increases/(decreases) in trade payables	35,585	(295,225)
increases/(decreases) in post-employment benefits	195,212	11,133
Increases/(decreases) in other assets and liabilities	518,468	449,103
<b>Change in operating assets and liabilities</b>	<b>(1,388,126)</b>	<b>1,214,359</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>3,811,783</b>	<b>5,480,852</b>
Increases in property, plant and equipment	(591,358)	(482,656)
Increases in intangible assets	(23,671)	19,182
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(615,029)</b>	<b>(463,474)</b>
Increases / (decreases) in financial payables	(2,409,333)	(3,549,806)
Distribution of dividends	(2,614,596)	(2,106,906)
Share buy-backs	(490,455)	(1,125,282)
Stock options exercise	(105,407)	468,928
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(5,619,791)</b>	<b>(6,313,066)</b>
<b>INCREASES / (DECREASES) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>(2,423,037)</b>	<b>(1,295,688)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash flows	(93,860)	297,903
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>14,821,027</b>	<b>15,818,812</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD</b>	<b>12,304,130</b>	<b>14,821,027</b>

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity as at 31 December 2014

	Share capital	Legal reserve	Share premium reserve	Merger surplus	First time adoption	Stock options	Actuarial differences on post-employment benefits	IRS fair value reserve	Translation reserve	Retained earnings (accumulated losses)	Profit (loss) for the period	Total equity
<b>Balances at 31 December 2013</b>	5,911,932	443,000	11,595,783	1,911,444	140,667	741,805	(667,093)	-	(289,724)	3,506,897	4,642,043	27,936,754
Profit (loss) at 31 December 2013		76,422								4,565,622	(4,642,044)	-
Distribution of dividends									(2,614,596)			(2,614,596)
Subscription of Stock options/Grants			(105,406)			(560,508)				560,508		(105,406)
Share buy-back			(490,455)									(490,455)
Exchange differences										360,459		360,459
<b>Profit (loss) at 31 December 2014</b>											4,172,380	4,172,380
Post-employment benefits discounting							(346,940)					(346,940)
Exchange differences									58,080			58,080
<b>Profit (loss) at 31 December 2014</b>							(346,940)		418,539		4,172,380	3,883,520
<b>Balances at 31 December 2014</b>	5,911,932	519,422	10,999,923	1,911,444	140,667	181,297	(1,014,033)	-	128,815	6,018,431	4,172,379	28,970,277

	Share capital	Legal reserve	Share premium reserve	Merger surplus	First time adoption	Stock options	Actuarial differences on post-employment benefits	IRS fair value reserve	Translation reserve	Retained earnings (accumulated losses)	Profit (loss) for the period	Total equity
<b>Balances at 31 December 2012 (Restated)</b>	2,883,466	340,130	15,280,603	1,911,444	140,667	663,956	(754,463)	(3,450)	(156,257)	719,785	4,996,888	26,022,769
Profit (loss) at 31 December 2012		102,870								4,894,018	(4,996,888)	-
Free share capital increase	2,955,966		(2,955,966)									-
Distribution of dividends									(2,106,906)			(2,106,906)
Allocation to stock option plan						77,849						77,849
Stock option subscription	72,500		396,428									468,928
Share buy-backs			(1,125,282)									(1,125,282)
Exchange differences									(33,576)			(133,467)
<b>Profit (loss) at 31 December 2013</b>											4,642,043	4,642,043
MTM IRS								3,450				3,450
Post-employment benefits discounting							87,370					87,370
Exchange differences									(99,891)			(133,467)
<b>Total profit (loss) at 31 December 2013</b>							87,370	3,450	(99,891)		4,642,043	4,632,923
<b>Balances at 31 December 2013</b>	5,911,932	443,000	11,595,783	1,911,444	140,667	741,805	(667,093)	-	(289,724)	3,506,897	4,642,043	27,936,754

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Group's structure and scope of consolidation

The Parent Company TXT e-solutions S.p.A. and its subsidiaries operate both in Italy and abroad in the IT sector, and provide software and service solutions in extremely dynamic markets that require advanced technological solutions.

The table below shows the companies included in the scope of consolidation under the line-by-line method at 31 December 2014:

Company Name	Country	Currency	% of direct interest	Share Capital
TXT e-solutions SL	Spain	EUR	100%	600,000
TXT e-solutions Sarl	France	EUR	100%	1,300,000
TXT e-solutions Gmbh	Germany	EUR	100%	1,300,000
TXT e-solutions Ltd	Great Britain	GBP	100%	2,966,460
Maple Lake Ltd	Canada	CAD	100%	2,200,801
Maple Lake Pty Ltd	Australia	AUD	100%	112
TXT USA Inc.	United States	USD	100%	1,000

TXT e-solutions Group's consolidated financial statements are presented in Euro.

Here below are the foreign exchange rates used for translating the amounts expressed in foreign currency of the subsidiaries TXT e-solutions Ltd, Maple Lake Ltd, Maple Lake Pty Ltd and TXT USA Inc. into Euro:

- Income statement (average exchange rate)

Currency	2014	2013
British Pound Sterling (GBP)	0.8064	0.8493
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.4669	1.3685
Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.4724	1.3770
US Dollar (USD)	1.3288	1.3281

- Balance sheet (exchange rate at 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013)

Currency	31 Dec. 2014	31 Dec. 2013
British Pound Sterling (GBP)	0.7789	0.8337
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.4063	1.4671
Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.4829	1.5423
USA Dollar (USD)	1.2141	1.3791

## 2. Basis of preparation of the consolidated financial statements

TXT e-solutions Group's consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and endorsed by the European Union at the date of drafting these financial statements, as well as with the implementing measures for Article 9 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 38/2005 and with any other applicable provisions and Consob regulations on financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for derivative financial instruments. The carrying amount of underlying assets and liabilities of fair value hedges which would otherwise be carried at amortised cost is adjusted to take into account the changes in fair value attributable to the hedged risks.

Consolidated financial statements have been prepared based on accounting entries at 31 December 2014 and on a going concern basis. The accounting policies applied in preparing the financial statements, as well as the composition of, and changes in, individual items, are illustrated below.

All amounts are expressed in Euro, unless otherwise indicated.

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### 2.1 Accounting standards and basis of consolidation

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of TXT e-solutions S.p.A. and its subsidiaries as at 31 December 2014.

The subsidiaries are consolidated line-by-line from the acquisition date, or the date when control is obtained, and cease to be consolidated on the date when control is lost. The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies. Intragroup balances and transactions, including any unrealised profits and losses resulting from intragroup transactions and dividends, are eliminated in full.

Unrealised profits and losses on transactions with associates or jointly controlled entities are eliminated to the extent of the Group's equity interest in those companies.

Total comprehensive income of a subsidiary is attributed to non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Changes in the parent's ownership interest in a subsidiary that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions.

If the parent company loses control of a subsidiary, it:

- derecognises the assets (including any goodwill) and liabilities of the subsidiary;
- derecognises the carrying amounts of any non-controlling interests in the former subsidiary;
- derecognises the cumulative exchange differences recognised in equity;
- recognises the fair value of the consideration received;
- recognises the investment retained in the former subsidiary at its fair value;
- recognises any gain or loss in profit or loss;
- reclassifies to profit or loss, or transfers directly to retained earnings if required, the parent's share in the amounts previously recognised in other comprehensive income.

## **Foreign currency transactions**

Foreign currency transactions are recorded on initial recognition in the functional currency by applying the spot exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

The monetary assets and liabilities, denominated in foreign currency, are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date.

Exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss with the exception of monetary items that form part of the net investment in a foreign operation. Such differences are recognised initially in other comprehensive income until the disposal of the net investment, and only then will be recognised in profit or loss. Taxes and tax credits attributable to exchange differences on monetary items shall also be recognised in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency shall be translated using the exchange rate at the date of initial recognition of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date when the fair value was determined. Gains or losses arising from the translation of non-monetary items are treated in line with the recognition of gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of said items (foreign currency differences on the items with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss are recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).

Any goodwill arising on the acquisition of a foreign operation and any fair value adjustments to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities arising on the acquisition of that foreign operation are treated as assets and liabilities of the foreign operation, and therefore are expressed in the functional currency of the foreign operation and translated at the closing rate.

## **Consolidation of foreign operations**

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Euro, which is the functional and presentation currency adopted by the parent company. Each company of the Group determines its own functional currency, which is used to measure the items included in the individual financial statements. The Group decided to carry forward the gains or losses arising from the application of the direct method of consolidation, which is the method the Group used for its consolidation.

## **Business combinations and goodwill**

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The acquisition cost is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred, measured at the acquisition-date fair value, and the recognised amount of the non-controlling interest in the acquiree. For each business

combination, the Group defines whether to measure the non-controlling interest in the acquiree at fair value or the non-controlling interest's proportionate share in the recognised amounts of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition costs are expensed in the year and classified as administrative expenses.

When the Group acquires a business, it classifies or designates the financial assets acquired or the liabilities assumed on the basis of the contractual terms, economic conditions, and other pertinent conditions as they exist on the acquisition date. This includes the assessment of whether an embedded derivative should be separated from the host contract.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the pre-existing equity interest is carried at fair value at the date of acquisition and the resulting gain or loss, if any, is recognised in profit or loss. This is taken into account in determining goodwill.

The acquirer recognises any contingent consideration at the acquisition-date fair value. The change in fair value of the contingent consideration classified as an asset or liability, i.e. a financial instrument and is within the scope of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, will be recognised in profit or loss or in other comprehensive income. If the contingent consideration is not within the scope of IAS 39, it is accounted for in accordance with the appropriate IFRS. If the contingent consideration is classified as equity, it shall not be remeasured and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

Goodwill is initially measured as the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred and the amount of any non-controlling interests over the identifiable net assets acquired and liabilities assumed by the Group. If the fair value of nets assets acquired exceeds the aggregate of the consideration transferred, the Group reassesses whether it has correctly identified all of the assets acquired and all of the liabilities assumed and reviews the procedures used to measure the amounts which are required to be recognised at the acquisition date. If that excess remains after applying the new measurement, the resulting gain is recognised in profit or loss.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost net of any accumulated impairment loss. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated, from the acquisition date, to each of the Group's cash-generating units expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquiree are assigned to those units.

If goodwill has been allocated to a cash-generating unit and the entity disposes of an operation within that unit, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal. Goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is measured on the basis of the relative values of the operation disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

## **ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

### **Intangible assets**

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially measured at cost, while those acquired in business combinations are recognised at the fair value at the acquisition date. After initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at their cost less any accumulated amortisation and any

accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets are not capitalised and are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

The useful life of intangible assets is assessed as finite or indefinite.

Intangible assets with a finite useful life are amortised over their useful lives and are tested for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at each financial year-end. The changes in the expected useful life or in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the assets are recognised by changing the amortisation period or method, as required, and are accounted for as changes in accounting estimates. The amortisation expense related to intangible assets with a finite useful life is recognised in profit or loss in the expense category consistent with the intangible asset's function.

Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised, but they are tested for impairment annually both as an individual asset and as a cash-generating unit. The indefinite useful life assessment is reviewed annually to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support it. If they do not, the change in the useful life assessment from indefinite to finite is applied prospectively.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an intangible asset is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the intangible asset's carrying amount, and is recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

### **Research and development costs**

Research costs are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when incurred. Development costs incurred in relation to a specific project are recognised as an intangible asset when the conditions provided for by IAS 38 apply.

After initial recognition, development costs are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation begins when development is completed and the asset is available for use. Development costs are amortised with reference to the period during which the related project is expected to generate economic benefits for the Group. During the period in which the asset is not yet in use, it will be tested for impairment annually.

### **Software licenses**

Licenses for use of intellectual property are carried at cost and amortised over 3 to 5 years, according to the specific type of license.

### **Property, plant and equipment**

An item of property, plant and equipment is measured at acquisition or production cost including directly attributable costs necessary to bring the asset to its working condition.

An item of property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over its useful life, i.e. the period over which an asset is expected to be available for use by an entity. Depreciation begins when the asset is available for use and is calculated on a straight-line basis using the rate

deemed representative of the asset's estimated useful life. Given the nature of the assets within the separate classes, no significant parts having different useful lives were recognised.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the relevant asset, as shown below:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Useful life</b>
<b>Furniture and fixtures</b>	<b>8 years</b>
<b>Plant and equipment</b>	<b>5 years</b>
<b>Motor vehicles</b>	<b>4 years</b>

The costs of maintenance, repair, enhancement, upgrade, and replacement that have not lead to any significant and measurable increase in the production capacity or in the useful life of the asset concerned are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

Leasehold improvements shall be recognised in the asset class to which they refer and, if separable, they shall be depreciated in accordance with their useful life; if they are not separable, they shall be depreciated based on the shorter of the lease term or the asset's useful life.

Assets held under finance leases (for which the companies of the group assume substantially all the risks and rewards) are accounted for as property, plant and equipment (historical cost of the asset and accumulated depreciation) and classified in the specific classes, recognising the financial payable to the lessor as a liability. Depreciation is calculated in accordance with the previously mentioned method.

Lease payments are apportioned between the reduction of the outstanding liability and the finance charge to be allocated to each period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability at each financial year-end.

### **Impairment of non-financial assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the Group assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when an annual impairment test is required, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of the asset. The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. The recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or group of assets. If the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its recoverable amount, said asset has become impaired and is consequently reduced to its recoverable amount.

In measuring value in use, the Group discounts estimated future cash flows using a rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs to sell, recent market transactions are taken into account. If it is not possible to determine such transactions, an appropriate measurement model is used. These calculations are corroborated by the appropriate valuation multipliers, quoted share prices of investee companies whose securities are publicly traded, and other available indicators of fair value.

The Group bases its impairment test on detailed budgets and forecasts prepared separately for each of the Group's cash-generating units to which the individual assets are allocated. These



budgets and forecasts generally cover a period of five years. For longer periods, a long-term growth rate used to extrapolate cash flow projections beyond the fifth year is calculated.

Impairment losses on operating assets, including losses on inventories, are recognised in profit or loss in the expense categories consistent with the intended use of the impaired asset. An exception is represented by revalued assets for which the revaluation has been recognised in other comprehensive income and classified as a revaluation surplus. In these cases, the impairment loss is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent that it does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group assesses whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for an asset other than goodwill may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of that asset. An impairment loss recognised in prior periods shall be reversed if, and only if, there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal of an impairment loss shall not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of amortisation and depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case it is treated as a revaluation increase.

The following criteria are used to recognise impairment losses on specific types of assets:

### ***Goodwill***

Goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually (at 31 December) and, more frequently, when the circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may be impaired.

The impairment loss on goodwill is determined by measuring the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) to which goodwill can be allocated. Wherever the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is lower than the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit to which goodwill was allocated, an impairment loss is recognised. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill cannot be reversed in a subsequent period.

### ***Intangible assets***

An intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is tested for impairment at least annually (at 31 December) both as an individual asset and as a cash-generating unit, whichever is more appropriate to determine whether any impairment exists.

## **Financial instruments**

### ***Initial recognition and measurement***

The financial assets within the scope of IAS 39 are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity financial assets, available-for-sale financial assets, or derivatives designated as hedging instruments that are determined to be effective hedges, as appropriate. The Group determines the classification of its financial assets upon initial recognition.

Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus the transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition, except in the case of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

A purchase or sale of a financial asset under a contract whose terms require delivery of the asset within the time frame established generally by regulation or convention in the marketplace concerned is a regular way purchase or sale and is recognised using trade date accounting. Trade date is the date that the Group commits itself to purchase or sell an asset.

The Group's financial assets include cash and short-term deposits, trade receivables and other receivables, loans and other receivables, quoted and unquoted financial instruments.

### ***Subsequent measurement***

Subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

#### ***Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss***

This category includes financial assets held for trading and assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition.

Assets held for trading are all those assets acquired for the purpose of selling them in the near term.

This category includes the derivative financial instruments subscribed by the Group that were not designated as hedging instruments in accordance with the hedging relationship as defined by IAS 39. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are classified as financial instruments held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

The financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the balance sheet at fair value, while the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss as financial income or charges.

No financial asset was designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

The Group assessed its financial assets held for trading, other than derivatives, to verify whether the intention to sell them in the near term is still appropriate. In rare cases, i.e. when the Group is unable to sell these financial assets because markets are not active and management's intention to sell them in the foreseeable future changes significantly, the Group may choose to reclassify these financial assets. The reclassification to loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets, or held-to-maturity financial assets depends on the nature of the asset. This assessment has no impact on any financial asset designated as at fair value through profit or loss designated under the fair value option.

The embedded derivatives contained in host contracts are accounted for as separate derivatives and measured at fair value if their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract and the host contract is not held for trading or measured at fair value through profit or loss. These embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. The initial assessment is not revised unless a change in the contractual terms significantly modifies the cash flows that otherwise would be expected.

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### ***Loans and receivables***

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these financial assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. The amortised cost is calculated by accounting for any discounts, acquisition premiums, fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

The amortisation at the effective interest rate is recognised as financial income in profit or loss. The losses arising from impairment are recognised as financial charges in profit or loss.

### ***Held-to-maturity financial assets***

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments are classified as “held-to-maturity financial assets” whenever the Group has the positive intention and ability to hold them to maturity.

After initial recognition, held-to-maturity financial assets are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. The amortised cost is calculated by accounting for any discounts, acquisition premiums, fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The amortisation at the effective interest rate is recognised as financial income in profit or loss. The losses arising from impairment are recognised as financial charges in profit or loss. The Group did not hold any investments of this type during the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 2013.

### ***Impairment of financial assets***

At the end of each reporting period, the Group determines whether a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset and that loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment can be represented by indicators such as financial difficulty, a breach of contract, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, that borrowers, or a group of borrowers, are incurring; it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation, and where observable data indicate that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in circumstances or in the economic conditions related to the obligations.

### ***Financial assets carried at amortised cost***

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the Group assessed whether objective evidence of impairment existed individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Group determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred). The present value of cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. If a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss. Interest income continues to be estimated based on the reduced carrying amount and is recognised using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. Interest income is recognised in profit or loss as part of financial income. Loans and the relevant provisions are reversed when there is no realistic prospect of recovery and all guarantees have been enforced or transferred to the Group. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss increases or decreases following an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss shall be increased or decreased by adjusting an allowance account. If a reversal is subsequently recovered, the amount of the reversal is recognised in profit or loss as a decrease in financial charges.

### **Investments in other companies**

The item includes investments in other companies (ownership of less than 20% of the stock or 2% for listed companies) measured at fair value through equity; when the fair value cannot be reliably measured, the investments are measured at cost less impairment. When the conditions that caused the impairment no longer exist, the investments measured at cost are revalued to the extent of the impairment loss previously recognised through profit or loss.

### **Other non-current assets, Trade receivables, Current financial receivables, and Other current receivables**

With the exception of assets deriving from derivative financial instruments, the other assets and all financial assets that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured, are measured, if they have fixed maturity, at amortised cost using the effective interest method. When financial assets do not have fixed maturity, they are measured at cost. Loans with maturity over one year, granted interest-free or at a below-market rate, are discounted at market rates of interest.

The Group regularly assesses whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. If any such evidence exists, the impairment loss is recognised as an expense when incurred.

### **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of acquisition or production cost and market value. This refers mainly to consumables measured at acquisition cost, determined by the last cost incurred which, since the turnover rate for these inventories is high, is an excellent approximation of FIFO.

Contract work in progress, consisting of services not yet completed at the end of the financial year relating to indivisible contracts that will be completed during the next twelve months, are measured on the basis of the considerations agreed in relation to the stage of completion determined using

the cost-to-cost method. Advance payments received from customers are deducted from inventories, to the extent that they do not exceed the consideration accrued; the remaining part is recognised as a liability.

## **Cash and cash equivalents and short-term deposits**

Cash and cash equivalents and short-term deposits comprise cash on hand and demand and short-term deposits with maturity of up to three months.

## **Treasury shares**

Treasury shares are measured at cost and deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale or cancellation of an entity's treasury shares. Any difference between the consideration paid and received, when treasury shares are reissued, is recognised in the share premium reserve. Voting and dividend rights attached to treasury shares are suspended. If stock options are exercised, they are serviced with treasury shares.

## **Financial Liabilities, Other non-current liabilities, Trade payables, Current financial payables and Other payables**

Upon initial recognition, they are designated as at fair value (typically represented by the cost of the transaction that originated them), including transaction costs.

Subsequently, except for derivative financial instruments, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The receivables and payables in the foreign currency of countries outside the Euro area are translated at closing rates; any positive or negative differences between the amounts of the receivables and payables translated at closing rates and those measured at the original exchange rates, are recognised in profit or loss.

## **Financial liabilities**

### ***Initial recognition and measurement***

The financial liabilities within the scope of IAS 39 are classified as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, such as loans and borrowings, or derivatives designated as hedging instruments, as appropriate. The Group determines the classification of its financial liabilities upon initial recognition.

Financial liabilities are initially recorded at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to them in the case of loans and borrowings.

The Group's financial liabilities include trade payables and other payables, bank overdrafts, loans and borrowings, guarantees issued and derivative financial instruments.

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as described below.

### ***Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss***

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition.

Liabilities held for trading are all those liabilities acquired for the purpose of selling them in the near term. This category includes the derivative financial instruments subscribed by the Group that were not designated as hedging instruments in accordance with the hedging relationship as defined by IAS 39. Separated embedded derivatives are classified as financial instruments held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Gains and losses on financial liabilities held for trading are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss only if the conditions in IAS 39 are met. The Group has not designated upon initial recognition any financial liability as at fair value through profit or loss.

### ***Loans and borrowings***

After initial recognition, loans are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss only when the liability is extinguished, as well as through amortisation.

The amortised cost is calculated accounting for any acquisition discounts or premiums, fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Amortisation at the effective interest rate is recognised in financial charges in profit or loss.

### **Employee benefits expense**

#### ***Post-employment benefits***

The liability relating to employee benefits paid upon or after the end of employment and relating to defined benefit plans, net of any plan assets, is determined based on actuarial assumptions made to estimate the amount of benefit that employees have earned to date. The liability is recognised on an accrual basis over the vesting period.

Employee post-employment benefits earned up to 31 December 2006, pursuant to article 2120 of the Italian Civil Code, are included in defined benefit plans. Indeed, subsequent to the reform of supplementary pension schemes, since 1 January 2007 post-employment benefits earned are mandatorily paid into a supplementary pension fund, or into the special Treasury Fund set up at the National Social Security Institute (INPS) if the employee exercised the specific option. Therefore, the Group's defined benefit obligation to employees exclusively regards the provisions made up to 31 December 2006.

The accounting treatment adopted by TXT since 1 January 2007 reflects the prevailing interpretation of the new law and is consistent with the accounting approach defined by the relevant professional bodies. In particular:

- Post-employment benefits earned since 1 January 2007 are considered elements of a Defined Contribution Plan even if the employee exercised the option to allocate them to the Treasury Fund at INPS. These benefits, determined based on statutory provisions and not subject to any actuarial valuation, therefore represent negative income components recognised as labour costs.
- Post-employment benefits earned as at 31 December 2006 continue instead to represent the liability for the company's obligation under a Defined Benefit Plan. This liability will not be increased further in the future with additional provisions; therefore, unlike in the past, the



component relating to future increases in salaries was excluded from the actuarial calculation made to determine the balance as at 31 December 2012.

External actuaries determine the present value of TXT's obligations using the Projected Unit Credit Method. With this method, the liability is projected into the future to determine the probable amount payable upon the end of employment and is then discounted to account for the time that will pass before the actual payment. The calculation takes into account the post-employment benefits earned for service in prior periods and is based on actuarial assumptions mainly regarding the interest rate, which reflects the market yields on high quality corporate bonds with a term consistent with the estimated term of the obligation and employee turnover.

Actuarial gains and losses, defined as the difference between the carrying amount of the liability and the present value of TXT's obligations at the end of the period, due to the change in the previously used actuarial parameters (described above), are recognised outside profit or loss (in comprehensive income) and directly in equity.

### **Stock option plans**

TXT e-solutions S.p.A. recognises additional benefits to particular categories of employees who work in the Company and its subsidiaries, deemed to be "key management personnel" in terms of authority and/or responsibility through stock option plans. Pursuant to IFRS 2 – Share-Based Payment – the overall amount of the present value of the stock options at grant date is recognised systematically on a monthly basis in profit or loss as a cost during the vesting period, with a specific reserve recognised in equity. This implicit cost is determined using specific income-equity models.

The fair value of the stock options is represented by the value of the option estimated by applying the "Black-Scholes" model which takes account of the exercise price of the option, the current price of the shares, the expected volatility, and the risk-free interest rate.

### **Contingent liabilities**

The Group's companies may be involved in legal proceedings regarding various issues. Owing to the uncertainties inherent to said issues, it is normally hard to make a reliable estimate of the outflow of resources that could arise from said disputes. In the ordinary course of business, the management consults with legal advisors as well as legal and fiscal experts. TXT recognises a liability for said disputes when it deems it probable that an outflow of financial resources will be required and when the amount of the losses resulting from it can be reliably estimated. If an outflow of financial resources is possible, this fact is reported in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Dividends distributed**

Dividends payable are recognised as movements in equity in the period in which they are approved by the Shareholders' Meeting.

### **Intragroup and transactions with related parties**

Related parties are:

- a) Entities that, directly or indirectly, even through subsidiaries, trustees or third parties:

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- Control TXT e-solutions S.p.A.
  - Are subsidiaries of TXT e-solutions S.p.A.
  - Are subject to joint control with TXT e-solutions S.p.A.
  - Have an interest in TXT e-solutions S.p.A. such as to exercise a significant influence.
- b) Associates of TXT e-solutions S.p.A.
- c) Joint ventures in which TXT e-solutions S.p.A. participates.
- d) Managers with strategic responsibilities of TXT e-solutions S.p.A. or one of its parent companies.
- e) Close members of the family of parties as per the above points a) and d).
- f) Entities controlled or jointly controlled or subject to significant influence by one of the parties as per points d) and e), or in which said parties hold, directly or indirectly, a significant interest, in any case at least 20% of the voting rights.
- g) An occupational, collective or individual pension fund, either Italian or foreign, set up for TXT e-solutions S.p.A.'s employees or any other related entity.

As for transactions with related parties, it should be noted that they cannot be classified as atypical nor unusual, as they fall within the course of ordinary activities of the Group's companies. Said transactions are conducted at arm's length, considering the characteristics of the goods and services provided.

### **Translation of foreign currency items**

The financial statements are presented in Euro, which is the functional and presentation currency adopted by the Group.

Foreign currency transactions are recorded on initial recognition in the functional currency by applying the spot exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

The monetary assets and liabilities, denominated in foreign currency, are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date.

Exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss with the exception of monetary items that form part of the net investment in a foreign operation. Such differences are recognised initially in other comprehensive income until the disposal of the net investment, and only then will be recognised in profit or loss. Taxes and tax credits attributable to exchange differences on monetary items are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency shall be translated using the exchange rate at the date of initial recognition of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date when the fair value was determined. Gains or losses arising from the translation of non-monetary items are treated in line with the recognition of gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of said items (foreign currency differences on the items with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss are recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).



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## REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the TXT e-solutions Group and the relevant amount can be measured reliably, irrespective of collection date. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account the contract terms of payment and excluding taxes and duties. The Group specifically assessed its sales contracts and concluded that it is acting directly as the principal in all sales contracts.

These specific measurement criteria shall also apply with reference to revenue recognition:

### Sales of assets

Sales are recognised when ownership is transferred, i.e. all risks and rewards associated with the asset are transferred. Revenue is recognised net of returns, discounts, rebates and premiums, as well as of any directly related taxes.

### Services

Revenues arising from the provision of development and maintenance services are measured on the basis of the considerations agreed in relation to the stage of completion determined using the cost-to-cost method. When the outcome of a contract cannot be reliably measured, revenue is recognised only to the extent that costs incurred are deemed to satisfy the recoverability requirements.

### Interest income

For all financial instruments measured at amortised cost and interest-bearing financial assets classified as available-for-sale, interest income is measured using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Interest income is classified as financial income in profit or loss (IAS 18.30 a).

## EXPENSES

Expenses are recognised in the financial statements when ownership of the assets to which they refer has been transferred or the services acquired have been provided, or when the relevant future benefits cannot be estimated.

Personnel costs include, consistently with their substantial nature, stock options granted to employees. In determining those costs, reference is made to the comments in the introduction concerning the policies adopted in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Interest income and expense are recognised on an accrual basis based on interest accrued on the net value of the relevant financial assets and liabilities using the effective interest method.

### Government grants

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and the entity will comply with the conditions attached to them. When grants are related to

expenses, they are recognised as income; however, they are recognised on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises the expenses that the grants are intended to compensate. If a grant is related to an asset, the grant is recognised as income on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the relevant asset.

When the TXT e-solutions Group receives a non-monetary grant, the asset and the grant are recognised at their nominal amount in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the relevant asset. In case of loans or similar forms of assistance granted by government bodies or similar institutions at a below-market rate of interest, the benefit associated with the favourable interest rate is treated as an additional government grant.

## **INCOME TAXES**

### **Current tax**

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current period are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, using the rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current tax is recognised outside profit or loss if the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit or loss, and is therefore recognised in equity or in other comprehensive income, consistently with the recognition of the item it relates to. Management periodically assesses the tax position taken in the tax return with respect to situations in which tax laws are subject to interpretation and makes provisions where appropriate.

### **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is calculated using the so-called “liability method” on the temporary differences arising at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

A deferred tax liability is recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except to the extent that it arises from:

- the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss);
- the reversal of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures that may be controlled and is unlikely to occur in the foreseeable future.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for all deductible temporary differences and the carryforward of unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences as well as the unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised, unless:

- the deferred tax asset arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss);
- the deferred tax asset for taxable temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures is recognised only the extent that it is probable

that the deductible temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow the benefit of part or all of that deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed annually at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised outside profit or loss if the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit or loss, and is therefore recognised in equity or in other comprehensive income, consistently with the recognition of the item it relates to.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities, and the deferred tax relates to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Tax benefits acquired in a business combination, but that do not satisfy the criteria for separate recognition as of the acquisition date, are subsequently recognised where required when there is new information about changes in facts and circumstances. The adjustment is either treated as a reduction of goodwill (to the extent that it does not exceed goodwill), if it is recognised within the measurement period, or in profit or loss, if recognised afterwards.

## **Indirect taxes**

Expenses, revenue and assets are recognised net of value added tax, with the following exceptions:

- the tax applied to the purchase of goods or services cannot be deducted, in which case it is recognised as part of the asset's acquisition cost or part of the expense recognised in profit or loss;
- trade receivables and payables include the tax.

The net amount of indirect sales taxes that can be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities is recognised as part of trade receivables or payables, depending on whether the balance is positive or negative.

## **FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY**

For measurements of financial instruments recognised in the balance sheet, IFRS 13 requires that fair value measurements be classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The levels are as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices in an active market for assets or liabilities subject to measurement;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable in the market, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices);

- Level 3: inputs that are not based on observable market data.

No transfers between hierarchical levels occurred during the financial year 2014.

Comparison between fair value and carrying amount of the TXT Group's financial instruments is provided in the table below, subdivided by hierarchy level:

Amounts in Euro	31 Dec. 2014	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Financial assets at fair value</b>				
- other non-current financial assets	0	0	0	0
- other current financial assets	0	0	0	0
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Financial liabilities at fair value</b>				
- other non-current financial liabilities	1,684,734	0	1,684,734	0
- other current financial liabilities	2,339,822	0	2,319,913	0
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>4,024,556</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,004,647</b>	<b>0</b>

Amounts in Euro	31 Dec. 2013	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Financial assets at fair value</b>				
- other non-current financial assets	0	0	0	0
- other current financial assets	0	0	0	0
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Financial liabilities at fair value</b>				
- other non-current financial liabilities	2,895,924	0	2,927,924	0
- other current financial liabilities	4,958,907	0	4,958,907	0
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>7,854,831</b>		<b>7,886,831</b>	<b>0</b>

Current financial liabilities approximate market value.

Non-current financial liabilities refer to loans signed by the Group. The fair value measurement of non-current liabilities was made by discounting future cash flows based on the market interest rates increased by credit rating recognised by bank counterparties in trading similar financial products.

### Guarantees issued, obligations and other contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2014, the Group had issued guarantees on debts and obligations of third parties and associates in the form of bank guarantees for rental security deposits, and the remainder in the form of bank guarantees for bids in tenders.

### Use of estimates and discretionary assessments

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements and the relevant notes in conformity with IFRSs requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as well as disclosures relating to contingent assets and liabilities at the reporting date. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and any changes are immediately recognised in profit or loss. Here below are the assumptions made about the future and other major sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

### ***Impairment of non-financial assets***

An impairment loss occurs when the carrying amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Fair value less costs to sell is measured based on data available from binding sale agreements between knowledgeable, willing parties for similar assets or observable market prices, less the costs of disposal. Value in use is calculated using a discounted cash flow model. Cash flow projections are based on the plan for the next three years and include neither restructurings for which the Group does not have a present obligation, nor significant future investments that will increase the return on the assets of the cash-generating unit subject to measurement. The recoverable amount significantly depends on the discount rate used in the discounted cash flow model, as well as on the expected future cash inflows and the growth rate used to extrapolate.

### ***Taxes***

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilised. Management is required to make significant estimates to determine the amount of tax assets that can be recognised based on the level of future taxable profits, when they will arise, and tax planning strategies.

### ***Pension funds***

The cost of defined benefit pension plans and other post-employment medical benefits is determined using actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation requires assumptions about discount rates, the expected rate of return on plan assets, future salary increases, mortality rates, and future benefit increases. Because of the long-term nature of these plans, the estimates are subject to a significant degree of uncertainty. All assumptions are reviewed annually.

In determining the appropriate discount rate, the directors use the interest rate of corporate bonds with average terms corresponding to the estimated term of the defined-benefit obligation. The bonds are subject to further qualitative analysis and those that present a credit spread deemed excessive are removed from the population of bonds on which the discount rate is based, as they do not represent high-quality bonds.

The mortality rate is based on mortality tables available for each country. Future salary and benefit increases are based on the expected inflation rates for each country.

### ***Fair value measurement of contingent considerations***

Contingent considerations associated with business combinations are measured at the acquisition-date fair value within the scope of the business combination. Whenever the contingent consideration is a financial liability, its value is subsequently re-measured at each reporting date. Fair value is measured using discounted cash flows. Key assumptions take account of the probability of achieving each performance objective and the discount rate.

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***New accounting standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Group***

The accounting standards adopted in preparing the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014 are consistent with those used in preparing the Group financial statements as at 31 December 2013, except for the adoption of the new standards, amendments and interpretations effective since 1 January 2014.

Several new standards and amendments became effective as of 2014. However, they did not have any impact on TXT e-solutions Group's consolidated financial statements.

Contents and effects of each new standard/amendment are detailed below:

*IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and IAS 27 (2011) Separate financial statements*

IFRS 10 supersedes the part of IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements applied in accounting for the consolidated financial statements. It also deals with the issues raised in SIC-12 Consolidation – Special purpose entities.

IFRS 10 establishes a single control model applying to all entities, including special purpose entities. With respect to the provisions in IAS 27, the amendments introduced by IFRS 10 will require management to make important discretionary assessments, to determine which entities are controlled, and therefore shall be consolidated by the parent company. Application of IFRS 10 has no impact on the interests currently held by the Group.

*IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements*

IFRS 11 supersedes IAS 31 Interests in Joint Ventures and SIC-13 Jointly controlled entities – Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers.

IFRS 11 eliminates the option to account for jointly controlled entities through proportionate consolidation. Jointly controlled entities classified as joint ventures shall instead be accounted for using the equity method. The standard has no impact on the Group's balance sheet or performance, as this case is not present among its investee companies.

*IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*

IFRS 12 includes disclosure previously required by IAS 27 concerning the consolidated financial statements, as well as disclosure required by IAS 31 and IAS 28. It deals with an entity's interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates, and unconsolidated 'structured entities'. New disclosures are also presented. The standard has no impact on the Group's balance sheet or performance.

*IAS 28 (2011) Investments in associates and joint ventures*

Following the new IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements and IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, IAS 28 was renamed as Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures, and outlines how to apply the equity method to investments in associates and joint ventures. The standard has no impact on the Group's balance sheet or performance.

*IAS 32 Offsetting Financial Assets and Liabilities – Amendments to IAS 32*

The amendments clarify the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off" and also clarify the application of the IAS 32 offsetting criteria to settlement systems (such as central clearing houses) which apply gross settlement mechanisms that are not simultaneous. These amendments have no impact on the Group's balance sheet or performance.

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*IAS 39 Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting - Amendments to IAS 39*

These amendments clarify that there is no need to discontinue hedge accounting if a hedging derivative is novated, provided certain criteria are met. These amendments must be applied retrospectively. These amendments did not have any impact since the Group has not replaced its derivatives in the current period or in the previous periods.

*IFRIC 21 Levies*

IFRIC 21 states that an entity recognises a liability only when the event to which payment is linked occurs, in accordance with the applicable law. For payments triggered only upon reaching of a specific minimum threshold, the liability is recognised only when that threshold is reached. Retrospective application is required for IFRIC 21. This interpretation had no impact on the Group, as in previous years, the recognition criteria envisaged by IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets had been applied, and these comply with the provisions of IFRIC 21.

*Annual improvements cycle 2010-2012*

As part of the annual improvements cycle 2010-2012, the IASB issued seven amendments to six standards, including an amendment to IFRS 13 Fair value measurement. The amendment to IFRS 13, which became effective immediately and, therefore, from 1 January 2014, clarifies in the Basis for Conclusions that short-term receivables and payables that do not have a declared interest rate may be recognised at the value indicated on the invoice, if the amount of discounting is irrelevant. This amendment to IFRS 13 had no impact on the Group.

*Annual improvements cycle 2011-2013*

As part of the Annual improvements cycle 2011-2013, the IASB issued four amendments to four accounting standards, including IFRS 1 First-time adoption of the IFRS. The amendment to IFRS 1, in effect since 1 January 2014, clarifies in the Basis for Conclusions that an entity may choose to apply an accounting standard already in effect or a new accounting standard not yet mandatory but for which early adoption is permitted, provided that the standard is applied consistently across all period subject to presentation in the entity's first IFRS financial statements. This amendment to IFRS 1 had no impact on the Group, as the Group is not a first-time adopter.



### 3. Financial risk management

The Group is exposed to financial risks deriving from exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations, and from its customers' capacity to meet their obligations to the Group (credit risk). On the basis of cash and cash equivalents of € 12,304,130, the TXT e-solutions Group does not deem to be exposed to significant liquidity risks at present.

#### Currency risk

The Group's exposure to currency risk derives from the different geographical distribution of the Group's production operations and commercial activities. This exposure is mainly the result of sales in currencies other than the functional currency (in 2014, 57% of the Group's revenues were earned outside Italy).

At 31 December 2014, about 22% of sales revenues were denominated in foreign currency, while 20% of the Group's operating costs were denominated in a currency other than the Euro.

In order to manage the economic impact deriving from the exchange rate fluctuations with respect to the Euro – mainly Canadian Dollar and British Pound Sterling – the Parent Company has entered into specific hedging contracts to mitigate the impact of the exchange rate volatility on the income statement. The expiry dates of such derivatives are in line with the transactions to be hedged.

The Group also holds controlling interests in entities that prepare their financial statements in currencies other than the Euro – the Group's functional currency. This exposes the Group to a translation risk generated as a consequence of the conversion of those subsidiaries' assets and liabilities into Euro. Management periodically monitors the main exposures to translation risk; at present, the Group has chosen to not adopt specific hedging policies against such exposures.

The currencies other than the Euro are: the British Pound Sterling (12% of consolidated revenues at 31 December 2014), the Canadian Dollar (8% of consolidated revenues at 31 December 2014), the Australian Dollar (2% of consolidated revenues at 31 December 2014).

The impact of the four subsidiaries 100% owned by the Parent Company (TXT UK Ltd, Maple Lake Ltd, Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd, TXT USA Inc.) on profit (loss) for the year, deriving from an assumed appreciation/depreciation of such currencies against the Euro, with all other conditions being equal is shown below:

<b>Canadian Dollar</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>	<b>Effect on profit (loss)</b>
<b>2014</b>	+5%	(12,274)
	-5%	13,566
<b>Australian Dollar</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>	<b>Effect on profit (loss)</b>
<b>2014</b>	+5%	(14,028)
	-5%	15,504



US Dollar	Increase/Decrease	Effect on profit (loss)
2014	+5%	22,561
	-5%	(24,936)

British Pound Sterling	Increase/Decrease	Effect on net profit (loss)
2014	+5%	(61,332)
	-5%	67,788

### Interest rate risk

The Group's debt is predominately characterised by floating interest rates, and therefore the Group is exposed to the risk deriving from their fluctuation.

At the end of the reporting period, the Company has not entered in any derivative contracts for the purpose of hedging interest rate risk.

The table below shows the impact on the consolidated income statements, deriving from a 1% increase or decrease of the interest rates to which the Group is exposed with all other conditions being equal:

(Amounts in thousands of Euro)	31 Dec. 2014	Interest rate change	Financial income / charges
Net financial position	8,465,470		
Fixed rate payables	549,768		
Financial payables (floating rate)	7,915,702	+1%	79,157
		-1%	(79,157)

### Credit risk

Credit risk represents the Group's exposure to potential losses arising from the non-fulfilment of obligations by counterparties.

To limit this risk, the Group mainly deals with well-known and reliable customers; sales managers assess the solvency of new customers and management continuously monitors the balance of relevant receivables so as to minimise the risk of potential losses.

The table below shows the concentration of the TXT e-solutions Group's trade receivables:

	Amount in Euro	Concentration %
Total receivables due from customers	18,570,928	-
Receivables due from customers (Top 5)	7,605,004	40.95%
Receivables due from customers (Top 10)	9,403,726	50.64%

In general, trade receivables are mainly concentrated in Italy and in the European Union.

Receivables from an important Italian customer operating in the Aerospace & High Tech business accounts for 18.55% of the Group's total trade receivables. The first five and ten customers respectively account for 40.95% and 50.64% of the total trade receivables collectible.

## 4. Going concern

Pursuant to IAS 1 paragraph 25, the directors assessed that no material uncertainties regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern exist at 31 December 2014.

## 5. Transactions with related parties

On 8 November 2010, the Board of Directors approved a new procedure governing transactions with related parties, pursuant to Article 2391-bis of the Italian Civil Code, the Consob Issuers' Regulation no. 17221 of 12 March 2010 as subsequently amended, and Article 9.C.1. of the Corporate Governance Code of Listed Companies as adopted by the Corporate Governance Committee of Borsa Italiana S.p.A.

This new procedure defines the rules governing the determination, approval and execution of transactions with related parties of TXT e-solutions S.p.A., either directly or through subsidiary companies. The purpose of this procedure is to ensure the formal and material transparency of said transactions. The procedure is available on the Company's website at [www.txtgroup.com](http://www.txtgroup.com) under the "Governance" section.

Transactions with related parties essentially refer to the exchange of services, as well as funding and lending activities with the Parent Company's subsidiaries. All transactions fall within the course of ordinary activities and are conducted at arm's length, i.e. under the conditions that would apply between two independent parties, and are carried out in the interest of the companies. Amounts of transactions with related parties carried out for trading or financial purposes are indicated below.

### Trade transactions

At 31 December 2014	Receivables	Payables	Guarantees	Costs	Revenues
TXT e-solutions Sarl (France)	116,520	134,803	0	125,398	3,003,610
TXT e-solutions Gmbh (Germany)	0	40,424	0	147,725	775,536
TXT e-solutions SL (Spain)	0	24,602	0	48,582	221,367
TXT e-solutions Ltd (United Kingdom)	349,762	461,296	0	1,026,686	1,790,498
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)	21,645	0	0	0	47,000
Maple Lake Ltd (Canada)	899,127	139,190	0	2,914	1,064,124
TXT USA Inc.	624	(0)	0	0	0
Directors and key management personnel	0	1,350,908	0	1,430,793	0
<b>Total at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>1,387,678</b>	<b>2,151,222</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,782,099</b>	<b>6,902,135</b>

At 31 December 2013	Receivables	Payables	Guarantees	Costs	Revenues
TXT e-solutions Sarl (France)	417,064	91,141	0	62,448	2,142,061
TXT e-solutions Gmbh (Germany)	246,351	74,207	0	153,794	534,051
TXT e-solutions SL (Spain)	48,678	23,341	0	31,443	466,296
TXT e-solutions Ltd (United Kingdom)	300,646	525,392	0	320,499	1,729,288
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)	(28,696)	0	0	0	30,000
Maple Lake Ltd (Canada)	727,377	133,660	0	0	1,217,685
Directors and key management personnel	0	1,206,025	0	1,237,743	0
<b>Total at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>1,711,420</b>	<b>2,053,766</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,805,927</b>	<b>6,119,381</b>

## Financial transactions

At 31 December 2014	Receivables	Payables	Guarantees	Charges	Income
TXT e-solutions Sarl (France)	0	2,733,207	0	37,901	0
TXT e-solutions Gmbh (Germany)	0	1,639,713	0	29,690	0
TXT e-solutions SL (Spain)	0	897,118	0	11,461	0
TXT e-solutions Ltd (United Kingdom)	10	128,386	0	289	7,781
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)	128,127	0	0	0	3,281
Maple Lake Ltd (Canada)	2,911,973	0	0	0	65,189
TXT USA Inc.	107,075	0	0	0	612
<b>Total at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>3,147,186</b>	<b>5,398,425</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>79,340</b>	<b>76,863</b>

At 31 December 2013	Receivables	Payables	Guarantees	Charges	Income
TXT e-solutions Sarl (France)	0	2,390,960	0	15,681	0
TXT e-solutions Gmbh (Germany)	0	1,925,000	0	38,015	1,000,000
TXT e-solutions SL (Spain)	0	642,947	0	6,981	0
TXT e-solutions Ltd (United Kingdom)	899,604	0	0	0	32,986
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)	123,193	0	0	0	2,953
Maple Lake Ltd (Canada)	2,484,566	0	0	2,462	72,383
<b>Total at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>3,507,363</b>	<b>4,958,907</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>63,139</b>	<b>1,108,322</b>

Transactions with directors and key management personnel refer exclusively to the fixed and variable components of their remuneration (composed of salaries as Company's managers and compensation for offices held). The Remuneration Report details the amounts paid to each beneficiary and the underlying policy.

# NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET AND INCOME STATEMENT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

## 6. Balance sheet

### 6.1. Goodwill

Goodwill, referring entirely to the TXT Perform Cash Generating Unit (CGU), amounted to €12,993,445 at 31 December 2014, up €512,400.

A breakdown of the item at 31 December 2014 and the comparison with 31 December 2013 are shown below:

Goodwill	Amount at 31 December 2014	Amount at 31 December 2013
Program Acquisition	800,000	800,000
MSO Concept Acquisition	2,326,982	2,326,982
BGM Acquisition	1,762,638	1,646,778
Maple Lake Acquisition	8,103,825	7,707,285
<b>TOTAL GOODWILL</b>	<b>12,993,445</b>	<b>12,481,045</b>

The difference in the gross amount at 31 December 2014 compared to the end of 2013 can be attributed entirely to exchange differences on goodwill in foreign currencies other than the Euro.

#### **Impairment test**

Pursuant to IAS 36, goodwill is not subject to amortisation, but is tested for impairment annually or more frequently, if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. For the purposes of this test, goodwill is allocated to the cash-generating units or groups of cash generating units, in compliance with the highest aggregation which shall not be larger than an operating segment as defined by IFRS 8.

The impairment test consists of measuring the recoverable value of each Cash Generating Unit (CGU) and comparing the latter with the net carrying value of the relevant assets, including goodwill.

The recoverable value is estimated by determining the value in use, which is the present value of future cash flows which are expected to be associated with each Cash Generating Unit based on the latest three-year plans prepared by management for the 2015-2017 period and approved by the Board of Directors on 11 December 2014.

Assumptions made by management were used in making these forecasts, including an estimation of future sales volumes, direct and indirect costs, changes in the working capital and investments.

#### **Terminal Value**

The terminal value in the DCF method, recognised at the end of the explicit forecast period, is calculated assuming the investment produces a constant cash flow starting from that moment. The approach used consisted of the present value of a perpetuity growing at a constant rate  $g$ .

Terminal value = net cash flow at the end of the explicit forecast period adjusted for rate  $g$  and divided by the difference between the discount rate ( $W_{acc}$ ) and the constant rate  $g$ . The residual value is calculated as a perpetuity obtained by capitalising the last cash flow for the explicit period at a specific rate corresponding to  $W_{acc}$  adjusted for a growth or decline factor ( $g$ ).

The rate  $g$  used was equal to 1.50%.

#### **Discount rate**

The discount rate used in discounting cash flows represents the estimated rate of return expected for each Cash Generating Unit on the market.

The discount rate used for discounting cash flows is equal to 6.57%, based on the following assumptions:

- The risk-free interest rate related to the Euro zone should be the rate of return of government bonds of the country with the lower rates, implicitly identified as that with lower risk. In the current economic situation, characterised by high dispersion of returns of European government bonds, the lower rate is that of the 10-year German Bund (0.70% at 31 December 2014). In order to calculate TXT Group's cost of capital, a certain level of systemic risk deriving from operations in different countries with different spread profiles was thus included, and the base rate was considered to be the average yield of the ten-year government bonds of the countries in which the TXT Group operates, which, from Q1 2014, also included the United States. Therefore, the Countries are: Germany (EUR), France (EUR), Canada (CAD\$), Spain (EUR), UK (Pound), Italy (EUR), USA (US\$) and Australia (AUD\$). The calculated average rate is 1.57%, including 87 basis points of "systemic" risk compared to the German rate (0.70%), considering the average risk of the countries in which the TXT Group operates.
- The risk premium relative to the market was estimated at 5.00%.
- Beta was estimated at 1.00.

The cost of own capital is therefore:  $1.57\% + 5.00\% \times 1.00 = 6.57\%$ ;

Since at 31 December 2014 the TXT Group had no net financial debt, but the entire invested capital was covered by equity, the discount rate is equal to the cost of own capital.

### ***Sensitivity analysis***

In order to test the fair value measurement model for changes in variables, changes in the two key variables were simulated.

- Discount rate. Increased and decreased by 1 and 2 percentage points compared to the base discount rate of 6.57% (therefore in the ranges 4.57%-5.57%-6.57%-7.57%-8.57%).
- Revenue growth rate: for the years beyond the analytical forecast for the 2015 Budget, and therefore for the 2016-2017-2018-2019 period, the revenue growth/decrease rate was increased and decreased by 2 percentage points and the implicit growth rate  $g$  was simultaneously increased/decreased by 0.5% within the range (1.00%-1.50%-2.00%).

The sensitivity analysis, pursuant to paragraph 134 of IAS 36, regarding the CGUs for which no impairment was recorded, showed the following tolerance margins:

- Discount rate: the fair value measurement of the CGU is higher than the CGU's carrying amount, even simulating an increase in the discount rate up to a WACC of 33.84%.
- EBITDA: the fair value measurement of goodwill is higher than the CGU's carrying amount even in case of a reduction in each year of the projected period of the plan, up to -54% of the estimated EBITDA.

### ***Conclusions***

Based on the analyses conducted, the Company's Directors the carrying amount of goodwill in the consolidated financial statements at 31 December 2014 to be recoverable.

## 6.2. Intangible assets with a finite useful life

Net of amortisation, intangible assets with a finite useful life amounted to € 2,085,369 at 31 December 2014. The changes that occurred during the year are detailed below:

Intangible assets	Software licenses	Research and development	Intellectual Property	Customer Relationship	Other intangible assets	TOTAL
<b>Balances at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>20,568</b>	<b>784,067</b>	<b>793,808</b>	<b>1,290,012</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>2,888,814</b>
Acquisitions	23,672	-	-	-	14	23,686
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amortisation	(25,616)	(515,937)	(138,052)	(147,428)	(98)	(827,131)
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balances at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>18,624</b>	<b>268,130</b>	<b>655,756</b>	<b>1,142,584</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>2,085,369</b>

<b>Balances at 31 December 2013</b>						
Historical cost	1,095,088	2,579,684	966,375	1,474,298	468	6,115,913
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(1,074,520)	(1,795,617)	(172,567)	(184,286)	(109)	(3,227,099)
<b>Net value</b>	<b>20,568</b>	<b>784,067</b>	<b>793,808</b>	<b>1,290,012</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>2,888,814</b>

<b>Balances at 31 December 2014</b>						
Historical cost	1,288,184	2,579,685	966,375	1,474,298	485	6,309,027
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(1,269,560)	(2,311,555)	(310,619)	(331,714)	(210)	(4,223,658)
<b>Net value</b>	<b>18,624</b>	<b>268,130</b>	<b>655,756</b>	<b>1,142,584</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>2,085,369</b>

The item is detailed as follows:

- Software licenses: these included software licenses acquired mainly by the Parent Company for operating in-house instruments and implementing TXT Perform's products. Investments in the period of € 23,672 referred to renewal of software licenses.
- Research and development costs: these concerned expenses incurred for applied research and development of the TXT Perform product line. Such costs relate to clearly defined products that are certain to be produced and will certainly be offset with the revenues to be derived from such products in the future. Amortisation takes place systematically on a straight-line basis over the product's useful life, that is the estimated period of time over which the asset will generate benefits.
- Intellectual Property and Customer Relationship: these intangible assets were acquired as part of the Maple Lake Group acquisition. The directors allocated these assets with the help of an independent expert. Intellectual Property represents the intellectual property rights over the "Quick" software, developed and owned by Maple Lake. The Maple Lake group companies' Customer Relationship was also considered in the allocation of the premium paid.

The negative change (€ 803,445) compared to the previous year was almost entirely attributable to the amortisation for the period.

## 6.3. Property, plant and equipment

Net of depreciation, property, plant and equipment amounted to € 1,248,845 at 31 December 2014 up € 130,380 compared with 31 December 2013. The changes that occurred during the year are detailed below:

Property, plant and equipment	Plants	Vehicles	Furniture and fixtures	Electronic machinery	Other property, plant and equipment	TOTAL
<b>Balances at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>9,465</b>	<b>215,501</b>	<b>128,391</b>	<b>556,159</b>	<b>208,950</b>	<b>1,118,466</b>
Acquisitions	3,385	242,340	92,485	329,547	82,430	750,187
Disposals	(3,385)	(144,125)	-	(823)	(10,496)	(158,829)
Depreciation	(2,242)	(70,385)	(54,518)	(240,033)	(93,801)	(460,979)
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Balances at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>7,223</b>	<b>243,331</b>	<b>166,358</b>	<b>644,850</b>	<b>187,083</b>	<b>1,248,845</b>

<b>Balances at 31 December 2013</b>						
Historical cost	880,588	407,209	670,209	1,155,055	722,893	3,835,954
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(871,123)	(191,708)	(541,818)	(598,896)	(513,943)	(2,717,488)
<b>Net value</b>	<b>9,465</b>	<b>215,501</b>	<b>128,391</b>	<b>556,159</b>	<b>208,950</b>	<b>1,118,466</b>

<b>Balances at 31 December 2014</b>						
Historical cost	877,202	393,578	767,009	1,332,647	794,693	4,165,129
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(869,979)	(150,247)	(600,651)	(687,797)	(607,610)	(2,916,284)
<b>Net value</b>	<b>7,223</b>	<b>243,331</b>	<b>166,358</b>	<b>644,850</b>	<b>187,083</b>	<b>1,248,845</b>

Investments in the category "motor vehicles" refer to the purchase of automobiles by the German subsidiary for its operational sales personnel.

Investments in the "furniture and fixtures" category mainly refer to expansion of the Canadian subsidiary's offices.

Investments in the "electronic machinery" category mainly refer to the purchase of computer systems and hardware to bolster productive capacity. Last year, electronic machinery included systems and equipment that TXT e-solutions S.p.A. used to carry out its business and that were recognised as finance leases pursuant to IAS 17.

The breakdown of property, plant and equipment by ownership is shown below:

	31 December 2014			31 December 2013		
	Owned assets	Leased assets	TOTAL	Owned assets	Leased assets	TOTAL
Electronic machinery	644,850	-	644,850	545,066	11,093	556,159
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>644,850</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>644,850</b>	<b>545,066</b>	<b>11,093</b>	<b>556,159</b>

The increases in "other property, plant and equipment" mainly referred to leasehold improvements, in particular the costs for renovating the Parent Company's headquarters.

## 6.4. Investments in associates

The only investment in associates is represented by "Innovazione Più SC"; the relevant disclosure is provided below:

Company name	City or foreign country	Share capital	Shareholders' equity	Profit / Loss	% ownership	Carrying amount	Equity pursuant to Article 2426, par. 4 of Italian Civil Code
Innovazione Più SC	Milan	75,000	(88,374)	(8,076)	14,29	0	(12,625)

The extraordinary shareholders' meeting of the cooperative Innovazione Più on 13 December 2011 resolved to place the company into liquidation. The most recent financial statements approved and available are those as at 31 December 2011, since the company has ceased operations.



The Group expects no cost to arise from the conclusion of the liquidation process.

## 6.5. Sundry receivables and other non-current assets

Sundry receivables and other non-current assets amounted to € 136,068 at 31 December 2014, compared with € 128,741 at 31 December 2013. The item included security deposits paid by the Group companies as part of their operations and relating to motor vehicle rentals and bids in public tenders. The increase over the prior year is mainly attributable to security deposits for the registered office of the new company TXT USA Inc.

## 6.6. Deferred tax assets / liabilities

The breakdown of deferred tax assets and liabilities at 31 December 2014, compared with the end of 2013, is shown below:

	Balance at 31 December 2014	Balance at 31 December 2013	Change
Deferred tax assets	1,556,303	1,233,314	322,989
Deferred tax provision	(965,428)	(769,518)	(195,910)
<b>Total</b>	<b>590,875</b>	<b>463,796</b>	<b>127,079</b>

Deferred tax assets mainly refer to the recognition of prepaid taxes on previous tax losses, the temporary differences (deductible in future years) for which recovery in the next few years is deemed to be reasonably certain.

The decision to recognise deferred tax assets for previous tax losses was made also following the changes in legislation (Italian Decree Law no. 98/2011) on the use of each tax period's losses without limitation in time and due to the Group's positive outlook, and the positive results recorded in recent years. The recognition of deferred tax assets on the previous losses was based on company plans that consider future profitability and within the limits of the capacity to absorb previous losses in the next three years.

The change with respect to 31 December 2013 is mainly due to the allocation of deferred tax assets on part of the previous tax losses of some of the Group companies.

The deferred tax provision referred to the recognition of deferred tax for the assets acquired during 2012 as part of the Maple Lake business combination (Customer List and Intellectual Property).

The temporary differences of deferred tax assets and liabilities are shown by type in the tables below and compared with the previous year's figures:

Deferred tax assets	31 December 2013		31 December 2014	
	Temporary differences	Tax effect	Temporary differences	Tax effect
Prepaid taxes for recoverable losses	2,859,941	846,703	3,920,798	1,146,176
Provisions	564,000	170,934	662,185	182,101
Provision for bad debts	289,961	79,740	293,918	80,827
Write-down on treasury shares	244,664	67,283	244,664	67,283
R&D mismatch	95,255	26,195	-	-
Provision for TXT e-solutions Sarl pension fund	49,042	16,346	33,023	11,007
Provision for TXT e-solutions Gmbh pension fund	-	-	35,154	7,031
Costs allocated on accrual basis and deductible on a cash basis	-	-	122,815	33,774
Maple Lake UK Acquisition	112,204	26,113	112,204	28,105
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,215,067</b>	<b>1,233,314</b>	<b>5,424,761</b>	<b>1,556,303</b>

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Deferred tax liabilities	Temporary differences	Tax effect	Temporary differences	Tax effect
Goodwill mismatch	366,883	113,893	820,018	220,838
Exchange differences	4,745	1,305	2,285	628
Maple Lake Purchase Price Allocation	2,083,822	654,320	2,369,302	743,962
R&D mismatch	-	-	-	-
IAS 19 Employee Benefits effect	-	-	-	-
Accelerated amortisation	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,455,450</b>	<b>769,518</b>	<b>3,191,605</b>	<b>965,428</b>

Furthermore, it should be noted that the Group's tax losses at 31 December 2014 amounted to 12.7 million, mainly relating to the Parent Company, for which no deferred tax assets were recorded.

## 6.7. Period-end inventories

Period-end inventories amounted to € 1,820,672 at 31 December 2014, up € 369,282 compared with the end of 2013.

The table below reports the breakdown of inventories of work-in-progress among the Group companies:

Company	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
TXT e-solutions S.p.A.	1,628,920	1,334,564	294,356
TXT e-solutions S.a.r.l.	191,752	116,826	74,926
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,820,672</b>	<b>1,451,390</b>	<b>369,282</b>

Contract work in progress is recognised on the basis of the considerations agreed by reference to the stage of completion, determined using the cost-to-cost method. It is mainly attributable to the Parent Company's TXT Next division.

Revenue accrued based on the stage of completion is recognised in the income statement.

## 6.8. Trade receivables

Trade receivables at 31 December 2014, net of the provision for bad debts, amounted to € 18,570,928, up € 1,730,808 compared with the end of 2013, due to the increase in revenues.

The item is detailed in the table below:

Trade receivables	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Gross value	19,301,946	17,475,783	1,826,163
Provision for bad debts	(731,018)	(635,663)	(95,355)
<b>Net value</b>	<b>18,570,928</b>	<b>16,840,120</b>	<b>1,730,808</b>

The provision for bad debts changed as follows during the year:

Provision for bad debts	31 December 2014
<b>Opening amount</b>	<b>(635,663)</b>
Allocation	(109,378)
Use	14,023
<b>Closing amount</b>	<b>(731,018)</b>

The breakdown of trade receivables into coming due and past due at 31 December 2014, compared with 31 December 2013, is shown below:

Due date	Total	Coming due	Past due	
			0 - 90 days	More than 90 days
31 December 2014	<b>18,570,928</b>	11,964,808	5,637,422	968,697
31 December 2013	<b>16,840,120</b>	9,642,734	6,240,757	956,629

## 6.9. Sundry receivables and other current assets

The item “Sundry receivables and other current assets”, which includes receivables for research grants, tax and other receivables, as well as accrued income and prepaid expenses and short-term financial receivables, amounted to €2,196,824 at 31 December 2014, compared to €1,802,252 at 31 December 2013. The breakdown is shown below:

Sundry receivables and other current assets	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Receivables due from EU	1,048,505	1,054,531	(6,026)
Tax receivables	402,942	154,367	248,575
Other receivables	82,847	81,121	1,726
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	662,530	512,234	150,296
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,196,824</b>	<b>1,802,252</b>	<b>394,571</b>

The item “receivables due from EU” included receivables for research grants related to income, awarded to support the research and development activities subject to specific grant competitions; such grants will be disbursed upon completion of the development stages for the projects concerned. The balance is essentially in line with the previous year.

Tax receivables, amounting to €402,942, represent the receivables due from taxation authorities for withholding taxes on self-employment and employment income, bank interest income, and tax credits for post-employment benefits.

Other receivables amount to €82,847 and include receivables due from employees for travel advances and meal vouchers (€66,512) and other trade receivables.

Accrued income and prepaid expenses, amounting to €662,530, consist of reversals of prepaid expenses that did not relate to the period.

## 6.10. Cash and cash equivalents

The Group's cash and cash equivalents amount to €12,304,130, down €2,516,897 compared with 31 December 2013. Please refer to the statement of cash flows for details about cash flow generation.

Cash and cash equivalents refer to ordinary current accounts held with Italian banks, amounting to €9,868,820, as well as with foreign banks, totalling €2,435,310.

Cash and cash equivalents are not subject to any constraints, and there are no monetary or other types of restrictions on their transferability in Italy.

## 6.11. Shareholders' equity

The company's share capital at 31 December 2014 consisted of 11,823,864 ordinary shares with a par value of €0.5, totalling €5,911,932 (unchanged compared to December 2013).

Note that the extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of TXT e-solutions S.p.A. held on 17 December 2013 approved a resolution concerning a free share capital increase from €2,955,966.00 to €5,911,932.00 involving the issue of one share with a par value of €0.5, cum dividend, for every share held, by partially using the share premium reserve. The new shares have become cum dividend since 1 January 2013 and have become effective on the Stock Market since 3 February 2014.

The reserves and retained earnings included the legal reserve (€ 519,422), the share premium reserve (€ 10,999,923), the merger surplus reserve (€ 1,911,444), the “stock option/stock grant reserve” (€ 181,297), the “reserves for actuarial differences on post-employment benefits” (€ -1,014,033), and the reserves for retained earnings (€ 6,018,431).

The stock option reserve is used to recognise the value of share-based payments due to employees, including the benefits for key management personnel settled with equity instruments, which form part of their remuneration.

This reserve amounted to € 181,297 (€ 741,805 at 31 December 2013) and refers to the 2012 stock grant plan. The change compared to the previous year is due to a reclassification of the 2008 stock options plan, now ended, from the “Stock Option” reserve to “Reserves for retained earnings”. The disclosures required by IFRS 2 on the 2012 stock grant plan are reported below:

2012-2016 STOCK GRANT PLAN				
Options	2012	2013	2014	
(I) Outstanding at the beginning of the period	0	280,000	440,340	
(II) Granted during the period	280,000	360,000	0	
(III) Forfeited during the period	0	(143,660)	(248,000)	
(IV) Exercised during the period	0	(56,000)	(12,340)	
(V) Expired during the period	0	0		
(VI) Outstanding at the end of the period	280,000	440,340	180,000	
(VII) Exercisable at the end of period	0	12,340	180,000	

For further details and information, reference should be made to the Directors' report.

Here below is the table regarding the amounts of the reserves:

Description (In Euro)	Free	Required by Law	Established by Shareholders' Meetings	TOTAL
Share premium reserve	10,695,259	304,663	-	10,999,922
Legal reserve	-	519,422	-	519,422
Stock grant reserve	-	-	181,297	181,297
Merger surplus	1,911,444	-	-	1,911,444
IRS fair value reserve	-	-	-	-
Reserve for retained earnings	-	-	6,018,431	6,018,431
Reserve for actuarial differences on post-employment benefits	-	-	(1,014,033)	(1,014,033)
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,606,703</b>	<b>824,085</b>	<b>5,185,695</b>	<b>18,616,483</b>

### Incentive plans

The Shareholders' Meeting held on 23 April 2012 approved a stock grant plan for the group's executive directors and senior managers, involving up to 1,020,000 shares (510,000 shares prior to the free share capital increase) over five years with three-year vesting periods and performance conditions concerning growth, profitability and the net financial position. The performance conditions relate to one or more of the following indicators: Revenues, Gross Operating Profit (EBITDA), Operating Profit (EBIT), Earnings before taxes, Net Profit, Economic Value Added – EVA, TXT share performance in absolute terms and/or relative to the performance of the relevant stock market indices, and the Net Financial Position, as the Board of Directors shall decide upon each grant.

Each stock option grant will vest as follows:

- 20% upon satisfying the conditions for the first year of the plan;
- 30% upon satisfying the conditions for the second year of the plan;
- 50% upon satisfying the conditions for the third and final year of the plan.

The Board of Directors has established the obligation on the Recipients to hold a portion not lower than 30% of the shares granted to them for a period of three years from the grant date.

On 10 May 2012 the Board of Directors awarded the first tranche of 280,000 stock grants (originally 140,000, they doubled following the free share capital increase) which will vest upon satisfying the performance conditions for 2012, 2013 and 2014.

On 13 December 2012 the Board of Directors awarded the second tranche of 180,000 stock grants which will vest upon satisfying the performance conditions for 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Pursuant to the plan, the termination date for awarding of the stock grants expired on 30 June 2014.

The cost accrued in 2014 for the stock grants awarded amounts to zero, as the plan's objectives were not achieved.

#### Treasury shares

At 31 December 2014, the Company held 1,427,850 treasury shares (1,368,120 at 31 December 2013), equal to 12.08% of shares outstanding, amounting to € 4,058,666 (€ 568,212 at 31 December 2013), for a total par value of € 713,925; the market value of the treasury shares held at 31 December 2014 is € 11,151,509 (price of TXT stock at 31 December 2014 was € 7.81). Shares issued at 31 December 2014 numbered 11,823,864.

During 2014, the Company purchased 72,070 treasury shares (30,650 at 30/06/2014) at an average price per share of € 8.27 and for a total amount of € 595,860.

During the course of the year, 12,340 treasury shares were granted to employees following the achievement of the 2013 Stock Grant performance objectives. The carrying amount per share was € 8.41, for a total of € 105,406.

The buy-back of shares was authorised again by the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014. The plan provides for a maximum number of shares so as not to exceed the legal maximum number at the maximum price not exceeding the average of the official stock market prices in the three sessions prior to the purchase transaction, plus 10%, and in any case not more than € 25.00.

On 22 October 2014, the Shareholders' Meeting renewed for an additional 18 months the authorisation to purchase and dispose of treasury shares through subsidiaries as well, simultaneously revoking the analogous authorisation of 23 April 2013 for the portion not yet executed.

## 6.12. Non-current financial liabilities

The item "non-current financial liabilities" amounted to € 1,684,733 (€ 2,895,924 at 31 December 2013) and consisted of:

- A loan amounting to € 115,586 (€ 549,768 at 31 December 2013) for research and development, granted by the Ministry of Education, University and Research through Intesa San Paolo for an original amount of € 1,914,368 at a subsidised fixed interest rate of 1%;
- a € 1,569,147 loan for the acquisition of Maple Lake granted to the Company by BNL on 20 December 2012 for a notional amount of € 4,000,000. At 31 December 2014, this loan also included a current portion of € 800,000, at a 3-month Euribor floating rate (360) + 2.60% spread.

The table below details the maturity of non-current financial liabilities, compared with the situation at the end of the prior year:

	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Maturity 1-2 years	915,586	1,234,182	(318,596)
Maturity 2-5 years	769,147	1,661,742	(892,595)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,684,733</b>	<b>2,895,924</b>	<b>(1,211,191)</b>

The reduction on the previous year is the result of the re-payments of portions made in the year, for an amount of € 1,211,191.

Non-current financial liabilities at 31 December 2014 are not subject to compliance with any financial covenants.

### 6.13. Employee benefits expense

The item "Employee benefits expense" at 31 December 2014 amounted to €3,841,200, of which €3,547,383 relating to obligations to the employees of the Parent Company, €211,752 relating to the pension fund for the management of the German subsidiary, and €82,065 relating to a pension fund for the management of the French subsidiary. The breakdown of, and changes in, this item over the period are presented below:

Employee benefits expense	31 December 2013	Provisions	Uses / Payments	Actuarial gains/losses and other	Financial income / charges	31 December 2014
Post-employment benefits	2,306,747	1,026,071	(1,049,661)	318,885	73,124	2,675,166
Provision for severance for end of term of office	794,717	77,500	-	-	-	872,217
Pension fund for German subsidiary management	148,543	29,581	-	28,055	5,573	211,752
Pension fund for French subsidiary management	49,042	10,137	(1,121)	24,007	-	82,065
<b>Total non-current provisions relating to employees</b>	<b>3,299,049</b>	<b>1,143,289</b>	<b>(1,050,782)</b>	<b>370,947</b>	<b>78,697</b>	<b>3,841,200</b>

To calculate the present value of post-employment benefits, the following assumptions regarding the future trends in the variables included in the algorithm have been used:

- The probability of death was estimated based on the census of the Italian population by age and gender taken in 2000 by ISTAT [Italy's National Institute for Statistics], reducing it by 20%.
- The probability of removal due to total and permanent disability of the employee, such as becoming disabled and leaving the company, was estimated based on disability tables currently used in the reinsurance sector, differentiated by age and gender.
- The retirement age of a generic worker was estimated assuming that the first retirement requirement for the purpose of obtaining the Mandatory General Insurance was satisfied and that the employees started paying into INPS [Italy's Social Security Institute] no later than 28 years of age. This measurement accounts for the changes to the retirement age introduced by the Monti reform in late 2011.
- As for the probability of termination of employment due to resignations and dismissals, as at the measurement date an annual 3% staff turnover rate was calculated.
- As for the probability of requests for advance payment of benefits, an annual 1.00% advance payment rate, with advance payments amounting to 70% of the post-employment benefits outstanding held with the company, was estimated.

Change in wages and salaries had no impact on the actuarial valuation. The estimated annual inflation rate in the actuarial valuation was 1.50%; the discount rate used was 1.49%, in line as of 31 December 2014 with bonds issued by European companies with AA rating for terms of over 10 years.

The table below shows the impact on post-employment benefits of the increase/decrease of certain “key” variables used for the actuarial calculation:

Sensitivity analysis at 31 December 2014	% Change in liabilities (DBO)			
	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Type of change for the specific assumption				
Decrease or increase of 50% of company's staff turnover	0.66%	-0.31%	2,692,821	2,666,872
Decrease or increase of 50% in frequency of advanced payments	0.15%	-0.14%	2,679,178	2,671,420
Decrease or increase of inflation by one percentage point	-8.62%	9.65%	2,444,566	2,933,318
Decrease or increase of discount rate by one percentage point	13.21%	-11.29%	3,028,554	2,373,139

#### 6.14. Current financial liabilities

Current financial liabilities amounted to €2,153,926 (€3,352,069 at 31 December 2013) and included the short-term portion of medium/long-term loans, the short-term portion of loans from financial companies for leases, and the payables on research projects funded by the European Union. In particular:

- The short-term portion of medium/long-term loans amounted to €1,234,182 (€1,434,582 at 31 December 2013) and included the short-term portion of the three loans granted by the Ministry of Education for a total amount of €434,182 (€634,582 at 31 December 2013) and the current portion of the loan granted in 2012 by BNL for the acquisition of Maple Lake equal to €800,000;
- The payable regarding advances on research projects funded by the European Union received by TXT e-solutions S.p.A. as lead manager and to be reimbursed to the project partners amounted to €874,306 (€1,900,324 at 31 December 2013). This payable will be paid off in 2015;
- €32,845 for the forward sale of CAD 4,200,000 (negative fair value of €29,345), AUD 190,000 (negative fair value of €1,265) and USD 400,000 (negative fair value of €2,235), all contracts stipulated on 29 December 2014;
- The short-term portion of a loan obtained by the German subsidiary amounting to €12,593.

#### 6.15. Trade payables

Trade payables amounted to €1,540,108 at 31 December 2014 and increased by €35,586 compared to 31 December 2013, due to higher business volumes during the year. Payables due to suppliers are of a trade, non-interest bearing nature and are due within twelve months.

#### 6.16. Tax payables

Tax payables amounted to €150,971 at 31 December 2014 and can be attributed to the Parent Company's IRAP [regional tax on productive activities] for €12,627 and to income taxes of the French subsidiary TXT e-solutions Sarl for €138,344.

#### 6.17. Sundry payables and other current liabilities

Sundry payables and other current liabilities amounted to €13,605,941 at 31 December 2014, compared with €12,934,151 at 31 December 2013, as detailed in the table below:



<b>Sundry payables and other current liabilities</b>	<b>31 December 2014</b>	<b>31 December 2013</b>	<b>Change</b>
Other payables	2,231,884	1,956,489	275,395
Accrued expenses and deferred income	4,513,392	3,924,809	588,583
Advance payments for multi-year orders	1,117,762	1,533,565	(415,803)
Payables due to social security institutions	1,500,278	1,402,626	97,652
Payables due to employees and external staff	4,242,625	4,116,662	125,963
<b>Sundry payables and other current liabilities</b>	<b>13,605,941</b>	<b>12,934,151</b>	<b>671,790</b>

The item "Payables due to employees and external staff" included payables for wages and salaries relating to December 2014 as well as payables due to employees for unused annual leave.

The item "Advance payments for multi-year orders" included the advance payments received from customers for orders currently being processed.

The item "Accrued expenses and deferred income" mainly referred to deferred income from maintenance services and consulting services for the period.

"Other payables" mainly included the payables due to taxation authorities for withholding taxes on salaries of employees and external staff as well as VAT payables.

## 7. Income Statement

### 7.1. Total revenues and other income

Consolidated revenues and other income amounted to €55,878,267, up 6% compared with the previous year, as detailed below:

	<b>31 December 2014</b>	<b>31 December 2013</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% change</b>
Revenues	51,857,835	51,373,859	483,976	1%
Other income	4,020,432	1,186,187	2,834,245	>100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,878,267</b>	<b>52,560,046</b>	<b>3,318,221</b>	<b>6%</b>

Other income includes the charging back of customers' costs and the portion of grants received from the European Union accrued during the financial year.

The increase over the prior year was mainly due to the €1,541,276 income received from two sellers of Maple Lake, acquired in September 2012. They left the TXT Group companies and paid TXT e-solutions S.p.A. the compensation provided for under the relevant agreement, as well as the change in inventories for contract work in progress based on customer orders for services. For further details, reference should be made to the Directors' report on operations.

### 7.2. Purchase of materials and external services

Purchases of materials and external services amounted to €12,493,564, down from 2013, when they totalled €13,114,779.

The item is detailed below:

	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Consumables and resale items	379,012	338,678	40,334
Technical consulting	4,663,803	5,573,028	(909,225)
Travel expenses	1,796,800	1,783,036	13,764
Utilities	607,966	644,470	(36,504)
Media & marketing services	972,445	1,105,808	(133,363)
Maintenance and repair	520,829	481,838	38,991
Canteen services and meal vouchers	452,492	445,275	7,217
Administrative and legal services	336,799	272,213	64,586
Directors' fees	582,430	485,366	97,064
Subcontractors	236,507	387,678	(151,171)
Others	1,944,481	1,597,389	347,092
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,493,564</b>	<b>13,114,779</b>	<b>(621,215)</b>

As a percentage of consolidated revenues, costs for purchasing materials and services were lower than in 2013, dropping from 24.95% to 22.36%.

Technical consulting and costs for subcontractors fell by € 909,225 and € 151,171 respectively, compared to the end of 2013, due to the fact that certain processes, previously provided by outside consultants, were brought in-house.

Media & marketing service costs decreased compared to 31 December 2013, due to higher expenditure in fairs and events the prior year, mainly for the purpose of promoting the TXT e-solutions Group in North America.

Directors' fees increased from € 485,366 to € 582,430 due to the accrual, not present in the prior year, of variable remuneration in favour of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, relating to 2014 and to be paid during 2015.

### 7.3. Personnel costs

Personnel costs for 2014 amounted to € 34,083,703, growing by € 2,736,710 (8.73%) compared to 31 December 2013. This increase is mainly due to growth in the number of employees of the TXT Perform and TXT Next divisions, due to the increase in business volume, as indicated in the table below:

	31 December 2014	31 December 2013
Wages and salaries	26,954,877	24,929,726
Social security costs	5,434,563	5,033,922
Provision for post-employment benefits and other pension funds	1,194,352	1,121,678
Other personnel costs	499,911	261,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,083,703</b>	<b>31,346,993</b>

The item "Other personnel costs" includes amounts paid to employees following out-of-court settlements.

The employees of the TXT e-solutions Group numbered 565 at 31 December 2014 (498 at 31 December 2013), broken down as follows:

	White-collar staff	Middle managers	Executives and managers	Total
31 December 2013	424	54	20	498
31 December 2014	487	56	22	565



#### 7.4. Other operating costs

The item "other operating costs" at the end of 2014 amounted to €2,508,985, up €673,672 from the previous year.

This item mainly comprised sundry operating costs (including contingent liabilities and deductible taxes), expenses for rents, motor vehicle and other rentals.

	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Rental expense for offices	1,060,802	1,069,731	(8,929)
Other expenses and extraordinary income adjustments	613,582	31,120	582,462
Rental expense for motor vehicles	503,686	499,521	4,165
Rental expense for servers	87,450	85,075	2,375
Other tax (other than income tax)	87,118	73,498	13,620
Royalties	77,378	7,065	70,313
Contingent liabilities	48,074	25,584	22,490
Other rental expense	15,443	30,439	(14,996)
Fines and penalties	7,997	2,462	5,535
Magazine and subscription expenses	7,297	10,676	(3,379)
Charity	158	143	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,508,985</b>	<b>1,835,313</b>	<b>673,672</b>

The increase in "other operating costs" compared to the end of the prior year is mainly due to recognition under "other expenses and extraordinary income adjustments" of the costs relative to contractual termination of a project with a customer of the TXT Perform division.

#### 7.5. Depreciation, amortisation and impairment

Depreciation, amortisation and impairment amounted to €1,325,395 at 31 December 2014, showing a slight increase over the end of 2013 as a result of investments during the period.

They have been calculated based on the useful life of the capitalised asset or cost and its use in production. In relation to the rates applied, reference should be made to the relevant paragraphs of these Notes.

#### 7.6. Financial income (charges)

At 31 December 2014, the company recognised financial charges amounting to €248,518, compared with €434,448 in financial charges at the end of 2013.

Financial income (charges) at 31 December 2014 is broken down as follows:

	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Bank interest income	126,104	250,810	(124,706)
Exchange rate gains	1,172,639	977,167	195,471
<b>Total financial income</b>	<b>1,298,743</b>	<b>1,227,977</b>	<b>70,766</b>
Bank interest expense	135,197	142,012	(6,815)
Exchange rate losses	1,261,214	1,394,376	(133,162)
Other financial charges	150,850	126,036	24,813
<b>Total financial charges</b>	<b>1,547,261</b>	<b>1,662,425</b>	<b>(115,164)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>(248,518)</b>	<b>(434,448)</b>	<b>(88,795)</b>

Bank interest income decreased due to shorter cash deposit periods in 2014 compared to the prior year, due to lower cash generation of operating activities, only partly offset by the reduction in cash flow from financing activities and the general decline in short-term interest rates.

Exchange rate gains and losses occurred mainly as a result of hedges on foreign currency loans granted by the Parent Company to foreign subsidiaries.

## 7.7. Income taxes

Income taxes at 31 December 2014 amounted to € 1,045,722, and are detailed as follows:

	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Total current tax	1,172,801	799,669	373,132
Total prepaid taxes	(322,989)	(739,407)	416,418
Total deferred taxes	195,910	(180,868)	376,778
<b>Total taxes</b>	<b>1,045,722</b>	<b>(120,606)</b>	<b>1,166,328</b>

Current taxes consist of IRAP [regional tax on productive activities] for an amount of Euro 736,486 attributable to the Parent Company and income taxes for the period for an amount of Euro 436,315.

### Theoretical tax reconciliation – income taxes:

Description	Amount	Taxes
Earnings before taxes	5,218,102	
<b>Theoretical tax expense</b>		<b>1,545,059</b>
Differences that will not be carried forward in future years:		
Previous years' taxes	(479,517)	(131,867)
		63,423
<b>Taxes expensed in the year</b>		<b>1,476,615</b>
Temporary differences taxable in future years:	(57,840)	(15,906)
Temporary differences deductible in future years:	275,269	75,699
Reversal of temporary differences from previous years	(90,510)	(24,890)
<b>Tax base for the year</b>	<b>2,230,549</b>	
<b>Current theoretical taxes for the year</b>		<b>1,511,518</b>
Use of previous years' losses	(757,010)	
<b>Current effective taxes for the year</b>		<b>436,315</b>

### Theoretical IRAP tax expense reconciliation:

Description	Amount	Taxes
Difference between production value and costs	2,668,159	
Non-significant costs for IRAP purposes:	18,698,869	
<b>Theoretical tax expense (3.90%)</b>		<b>729,256</b>
Differences that will not be carried forward in future years:		2,110
<b>Tax expensed in the year</b>		<b>738,399</b>
Temporary differences deductible in future years:	6,500	
Temporary differences taxable in future years:	(55,555)	
<b>IRAP tax base for the year</b>	<b>18,703,913</b>	
<b>Current IRAP for the year</b>		<b>736,486</b>

## 8. Net earnings per share

### Basic net earnings per share

The basic net earnings per share for 2014 is calculated by dividing net profit of € 4,172,380 (€ 4,642,043 at 31 December 2013) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding in 2014, equal to 10,431,238 and amounts to €0.40.

### Diluted earnings per share

The diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group's results by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period, excluding treasury shares and assuming the conversion of all potentially dilutive ordinary shares. The diluted earnings per share are not calculated in case of losses, as any dilutive effect would determine an increase in earnings per share.

At 31 December 2014, the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding in 2014 was 10,611,238, and the diluted earnings per share amounted to €0.39.

## 9. Segment disclosures

For operating purposes, the Group is organised into two Business Units based on the end-use of the products and services provided; the heading "Unallocated" includes the Corporate operating and financial amounts. The main financial and operating data broken down by business segment were as follows:

### BALANCE SHEET BY BUSINESS UNIT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

(€ thousand)	TXT Perform	TXT Next	Unallocated	TOTAL TXT
Intangible assets	15,072	7	0	15,079
Property, plant and equipment	762	487	0	1,249
Other fixed assets	1,033	659		1,692
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>16,866</b>	<b>1,154</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,020</b>
Inventories	(68)	1,889	0	1,821
Trade receivables	9,166	9,405	0	18,571
Sundry receivables and other short-term assets	1,341	856	0	2,197
Trade payables	(911)	(629)	0	(1,540)
Tax payables	(800)	(317)	0	(1,117)
Sundry payables and other short-term liabilities	(8,049)	(5,557)	0	(13,606)
<b>NET WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>5,648</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,326</b>
<b>POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(2,272)</b>	<b>(1,569)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(3,841)</b>
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>	<b>15,272</b>	<b>5,233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20,505</b>
Shareholders' equity			28,970	28,970
Net financial position			(8,465)	(8,465)
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>			<b>20,505</b>	<b>20,505</b>

### BALANCE SHEET BY BUSINESS UNIT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

(€ thousand)	TXT Perform	TXT Next	Unallocated	TOTAL TXT
Intangible assets	15,370	-		15,370
Property, plant and equipment	673	445		1,118
Other fixed assets	820	542		1,362
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>16,864</b>	<b>986</b>		<b>17,850</b>
Inventories	148	1,303		1,451
Trade receivables	9,559	7,282		16,841
Sundry receivables and other short-term assets	1,085	717		1,802
Trade payables	(869)	(636)		(1,505)
Tax payables	(56)	(17)		(73)
Sundry payables and other short-term liabilities	(7,467)	(5,466)		(12,933)
<b>NET WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>2,401</b>	<b>3,182</b>		<b>5,583</b>
<b>POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(2,349)</b>	<b>(1,720)</b>		<b>(4,069)</b>
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>	<b>16,916</b>	<b>2,448</b>		<b>19,364</b>
Shareholders' equity			27,937	27,937
Net financial position			(8,573)	(8,573)
<b>CAPITAL EMPLOYED</b>			<b>19,364</b>	<b>19,364</b>

**INCOME STATEMENT BY BUSINESS UNIT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

<i>(€ thousand)</i>	<b>TXT Perform</b>	<b>TXT Next</b>	<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>TOTAL TXT</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>34,101</b>	<b>21,777</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55,878</b>
Licenses & maintenance	12,537	102	0	12,639
Services and other revenues	21,564	21,675	0	43,239
<b>OPERATING COSTS:</b>				
Direct costs	12,946	13,509	0	26,455
Research and development costs	3,002	1,696	0	4,698
Commercial costs	8,918	2,176	0	11,094
General and administrative costs	4,174	2,665	0	6,839
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>29,039</b>	<b>20,046</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49,086</b>
<b>GROSS OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) [EBITDA]</b>	<b>5,062</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,792</b>
Amortisation	864	0	0	864
Depreciation	281	180	0	461
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) [EBIT]</b>	<b>3,916</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,467</b>
Financial income (charges)	(179)	(71)	0	(250)
<b>EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES [EBT]</b>	<b>3,737</b>	<b>1,480</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,217</b>
Taxes	(749)	(297)	0	(1,046)
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,171</b>

**INCOME STATEMENT BY BUSINESS UNIT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013**

<i>(€ thousand)</i>	<b>TXT Perform</b>	<b>TXT Next</b>	<b>Unallocated</b>	<b>TOTAL TXT</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>31,657</b>	<b>20,903</b>		<b>52,560</b>
Licenses & maintenance	12,762	80		12,842
Services and other revenues	18,895	20,823		39,718
<b>OPERATING COSTS:</b>				
Direct costs	11,624	13,230		24,854
Research and development costs	3,083	1,678		4,761
Commercial costs	8,103	2,071		10,174
General and administrative costs	3,920	2,588		6,508
<b>TOTAL OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>26,730</b>	<b>19,567</b>		<b>46,297</b>
<b>GROSS OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) [EBITDA]</b>	<b>4,927</b>	<b>1,336</b>		<b>6,263</b>
Amortisation	883	0		883
Depreciation	255	169		424
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS) [EBIT]</b>	<b>3,789</b>	<b>1,167</b>		<b>4,956</b>
Financial income (charges)	-332	-102		(434)
<b>EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES [EBT]</b>	<b>3,457</b>	<b>1,065</b>		<b>4,522</b>
Taxes	93	28		121
<b>NET PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>1,093</b>		<b>4,643</b>

## 10. Net financial position

Pursuant to Consob communication dated 28 July 2006 and in conformity with the CESR's recommendation dated 10 February 2005, "Recommendations for the consistent implementation of the European Commission's Regulation on prospectuses", it is noted that the TXT e-solutions Group's net financial position at 31 December 2014 is as follows:

(€ thousand)	31 Dec. 2014	31 Dec. 2013	Change
Cash and bank assets	12,304	14,821	(2,517)
Short-term financial payables	(2,154)	(3,352)	1,198
<b>Short-term financial resources</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>11,469</b>	<b>(1,319)</b>
Payables due to banks with maturity beyond 12 months	(1,685)	(2,896)	1,211
<b>Net Available Financial Resources</b>	<b>8,465</b>	<b>8,573</b>	<b>(108)</b>

## 11. Subsequent events

There were no significant events after 31 December 2014.

## 12. Significant non-recurring events and transactions

Based on Consob Resolution no. 15519 dated 27 July 2006, it should be noted that no "non-recurring events and transactions" took place in the period.

## 13. Remuneration of Directors, Statutory Auditors and Management

Transactions with directors and key management personnel refer exclusively to the fixed and variable components of their remuneration (composed of salaries as Company's managers and compensation for offices held). The Remuneration Report details the amounts paid to each beneficiary and the underlying policy.

## 14. External Auditors' fees

Information pursuant to Article 149-duodecies of Consob Issuers' Regulation.

The statement, prepared pursuant to Article 149-duodecies of the Consob Issuers' Regulation (resolution no. 11971), shows the fees for the financial year 2014 for auditing services and for services other than auditing rendered by the Auditing firm and by companies belonging to its network. These fees represent the costs incurred and recognised in the financial statements for the year, net of reimbursements of expenses and non-deductible VAT.

Type of service	Provider	Beneficiary	Fees (€'000)
Auditing	Ernst & Young	Parent TXT e-solutions Spa	53
Auditing	Network Ernst & Young	Subsidiary TXT e-solutions GmbH	13
Auditing	Ernst & Young	Subsidiary TXT e-solutions SL	2
Auditing	Network Ernst & Young	Subsidiary TXT e-solutions Sarl	13
Auditing	Network Ernst & Young	Subsidiary TXT e-solutions Ltd	8
Auditing	Ernst & Young	Subsidiary Maple Lake Ltd	12

## 15. Certification of the consolidated financial statements

### **pursuant to Article 81-ter of Consob Regulation no. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as subsequently amended and supplemented**

The undersigned Alvisè Braga Illa as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Paolo Matarazzo as Manager responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents for TXT S.p.A. certify, also pursuant to Article 154-bis, paragraphs 3 and 4 of Legislative Decree no. 58 dated 24 February 1998:

- the adequacy, in relation to the company's characteristics, and
- the effective application of the administrative and accounting procedures for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014.

The assessment of the adequacy of the administrative and accounting procedures for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014 is based on a process defined by TXT in line with the Internal Control – Integrated Framework model issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission which represents a reference framework that is generally accepted at an international level.

We also certify that the consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014:

- correspond to the accounting books and records;
- are prepared in compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards endorsed by the European Union as well as with the implementing measures for Article 9 of Legislative Decree no. 38/2005;
- are suitable to provide a true and fair view of the financial position, performance and cash flows of the issuer.

Manager responsible for preparing  
corporate accounting documents

Paolo Matarazzo

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Alvisè Braga Illa

Milan, 4 March 2015



TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

REMUNERATION REPORT

2014

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Milan, 4 March 2015  
Available on the website: [www.txtgroup.com](http://www.txtgroup.com)

The Remuneration Report has been drawn up in light of the recommendations contained in Article 7 of the Corporate Governance Code of Borsa Italiana S.p.A., as amended in March 2010, which TXT has adopted, and pursuant to Article 14 of the Procedure for Transactions with related parties approved by the Company's Board of Directors on 3 November 2010.

On 4 March 2015, the Company's Board of Directors, at the instruction of the Remuneration Committee, adopted the "2014 Remuneration Policy", to be subject to a non-binding vote by the Shareholders' Meeting of 22 April 2015.

The remuneration report is divided into two sections:

1. The "General Remuneration Policy", setting out the guidelines for determining the remuneration of executive directors and management in general;
2. The "Remuneration Report for the Financial Year 2014", illustrating the policy implemented by the TXT e-solutions Group during the financial year 2014 and providing a summary of compensation based on the different types of beneficiaries.

# PART 1 – GENERAL REMUNERATION POLICY

The General Remuneration Policy establishes the principles and guidelines adopted by the TXT e-solutions Group in order to define and monitor the implementation of remuneration practices.

## 1. Principles

The Company defines and implements a General Remuneration Policy intended to attract, motivate and retain resources with the professional skills required to successfully pursue the Group's objectives (Principle 7.P.4). The Policy is defined in a way which aligns the interests of Management with those of shareholders, pursuing the priority objective of creating sustainable value in the medium-to-long term by rigorously tying compensation to individual and Group performance.

Definition of the Policy is the result of a clear and transparent process in which the Remuneration Committee and the Company's Board of Directors play a central role, taking into account any potential incompatibilities.

The fixed and the variable component are properly balanced according to the strategic objectives and the risk management policy, also taking into account the software and IT services industry in which TXT e-solutions operates, as well as the nature of the business carried out.

Any deviations from the criteria for determining the remuneration:

- of directors who cover particular offices, General Managers and Managers with strategic responsibilities are examined and approved in advance by the Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors;
- of managers and senior managers are approved in advance by the Company's Chief Executive Officer.

At least once a year, upon presenting the remuneration report, the Chief Financial Officer reports to the Remuneration Committee on policy compliance.

The remuneration policy described in this report makes no significant changes to the procedure followed in the previous financial year.

## 2. Remuneration Committee

The Board of Directors has established among its members a "Remuneration Committee" responsible for proposing and consulting on remuneration. In particular, the Remuneration Committee:

- makes proposals to the Board of Directors on the remuneration of directors who cover particular offices, ensuring it is aligned with the objective of creating value for shareholders in the medium-to-long term;
- periodically evaluates the Company's management remuneration criteria and, at the instruction of directors, makes proposals and recommendations on this matter, with particular reference to the adoption of any stock option or stock grant plans;
- monitors the implementation of decisions made and corporate policies on remuneration.

The Remuneration Committee is composed of three directors, all independent: Mr Franco Cattaneo, Ms Teresa Cristiana Naddeo and Ms Stefania Saviolo. Mr Franco Cattaneo is the Chairman of the Committee. Following the three-year renewal of the Board of Directors during the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014, Mr Adriano De Maio ended his office as director and member of the Remuneration Committee, and Ms Stefania Saviolo was appointed to replace him.

No director participates in meetings of the remuneration committee in which proposals are made to the Board of Directors relating to his/her remuneration.

The Board of Statutory Auditors, in expressing its opinion on the remuneration of directors who cover particular offices pursuant to Article 2389 paragraph 3 of the Italian Civil Code, verifies the consistency of the proposals with this Remuneration Policy.

The Group Companies, in determining compensation for their own directors and managers with strategic responsibilities, comply with the instructions provided by TXT and implement the guidelines set out in this Remuneration Policy.

For a more detailed description of how the Remuneration Committee operates and the activities it carried out during the financial year 2014, please refer to the Report on Corporate Governance and Shareholding Structure for the financial year 2014.

### **3. Procedure for defining and approving the policy**

Each year, the Remuneration Committee presents the Policy for approval by the Board of Directors. Once the Policy has been examined and approved, the Board of Directors presents it to a non-binding vote by the Shareholders' Meeting.

The 2013 Remuneration Policy was approved by the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014. The 2014 Remuneration Policy was approved by the Remuneration Committee in the meeting of 26 February 2015 and by the Board of Directors in the meeting of 4 March 2015, and it will be submitted to the scrutiny of and a non-binding vote by the Shareholders' Meeting on 22 April 2015.

### **4. Remuneration of directors**

Within the Board of Directors, there is a distinction between:

- (i) executive directors;
- (ii) non-executive and independent directors.

At 31 December 2014, the two groups were composed as follows:

- Executive directors:
  - Alvisè Braga Illa (Chairman)
  - Marco Edoardo Guida (Chief Executive Officer)
  - Paolo Enrico Colombo
  - Andrea Cencini
- Non-executive and independent directors.
  - Franco Cattaneo
  - Teresa Cristiana Naddeo
  - Stefania Saviolo

The TXT Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014 set the annual compensation of each director at € 15,000, plus an additional annual compensation of € 5,000 for the participation of each director in the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and another € 5,000 for the participation of each director in the Remuneration Committee.

There is no variable or share-based compensation for non-executive and independent directors.

In line with best practices, there is a Directors & Officers Liability insurance policy, covering civil liability towards third parties incurred by corporate bodies, managers and auditors in the performance of their duties, intended to relieve the Group from any related damages, as a result of the relevant provisions set out by the applicable national collective labour agreement and the rules governing mandates, excluding cases of wilful misconduct and gross negligence.

## 5. Remuneration of executive directors and managers with strategic responsibilities

At the first meeting following their appointment, the Remuneration Committee proposes to the Board of Directors the remuneration due to directors who cover particular offices.

The remuneration of executive directors in general consists of:

- a fixed component;
- a variable annual component conditional on achieving agreed objectives (known as MBO - Management by Objectives);
- a medium/long-term variable component;
- benefits granted as per company's practice (company car, supplementary health insurance), in line with the market.

In determining remuneration and its individual components, the Board of Directors takes into account whether the executive director has been delegated specific authorities. In particular, remuneration is determined on the basis of the following indicative criteria:

- a. the fixed component may represent 30% to 70% of total remuneration. Total remuneration is understood to mean the sum of (i) the gross fixed annual component of the remuneration, (ii) the variable annual component which the beneficiary would receive if the target objectives are achieved; (iii) annualisation of the variable medium/long-term component which the beneficiary would receive if the medium/long-term target objectives are achieved;
- b. the (annual) MBO incentive for each beneficiary is capped at a maximum amount per person, and is actually paid out in proportion to the achievement of specific objectives and considering the company's incentive policy. It may represent 10% to 40% of total remuneration;
- c. the annualised target variable medium/long-term component may represent 30% to 50% of total remuneration.

The fixed component (composed of salaries as managers and compensation for offices held) is sufficient to reward the director should the variable component not be paid because of the failure to achieve the performance objectives specified by the Board of Directors.

With regard to the variable components of the remuneration of executive directors, it should be noted that each year, the Remuneration Committee verifies the achievement of the specified MBO objectives. The objectives are verified after the Board of Directors has approved the Financial Statements for the year, and the variable compensation is paid generally in the month of April each year. An ex-post correction mechanism is in place, should the performance on which the MBO is based be revised.

The Remuneration Committee is also responsible for assessing the proposal of awarding long-term incentives, determining their amount, should the objectives be achieved. The variable components are capped at a certain amount.

Performance objectives - i.e. the economic performance and any other specific objectives to which the payment of variable components (including the objectives for share-based compensation plans) is linked - are predetermined, measurable and linked to the creation of value for shareholders in the medium-to-long term.

The payment of variable components linked to the Stock Grant Plan is deferred over time and 30% of the shares granted are locked-in for a period of 3 years. The payment of variable components linked to the annual MBO incentive is not deferred from the vesting date, since the balance of short term and medium-to-long term incentives is already deemed appropriate for delivering sustainable results. The exercise of Stock Grants is conditional on the beneficiary continuing in the employment or staying on as director.

It is the Group's policy not to grant discretionary bonuses to executive directors. At the proposal of the Remuneration Committee, the Board of Directors may grant bonuses to executive directors in relation to strategically significant transactions and their effects on the results of the Company and/or Group.

It is the Group's policy not to grant further compensation to directors for any other particular offices assigned by the Boards of Directors of subsidiaries. The Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors respectively assess and approve in advance any exception to this policy.

The Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors assess the positioning, composition and more generally the competitiveness of the remuneration of directors who cover particular offices on the basis of information which is publicly available or collected as part of the company's remuneration management and, if need be, with the help of independent companies specialising in executive compensation, based on methods that assess the complexity of roles from an organisational point of view, the specific duties delegated and the individual's impact on the final business results.

The Board of Directors may make provisions (or proposals to the Shareholders' Meeting) for the adoption of incentive schemes by awarding financial instruments or options on financial instruments which, if approved, shall be disclosed at the latest in the annual Remuneration Report (without prejudice to any other disclosure requirements provided for by applicable laws).

The Remuneration Committee and the Internal Controls Committee assess the remuneration and incentive schemes for the Manager responsible for preparing corporate accounting documents and the person in charge of internal controls, and check whether they are consistent with the tasks assigned to them.

## **6. Managers and senior managers**

The remuneration of managers and senior managers in general consists of:

- a gross fixed annual component (known as GAI);
- a variable annual component conditional on achieving agreed objectives (known as MBO);
- in some cases, a variable medium/long-term component;
- benefits granted as per company's practice.

In determining remuneration and its individual components for managers and senior managers, the TXT Group takes into account the following indicative criteria:

- a. the fixed component generally represents 35% to 90% of total remuneration;
- b. an (annual) MBO incentive up to a set maximum amount per person, conditional on the achievement of objectives. Some managers and senior managers in the sales department may have a short-term incentive scheme tied to the volume of licence sales. The MBO generally represents 20% to 30% of total remuneration;
- c. in some cases, a variable medium/long-term component representing 20% to 50% of total remuneration on an annualised target basis is awarded.

The Group can award extraordinary bonuses should it be necessary for management purposes or in the event specific extraordinary objectives are achieved, and may also include such persons in incentive schemes by granting them financial instruments or options on financial instruments adopted by the Group, if any.

## **7. MBO and long-term incentive plan**

The variable annual component (known as MBO) allows to assess the beneficiary's performance on an annual basis.

The MBO objectives for directors who cover particular offices and those who have been delegated specific duties are established by the Board of Directors at the proposal of the Remuneration Committee, and are tied to annual Company and Group performance.

MBOs for managers and senior managers are defined by their immediate supervisor in agreement with the CEO and may include, in addition to Company and/or Group performance conditions, objectives related to the economic and/or qualitative performance of the division/department to which they belong.

Vesting of the variable annual component is conditional on the fulfilment of an access condition (known as on/off) and is proportional to a quantitative annual performance indicator (in 2014 Gross operating profit - EBITDA). The Group sets a maximum "cap" for the bonus payable.

The Shareholders' Meeting of 23 April 2012 approved a Stock Grant Plan with the aim of linking the remuneration of the Beneficiaries to the creation of value for the company's shareholders, emphasising factors of strategic interest. In addition, it seeks to promote loyalty, encourage employees to stay with the company or its subsidiaries, and maintain competitiveness in the market for the remuneration of Beneficiaries.

The Plan spans approximately 5 years. In particular, the three-year vesting period, with interim vesting, of each tranche of Stock Grants awarded was found to be the most suitable for achieving the Plan's objectives.

The Plan is qualified as a stock grant plan and entitles Beneficiaries to receive, subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions and without any cash outlay, ordinary TXT e-solutions S.p.A. shares.

Pursuant to the Plan, the Beneficiaries may be granted up to 1,020,000 Shares (corresponding to 510,000 original Shares that doubled as a result of the free share capital increase resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting of 17 December 2013), subject to the achievement of specific performance objectives linked to one or more of the following indicators: Revenues, Gross Operating Profit (EBITDA), Operating Profit (EBIT), Earnings before taxes, Net Profit, Economic Value Added – EVA, TXT share performance in absolute terms and/or relative to the performance of the relevant stock market indices, and Net Financial Position, as the Board of Directors shall decide upon implementation of the Plan, following the proposal of the Remuneration Committee.

Each stock option grant will vest as follows: 20% for fulfilment of the conditions set out for the first financial year of reference; 30% for fulfilment of the conditions set out for the second financial year of reference; 50% for fulfilment of the conditions set out for the third and final financial year of reference.

The information document for the Stock Grant Plan, drawn up pursuant to Art. 84-bis of the Consob Regulation, is available at the company's website in the section: [www.txtgroup.com/Governance/Shareholders' Meetings](http://www.txtgroup.com/Governance/Shareholders%20Meetings).

The previous 2008 Stock Option Plan concluded at the end of financial year 2013: all options were exercised or cancelled.

The long-term incentive plans are also aimed at retaining talent: should the employment relationship terminate for any reason before the vesting date, the beneficiary ceases to participate in the Plan and, as a consequence, the bonus will not be paid, not even pro-rata.

#### **8. Severance package for directors in the event of resignation, dismissal or termination of the relationship following a public takeover bid (pursuant to Art. 123-bis, paragraph 1, letter i of the Consolidated Law on Finance).**

It is TXT Group's policy not to enter into agreements with directors and managers governing ex ante the financial aspects relating to early termination of the relationship by the Company or the individual (known as "parachutes"). At 31 December 2014, there were no such agreements with directors or managers.

With regard to the Chairman, who is not in managerial employment, the Company will pay him a severance package equal to 25% of compensation paid, as resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014. There is no severance package for the other directors.

Should the existing relationship with the Group terminate for reasons other than just cause, the two parties will seek as far as possible to end the relationship in an amicable manner. Without prejudice, in any case, to legal and/or contractual obligations, employment termination agreements are based on the relevant benchmarks

and defined in compliance with the limits defined by the law and practices in the Country in which the agreement is concluded.

## **9. Non-compete agreements**

The Group may enter into non-compete agreements with its own directors, managers and senior managers, as well as key professionals, providing for the payment of financial compensation proportional to annual remuneration based on the duration and extent of the obligation arising from the agreement.

The obligation refers to the Group's reference industry and geographical area. The scope varies in relation to the employee's role at the time the agreement is finalised and may extend to all the Countries in which the Group operates.



## PART 2 – 2014 REMUNERATION REPORT

### Compensation paid to directors and auditors

Emoluments paid during 2014 are reported in the annexed Table 1:

**Table 1 - Compensation paid to members of administration and control bodies and to managers with strategic responsibilities**

Name	Office	Term in office	In office until	Fixed compensation	Compensation for attendance at committee meetings	Variable compensation (Bonuses and other incentives)	Non-monetary benefits	Other compensation	Total	Fair value of equity-based compensation	Severance package for end of term of office or employment termination
<b>Directors</b>											
Alvise Braga Illa	Chairman	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	260.000	-	65.000	5.755	-	330.755	-	77.500
Marco Edoardo Guida	CEO	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	212.230	-	46.150	3.353	-	261.733	-	16.552
Andrea Cencini	Director	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	166.808	-	32.500	2.818	-	202.126	-	13.657
Paolo Enrico Colombo	Director	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	147.515	-	37.050	2.834	-	187.399	-	12.565
Franco Cattaneo	Ind. Director	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	15.000	10.000	-	-	-	25.000	-	-
Teresa Cristiana Naddeo	Ind. Director	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	15.000	10.000	-	-	-	25.000	-	-
Adriano De Maio	Ind. Director	01.01-16.4	-	5.000	4.500	-	-	-	9.500	-	-
Stefania Saviolo	Ind. Director	17.4-31.12	04.2017*	10.000	10.000	-	-	-	20.000	-	-
<b>Managers with strategic responsibilities</b>											
Paolo Matarazzo	CFO	-	-	140.000	-	42.250	3.140	-	185.390	-	13.505
<b>Board of Statutory Auditors</b>											
Raffaele Valletta	Chairman	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	26.000	-	-	-	-	26.000	-	-
Fabio Maria Palmieri	Standing auditor	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	21.000	-	-	-	-	21.000	-	-
Luigi Carlo Filippini	Standing auditor	01.01-16.4	-	7.000	-	-	-	-	7.000	-	-
Luisa Cameretti	Standing auditor	17.4-31.12	04.2017*	14.000	-	-	-	-	14.000	-	-
Angelo Faccioli	Alternate auditor	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pietro Antonio Grignani	Alternate auditor	01.01-31.12	04.2017*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laura Grimi	Alternate auditor	17.4-31.12	04.2017*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>1.039.553</b>	<b>34.500</b>	<b>222.950</b>	<b>17.900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1.314.903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133.779</b>

\* The term of office expires with the Shareholders' Meeting that approves the Financial Statements as at 31 December 2016.

The emoluments paid refer only to the parent company TXT e-solutions Spa, as subsidiaries and associates did not pay any emoluments.

"Fixed compensation" includes the relevant emoluments resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting, even though not yet paid, compensation received for covering particular offices, pursuant to Article 2389, paragraph 3 of the Italian Civil Code, and the fixed salary gross of social security contributions and taxes paid by the employee, excluding the mandatory collective social security contributions paid by the company and the provision for post-employment benefits.

Fixed compensation is detailed as follows:

Name	Emoluments as resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting	Compensation for the office	Fixed salary	Fixed compensation
<b><u>Directors</u></b>				
Alvise Braga Illa	15,000	245,000	-	260,000
Marco Edoardo Guida	15,000	20,000	177,230	212,230
Andrea Cencini	15,000	-	151,808	166,808
Paolo Enrico Colombo	15,000	-	132,515	147,515
Franco Cattaneo	15,000	-	-	15,000
Teresa Cristiana Naddeo	15,000	-	-	15,000
Adriano De Maio	5,000	-	-	5,000
Stefania Saviolo	10,000	-	-	10,000
<b><u>Managers with strategic responsibilities</u></b>				
Paolo Matarazzo	-	-	140,000	140,000

On the basis of the organisational structure of the TXT Group in 2014, Mr Marco Guida is the Chief Executive Officer, Mr Andrea Cencini is the TXT Perform Division Manager and Mr Paolo Colombo is the TXT Next Division Manager, and all three of them are also directors. Mr Paolo Matarazzo, Chief Financial Officer and Manager responsible for preparing the corporate accounting documents, has been identified as a manager with strategic responsibilities.

The Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014 resolved to set the compensation of each director at € 15,000 for the financial year 2014.

The column "Compensation for attendance at committee meetings" shows the compensation received by Mr Franco Cattaneo, Mr Adriano De Maio, Ms Teresa Cristina Naddeo and Ms Stefania Saviolo for attending the meetings of the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and of the Remuneration Committee. The Shareholders' Meeting held on 16 April 2014 resolved an additional annual compensation amount of € 5,000 for each director for attending the Risks and Internal Controls Committee and an additional € 5,000 for each director for attending the Remuneration Committee.

The column "Bonuses and other incentives" includes portions of compensation vested and not yet paid, according to the corporate Management by Objectives - MBO plan for the financial year 2014. TXT has no "Profit-sharing" plans in place. The listed bonuses relate to the financial year 2014, vested following the achievement of performance targets during the financial year, and are fully payable because they are not subject to any further conditions. No part of the bonus is deferred.

The column "Non-monetary benefits" shows the value of fringe benefits (on an income tax basis) including any supplementary pension funds and insurance policies. Non-monetary benefits essentially refer to company cars, in line with TXT's human resource policies and market practices.

The column "Other compensation" has not been filled out as no compensation other than that in the above categories has been paid.

The column "Fair value of equity-based compensation" shows the fair value of the compensation for the year at

grant date as part of the incentive plans based on financial instruments, estimated according to international accounting standards.

The stock grants granted with reference to the year 2014 have not matured because the objectives set were not achieved. No cost was therefore incurred during 2014.

The column "Severance package for end of term of office or employment termination" shows severance pay accrued and not yet paid to the Chairman as Termination Benefits accrued on fixed and variable compensation. With regard to the Chairman, who is not in managerial employment, the Company will pay him a severance package equal to 25% of compensation paid, as resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014. There is no severance package for the other directors. For other beneficiaries, the amounts shown refer to their Post-Employment Benefits as employees, accrued on the fixed salary and variable bonuses. There is no financial compensation for non-compete agreements.

The Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014 resolved the maximum fixed and variable compensation amounts assigned to Directors who cover particular offices for the year 2014 at € 600,000, including any post-employment benefits. These amounts do not include fixed remuneration for the appointment to Director and remuneration for participation in Committees as set directly by the Shareholders' Meeting.

The fixed and variable compensation for 2014 amounted to € 407,500 as detailed in the table below.

Name	Office	Fixed Compensation for offices	Variable Compensation for offices	Severance package	Total
Alvise Braga Illa	Chairman	245.000	65.000	77.500	387.500
Marco Edoardo Guida	CEO	20.000	-	-	20.000
TOTAL		265.000	65.000	77.500	407.500
Max. compensation for 2014 authorised by Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014:					600.000

***Stock Options held by directors, auditors, general managers and managers with strategic responsibilities***

The auditors, independent directors and the chairman do not participate in any stock option incentive plans.

The Stock Option plan resolved in 2008 has ended, with all stock options exercised and no residual options remaining.

## ***Incentive plans based on financial instruments, other than stock options, held by directors, general managers and managers with strategic responsibilities***

The auditors, independent directors and the chairman do not participate in any stock grant incentive plans.

For the sake of clarity, the number of shares and relative prices of the following tables was adjusted subsequent to the two free share capital increases resolved upon by the Shareholders' Meetings of 28 May 2012 and 17 December 2013 (each free share capital increase entailed the issue of one new share for every share held). The number of shares indicated is therefore consistent with the number of currently outstanding shares.

Subsequent to approval of the "Stock Grant Plan" by the Shareholders' Meeting of 23 April 2012, on 10 May 2012 the Board of Directors granted 280,000 stock grants (originally 70,000, they quadrupled following the two share capital increases). Of these stock grants, 192,656 were assigned to directors and managers with strategic responsibilities.

On 13 December 2012, the Board of Directors also granted a second tranche of 360,000 stock grants (originally 180,000, they doubled following the free share capital increase) which may vest according to the results for 2013, 2014 and 2015. Of these stock grants, 208,800 were granted to directors and executives with strategic responsibilities.

Pursuant to the plan, the termination date for awarding of the stock grants expired on 30 June 2014.

The Stock Grant Plan resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting of 23 April 2012 for a total of 1,020,000 Shares (originally 510,000, they doubled following the free share capital increase) is detailed in the table below. The portion granted to directors and managers with strategic responsibilities is shown separately:

	Total	of which Directors and Managers with Strategic Resp.
Stock Grants granted, vested, matured and exercised	68.340	38.536
Stock Grants granted, vested, matured, not yet exercised	-	-
Stock Grants granted, vested, however not matured due to non-fulfilment of the conditions	391.660	258.520
Stock Grants granted, not yet vested during 2014	180.000	104.400
Stock Grants not granted	380.000	
<b>Total Plan approved by the Shareholders' Meeting</b>	<b>1.020.000</b>	

For the sake of clarity, the number of shares in the table was adjusted subsequent to the two free share capital increases resolved upon by the Shareholders' Meetings of 28 May 2012 and 17 December 2013 (each free share capital increase entailed the issue of one new share for every share held). The number of shares indicated is therefore consistent with the number of currently outstanding shares.

**TABLE 3A - Incentive plans based on instruments other than stock options for members of administration bodies and managers with strategic responsibilities**

Full name	Position	Plan	Financial instruments granted in previous years not vested during 2014		Financial instruments granted in 2014					Financial instruments vested in 2014 and not matured	Financial instruments vested in 2014 and exercisable		Financial instruments expensed in 2014
			Number of instruments	Vesting period	Number of instruments	Fair value at grant date	Vesting period	Grant date	Market value value date	Number of instruments	Number of instruments	Value at Grant date	Fair Value (€)
<b>Directors</b>													
Marco Guida	CEO	23.4.2012 Stock Grant	-	2015	-	-	-	-	-	26.776	-	-	-
		23.4.2012 Stock Grant	28.000		-	-	-	-	-	16.800	-	-	-
			28.000		-	-	-	-	-	43.576	-	-	-
Andrea Cencini	Director	23.4.2012 Stock Grant	-	2015	-	-	-	-	-	26.776	-	-	-
		23.4.2012 Stock Grant	28.000		-	-	-	-	-	16.800	-	-	-
			28.000		-	-	-	-	-	43.576	-	-	-
Paolo Colombo	Director	23.4.2012 Stock Grant	-	2015	-	-	-	-	-	16.000	-	-	-
		23.4.2012 Stock Grant	20.400		-	-	-	-	-	12.240	-	-	-
			20.400		-	-	-	-	-	28.240	-	-	-
<b>Managers with strategic responsibilities</b>													
Paolo Matarazzo	CFO	23.4.2012 Stock Grant	-	2015	-	-	-	-	-	26.776	-	-	-
		23.4.2012 Stock Grant	28.000		-	-	-	-	-	16.800	-	-	-
			28.000		-	-	-	-	-	43.576	-	-	-
TOTAL			104.400		-	-	-	-	-	158.968	-	-	-

For the sake of clarity, the number of shares and relative prices in the table was adjusted subsequent to the two free share capital increases resolved upon by the Shareholders' Meetings of 28 May 2012 and 17 December 2013 (each free share capital increase entailed the issue of one new share for every share held). The number of shares indicated is therefore consistent with the number of currently outstanding

The stock grants granted in the previous financial years refer to the third and last portion of the first vesting period (2014 vesting period) and to the second and third portion of the second vesting period (2014-2015 vesting period).

During 2014, no other stock grants were granted. The termination date for granting of the stock grants expired on 30 June 2014.

Stock grants vested in 2014 were not matured due to non-fulfilment of the conditions set as performance objectives for 2014.

On 11 December 2014, the Board of Directors established the vesting conditions for 2015, subject to the achievement of the earnings before taxes objective.

## ***Holdings of directors, auditors, general managers and managers with strategic responsibilities***

Pursuant to Article 79 of the Consob Regulation approved by resolution no. 11971 of 14 May 1999, here below is a list of the holdings in the company TXT e-solutions S.p.A. by directors and managers with strategic responsibilities, as well as by their spouses who are not legally separated or their minor children, directly or through subsidiaries, trust companies or a third party, resulting as at 31 December 2014 from the shareholders' register, communications received and other information acquired.

For the sake of clarity, the number of shares in the table below doubled subsequent to the free share capital increase resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting of 17 December 2013 and implemented on 3 February 2014 (issue of one new share for each share held). The number of shares indicated is therefore consistent with the number of currently outstanding shares.

The auditors have no holdings in the company.

### **Holdings of members of administration and control bodies and managers with strategic responsibilities**

FULL NAME	POSITION	COMPANY	NO. OF SHARES HELD AT 31.12.2013	NO. OF SHARES PURCHASED/SUBSCRIBED	NO. OF SHARES SOLD	NO. OF SHARES HELD AT 31.12.2014
<b><u>Directors</u></b>						
Alvise Braga Illa	Chairman	TXT	1.598.274	89.699	60.650	1.627.323
Marco Edoardo Guida	CEO	TXT	252.000	-	-	252.000
Paolo Colombo	Director	TXT	136.400	10.000	-	146.400
Andrea Cencini	Director	TXT	94.160	10.000	23.232	80.928
Franco Cattaneo	Indep. Dir.	TXT	20.000	-	-	20.000
Stefania Saviolo	Indep. Dir.	TXT	-	750	-	750
<b><u>Managers with strategic responsibilities</u></b>						
Paolo Matarazzo	CFO	TXT	58.000	20.000	8.000	70.000
TOTAL			2.158.834	130.449	91.882	2.197.401

For the sake of clarity, the number of shares at 31 December 2013 doubled subsequent to the free share capital increase resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting of 17 December 2013 and implemented on 3 February 2014 (issue of one new share for each share held). The number of shares indicated is therefore consistent with the number of currently outstanding shares.

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## TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

Registered office, management, and administration:

Via Frigia, 27 – 20126 Milan - Italy

Share capital:

€ 5,911,932 fully paid-in

Tax code and

Milan Business Register number: 09768170152

## Corporate bodies

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Alvise Braga Illa	Chairman	(1)
Marco Edoardo Guida	Chief Executive Officer	(3)
Franco Cattaneo	Independent Director	(2)
Andrea Cencini	Director	(3)
Paolo Enrico Colombo	Director	(3)
Stefania Saviolo	Independent Director	(2)
Teresa Cristiana Naddeo	Independent Director	(2)

- (1) Powers assigned: ordinary and extraordinary administration, except purchase and sale of buildings.
- (2) Member of the Remuneration Committee and the Risks and Internal Controls Committee.
- (3) Powers assigned: ordinary administration.

### BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS

Raffaele Valletta	Chairman
Luisa Cameretti	Standing Auditor
Fabio Maria Palmieri	Standing Auditor
Pietro Antonio Grignani	Alternate Auditor
Laura Grimi	Alternate Auditor
Angelo Faccioli	Alternate Auditor
Patrizia Rossi	Alternate Auditor

### EXTERNAL AUDITORS

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## Balance Sheet

<b>BALANCE SHEET: ASSETS</b>					
Amounts in Euro	Notes	31 Dec. 2014	Of which due to related parties	31 Dec. 2013	Of which due to related parties
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
- Goodwill	1.1	800,000		800,000	
- Intangible assets with a finite useful life	1.2	304,663		817,335	
<b>Intangible assets</b>		<b>1,104,663</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,617,335</b>	<b>0</b>
- Own property, plant and equipment		7,223		9,465	
- Other assets		761,161		659,943	
- Leased assets		0		11,094	
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>768,384</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>680,501</b>	<b>0</b>
- Equity investments	1.4	12,460,620		12,387,699	
- Sundry receivables and other non-current assets	1.5	30,708	0	30,887	0
- Deferred tax assets	1.6	1,055,442		721,152	
<b>Other non-current assets</b>		<b>13,546,770</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,139,738</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>(A)</b>	<b>15,419,817</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,437,574</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Inventories	1.7	1,628,920		1,334,564	
Trade receivables	1.8	13,094,701	1,387,678	12,100,806	1,711,420
Sundry receivables and other current assets	1.9	1,982,165		1,884,103	
Other financial receivables	1.10	3,147,186	3,147,186	3,527,233	3,507,363
Cash and cash equivalents	1.11	10,067,350		13,713,151	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>(B)</b>	<b>29,920,322</b>	<b>4,534,864</b>	<b>32,559,857</b>	<b>5,218,783</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>(A + B)</b>	<b>45,340,139</b>	<b>4,534,864</b>	<b>47,997,431</b>	<b>5,218,783</b>
<b>BALANCE SHEET: LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>					
Amounts in Euro	Notes	31 Dec. 2014	Of which due to related parties	31 Dec. 2013	Of which due to related parties
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>					
Share capital	1.12	5,911,932		5,911,932	
Reserves	1.12	12,626,108		14,024,939	
Retained earnings (accumulated losses)		1,246,853		1,848,917	
Profit (loss) for the year		2,004,898		1,528,446	
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>	<b>(A)</b>	<b>21,789,791</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,314,234</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Non-current financial liabilities	1.13	1,684,734	(0)	2,895,924	(0)
Employee benefits expense	1.14	3,547,383	1,128,958	3,101,464	1,048,075
Deferred tax provision	1.6	168,572		115,198	
Provision for future risks and charges	1.15	561,621		564,000	
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(B)</b>	<b>5,962,310</b>	<b>1,128,958</b>	<b>6,676,587</b>	<b>1,048,075</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
Current financial liabilities	1.17	7,738,247	5,398,425	8,297,787	4,958,907
Trade payables	1.18	2,414,905	295,991	2,559,625	352,357
Tax payables	1.19	135,191		97,768	
Sundry payables and other current liabilities	1.20	7,299,697	726,273	7,051,430	653,334
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(C)</b>	<b>17,588,039</b>	<b>6,420,689</b>	<b>18,006,610</b>	<b>5,964,598</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(E = B + C)</b>	<b>23,550,349</b>	<b>7,549,647</b>	<b>24,683,197</b>	<b>7,012,673</b>
<b>TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>(A + E)</b>	<b>45,340,139</b>	<b>7,549,647</b>	<b>47,997,431</b>	<b>7,012,673</b>

## Income Statement

Amounts in Euro	Notes	31 Dec. 2014	Of which due to related parties	31 Dec. 2013	Of which due to related parties
Revenues and other income	2.1	<b>37,226,319</b>	6,902,135	35,329,459	6,119,382
Purchase of materials and external services	2.2	<b>(10,971,939)</b>	(1,929,646)	(10,837,804)	(1,053,550)
Personnel costs	2.3	<b>(21,721,566)</b>	(852,453)	(20,408,053)	(752,377)
Other operating costs	2.4	<b>(1,076,023)</b>	0	(1,044,665)	
Depreciation and amortisation/Impairment/Provisions	2.5	<b>(788,633)</b>	0	(739,952)	
Capital gains/losses on disposal of non-current assets	2.6	<b>0</b>	0	(1,153,264)	
<b>OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)</b>		<b>2,668,159</b>	4,120,036	1,145,720	4,313,455
Financial income	2.7	<b>1,292,158</b>	76,863	2,310,989	1,108,322
Financial charges	2.8	<b>(1,440,593)</b>	(79,340)	(1,580,658)	(63,139)
<b>Earnings before taxes</b>		<b>2,519,724</b>	4,117,559	1,876,052	5,358,638
Income taxes		<b>(514,827)</b>	0	(347,606)	
of which non-recurring		0		0	
<b>Profit (loss) for the year</b>		<b>2,004,898</b>	0	1,528,446	0
<b>Capital gain/(loss) generated by the sale of investment</b>		<b>0</b>	0	0	
<b>Profit for the year after extraordinary transactions</b>		<b>2,004,898</b>	0	1,528,446	0

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

(Amount in Euro)	2014	2013
<b>Profit (loss) for the year</b>	<b>2,004,898</b>	<b>1,528,446</b>
Change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	0	3,450
<b>TOTAL ITEMS OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME THAT WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY RECLASSIFIED TO PROFIT /(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD NET OF TAXES</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,450</b>
Defined benefit plans actuarial gains (losses)	<b>(318,885)</b>	87,368
<b>TOTAL ITEMS OF OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME THAT WILL NOT BE SUBSEQUENTLY RECLASSIFIED TO PROFIT /(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD NET OF TAXES</b>	<b>(318,885)</b>	<b>87,368</b>
<b>TOTAL PROFIT/ (LOSS) OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME NET OF TAXES</b>	<b>(318,885)</b>	<b>90,818</b>
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>1,686,013</b>	<b>1,619,264</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

<i>Amounts in Euro</i>	<b>31 Dec. 2014</b>	<b>31 Dec. 2013</b>
Cash flows from operating activities		
<b>Profit (loss) for the year</b>	2,004,898	1,528,446
Depreciation and amortisation, impairment and provisions	788,633	739,952
Current tax	(243,493)	(403,366)
Interest expense	95,971	137,995
Other non-monetary costs		77,849
<b>Cash flow from operating activities before change in working capital</b>	<b>2,646,009</b>	<b>2,080,876</b>
(Increases)/decreases in trade receivables	(993,895)	585,048
(Increases)/decreases in inventories	(294,356)	22,356
increases/(decreases) in payables due to suppliers	(144,721)	157,544
increases/(decreases) in tax payables (receivables)		
increases/(decreases) in post-employment benefits	127,034	(42,727)
increases/(decreases) in other assets and liabilities	52,035	99,309
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>1,392,106</b>	<b>2,902,406</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Increases in non-current assets:		
- Intangible assets	(20,458)	(9,863)
- Property, plant and equipment	(351,952)	(273,538)
- Financial assets	(72,921)	3,937,542
Decreases and other changes in non-current assets:	8,567	
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(436,764)</b>	<b>3,654,141</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Increases/(decreases) in financial payables/receivables	(1,390,684)	(4,658,686)
Share buy-back	(490,454)	(1,125,282)
Distribution of dividends	(2,614,596)	(2,106,906)
Stock options/Stock Grant	(105,406)	468,928
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(4,601,140)</b>	<b>(7,421,946)</b>
<b>Increases/(decreases) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(3,645,798)</b>	<b>(865,399)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period</b>	<b>13,713,151</b>	<b>14,578,548</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period</b>	<b>10,067,352</b>	<b>13,713,151</b>

# Statement of Changes in Equity as at 31 December 2014

	Share capital	Legal reserve	Share premium reserve	Merger surplus	First time adoption	Stock option reserve	Actuarial differences	IRS Fair Value	Retained earnings (accumulated losses)	Profit (loss) for the year	Total
(Amount in Euro)											
<b>At 31 December 2012</b>	<b>2,883,466</b>	<b>340,130</b>	<b>15,280,603</b>	<b>1,911,444</b>	<b>225,081</b>	<b>663,956</b>	<b>(754,463)</b>	<b>(3,450)</b>	<b>1,782,343</b>	<b>2,051,269</b>	<b>24,380,379</b>
Allocation of previous year's profit		102,870							1,948,399	(2,051,269)	0
Stock option subscription	72,500		396,428								468,928
Free share capital increase	2,955,966		(2,955,966)								0
Distribution of dividends									(2,106,906)		(2,106,906)
Allocation to stock grant plan						77,849					77,849
Share buy-back			(1,125,282)								(1,125,282)
Profit (loss) for the year										1,528,446	1,528,446
MTM IRS								3,450			3,450
Post-employment benefits discounting							87,36				87,368
<b>Total comprehensive profit (loss) for the year</b>							<b>87,368</b>	<b>3,450</b>		<b>1,619,264</b>	<b>1,619,264</b>
<b>At 31 December 2013</b>	<b>5,911,932</b>	<b>443,000</b>	<b>11,595,783</b>	<b>1,911,444</b>	<b>225,081</b>	<b>741,805</b>	<b>(667,095)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,623,837</b>	<b>1,528,446</b>	<b>23,314,233</b>

	Share capital	Legal reserve	Share premium reserve	Merger surplus	First time adoption	Stock option reserve	Actuarial differences	IRS Fair Value	Retained earnings (accumulated losses)	Profit (loss) for the year	Total
(Amount in Euro)											
<b>At 31 December 2013</b>	<b>5,911,932</b>	<b>443,000</b>	<b>11,595,783</b>	<b>1,911,444</b>	<b>225,081</b>	<b>741,805</b>	<b>(667,095)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,623,837</b>	<b>1,528,446</b>	<b>23,314,233</b>
Allocation of previous year's profit		76,422							1,452,024	(1,528,446)	0
Subscription of Stock options - Stock grants			(105,406)			(560,508)			560,508		(105,406)
Distribution of dividends									(2,614,596)		(2,614,596)
Share buy-back			(490,454)								(490,454)
Profit (loss) for the year										2,004,898	2,004,898
Post-employment benefits discounting							(318,885)				(318,885)
<b>Total comprehensive profit (loss) for the year</b>							<b>(318,885)</b>			<b>2,004,898</b>	<b>1,6886,013</b>
<b>At 31 December 2014</b>	<b>5,911,932</b>	<b>519,422</b>	<b>10,999,922</b>	<b>1,911,444</b>	<b>225,081</b>	<b>181,297</b>	<b>(985,980)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,021,773</b>	<b>2,004,898</b>	<b>21,789,790</b>

## Introduction

Founded in 1989, TXT e-solutions S.p.A. specialises in software and strategic high-value solutions targeting large enterprises and operates on an international level. The main business areas are: **Integrated & Collaborative Planning**, with TXT Perform Division's products and services for companies in the Luxury, Fashion, Accessory and Retail segments; **Software for Complex Operations & Manufacturing**, with TXT Next's solutions in the Aerospace, Defence, High-Tech and Finance sectors. TXT is listed on the Italian Stock Market (STAR segment, TXT.MI) and its registered office is based in Milan. It also has offices in Italy, France, UK, Germany, Spain, Canada and Australia.

The Company adopted the international accounting and financial reporting standards (IAS/IFRS) starting on 1 January 2006.

This report refers to the financial year ended 31 December 2014 and all relevant accounting information was prepared in accordance with IFRS endorsed by the European Union.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and endorsed by the European Union at the date of drafting these financial statements, as well as with the implementing measures for Article 9 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 38/2005 and with any other applicable provisions and Consob regulations on financial statements.

The financial statements as at 31 December 2014 have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for derivative financial instruments. The carrying amount of underlying assets and liabilities of fair value hedges which would otherwise be carried at amortised cost is adjusted to take into account the changes in fair value attributable to the hedged risks.

Financial statements have been prepared based on accounting entries at 31 December 2014 and on a going concern basis. Comparative data for the prior-year period have been restated to reflect the new accounting policies.

As for information relating to the nature of the company's business, business areas, and significant events after the reporting period, reference should be made to the Directors' report on operations.

The accounting policies applied in preparing the financial statements, as well as the composition of, and changes in, individual items, are illustrated below.

All amounts are expressed in Euro, unless otherwise indicated.

The publication and release of this report were approved by the Board of Directors' Meeting held on 4 March 2015. TXT e-solutions S.p.A. is a joint-stock company listed, registered and domiciled in Italy.

In its capacity as Parent Company, TXT e-solutions S.p.A. has prepared the TXT Group's consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2014.

For a description of operating segments pursuant to IFRS 8, reference should be made to the Notes to the consolidated financial statements.



## Relevant accounting standards

### Assets and liabilities

#### Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially measured at cost, while those acquired in business combinations are recognised at the fair value at the acquisition date. After initial recognition, intangible assets are carried at their cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Internally generated intangible assets are not capitalised and are recognised in profit or loss as incurred.

The useful life of intangible assets is assessed as finite or indefinite.

Intangible assets with a finite useful life are amortised over their useful lives and are tested for impairment whenever there is an indication that the intangible asset may be impaired. The amortisation period and the amortisation method for an intangible asset with a finite useful life are reviewed at least at each financial year-end. The changes in the expected useful life or in the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in the assets are recognised by changing the amortisation period or method, as required, and are accounted for as changes in accounting estimates. The amortisation expense related to intangible assets with a finite useful life is recognised in profit or loss in the expense category consistent with the intangible asset's function.

Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised, but they are tested for impairment annually both as an individual asset and as a cash-generating unit. The indefinite useful life assessment is reviewed annually to determine whether events and circumstances continue to support it. If they do not, the change in the useful life assessment from indefinite to finite is applied prospectively.

The gain or loss arising from the derecognition of an intangible asset is determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the intangible asset's carrying amount, and is recognised in profit or loss when the asset is derecognised.

#### Research and development costs

Research costs are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when incurred. Development costs incurred in relation to a specific project are recognised as an intangible asset when the conditions provided for by IAS 38 apply.

After initial recognition, development costs are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Amortisation begins when development is completed and the asset is available for use. Development costs are amortised with reference to the period during which the related project is expected to generate economic benefits for the Company. During the period in which the asset is not yet in use, it will be tested for impairment annually.

#### Software licenses

Licenses for use of intellectual property are carried at cost and amortised over 3 to 5 years, according to the specific type of license.

## Property, plant and equipment

An item of property, plant and equipment is measured at acquisition or production cost including directly attributable costs necessary to bring the asset to its working condition.

An item of property, plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight-line basis over its useful life, i.e. the period over which an asset is expected to be available for use by an entity. Depreciation begins when the asset is available for use and is calculated on a straight-line basis using the rate deemed representative of the asset's estimated useful life. Given the nature of the assets within the separate classes, no significant parts having different useful lives were recognised.

Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the relevant asset, as shown below:

Class	Useful life
Furniture and fixtures	8 years
Plant and equipment	5 years
Motor vehicles	4 years

The costs of maintenance, repair, enhancement, upgrade, and replacement that have not lead to any significant and measurable increase in the production capacity or in the useful life of the asset concerned are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

Leasehold improvements shall be recognised in the asset class to which they refer and, if separable, they shall be depreciated in accordance with their useful life; if they are not separable, they shall be depreciated based on the shorter of the lease term or the asset's useful life.

Assets held under finance leases (for which the Company essentially takes on all the risks and rewards) are accounted for as property, plant and equipment (historical cost of the asset and accumulated depreciation) and classified in the specific classes, recognising the financial payable to the lessor as a liability. Depreciation is calculated in accordance with the previously mentioned method.

Lease payments are apportioned between the reduction of the outstanding liability and the finance charge to be allocated to each period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability at each financial year-end.

## Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period, TXT assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists, or when an annual impairment test is required, TXT estimates the recoverable amount of the asset. The recoverable amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. The recoverable amount is determined for an individual asset, unless the asset does not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets or group of assets. If the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its recoverable amount, said asset has become impaired and is consequently reduced to its recoverable amount.

In measuring value in use, TXT discounts estimated future cash flows using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. In determining fair value less costs to sell, recent market transactions are taken into account. If it is not possible to determine such transactions, an appropriate measurement model is used. These calculations are corroborated by the appropriate valuation multipliers, quoted share prices of investee companies whose securities are publicly traded, and other available indicators of fair value.

TXT bases its impairment test on detailed budgets and forecasts prepared separately for each of the cash-generating units to which the individual assets are allocated. These budgets and forecasts generally cover a period of five years. For longer periods, a long-term growth rate used to extrapolate cash flow projections beyond the fifth year is calculated.

Impairment losses on operating assets, including losses on inventories, are recognised in profit or loss in the expense categories consistent with the intended use of the impaired asset. An exception is represented by revalued assets for which the revaluation has been recognised in other comprehensive income and classified as a revaluation surplus. In these cases, the impairment loss is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent that it does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus.

At the end of each reporting period, TXT assesses whether there is any indication that an impairment loss recognised in prior periods for an asset other than goodwill may no longer exist or may have decreased. If any such indication exists, the Group estimates the recoverable amount of that asset. An impairment loss recognised in prior periods shall be reversed if, and only if, there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognised. The reversal of an impairment loss shall not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of amortisation and depreciation) had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at revalued amount, in which case it is treated as a revaluation increase.

The following criteria are used to recognise impairment losses on specific types of assets:

### ***Goodwill***

Goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually (at 31 December) and, more frequently, when the circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may be impaired.

The impairment loss on goodwill is determined by measuring the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit (or group of cash-generating units) to which goodwill can be allocated. Wherever the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit is lower than the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit to which goodwill was allocated, an impairment loss is recognised. An impairment loss recognised for goodwill cannot be reversed in a subsequent period.

### ***Intangible assets***

An intangible asset with an indefinite useful life is tested for impairment at least annually (at 31 December) both as an individual asset and as a cash-generating unit, whichever is more appropriate to determine whether any impairment exists.

## **Financial instruments**

### ***Initial recognition and measurement***

The financial assets within the scope of IAS 39 are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity financial assets, available-for-sale financial assets, or derivatives designated as hedging instruments that are determined to be effective hedges, as appropriate. TXT determines the classification of its financial assets upon initial recognition.

Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value plus the transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition, except in the case of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

A purchase or sale of a financial asset under a contract whose terms require delivery of the asset within the time frame established generally by regulation or convention in the marketplace concerned is a regular way purchase or sale and is recognised using trade date accounting. Trade date is the date that TXT commits itself to purchase or sell an asset.

TXT's financial assets include cash and short-term deposits, trade receivables and other receivables, loans and other receivables, quoted and unquoted financial instruments, and derivatives.

### ***Subsequent measurement***

Subsequent measurement of financial assets depends on their classification as follows:

***Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss***

This category includes financial assets held for trading and assets designated as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition.

Assets held for trading are all those assets acquired for the purpose of selling them in the near term.

This category includes the derivative financial instruments subscribed by Group that were not designated as hedging instruments in accordance with the hedging relationship as defined by IAS 39. Derivatives, including separated embedded derivatives, are classified as financial instruments held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

The financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss are recognised in the balance sheet at fair value, while the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss as financial income or charges.

No financial asset was designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss.

TXT assessed its financial assets held for trading, other than derivatives, to verify whether the intention to sell them in the near term is still appropriate. In rare cases, i.e. when TXT is unable to sell these financial assets because markets are not active and management's intention to sell them in the foreseeable future changes significantly, TXT may choose to reclassify these financial assets. The reclassification to loans and receivables, available-for-sale financial assets, or held-to-maturity financial assets depends on the nature of the asset. This assessment has no impact on any financial asset designated as at fair value through profit or loss designated under the fair value option.

The embedded derivatives contained in host contracts are accounted for as separate derivatives and measured at fair value if their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract and the host contract is not held for trading or measured at fair value through profit or loss. These embedded derivatives are measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. The initial assessment is not revised unless a change in the contractual terms significantly modifies the cash flows that otherwise would be expected.

***Loans and receivables***

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these financial assets are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. The amortised cost is calculated by accounting for any discounts, acquisition premiums, fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate.

The amortisation at the effective interest rate is recognised as financial income in profit or loss. The losses arising from impairment are recognised as financial charges in profit or loss.

***Held-to-maturity financial assets***

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments are classified as "held-to-maturity financial assets" whenever TXT has the positive intention and ability to hold them to maturity.

After initial recognition, held-to-maturity financial assets are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses. The amortised cost is calculated by accounting for any discounts, acquisition premiums, fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. The amortisation at the effective interest rate is recognised as financial income in profit or loss. The losses arising from impairment are recognised as financial charges in profit or loss. TXT did not hold any investments of this type during the financial years ended 31 December 2014 and 2013.

***Impairment of financial assets***

At the end of each reporting period, TXT determines whether a financial asset or group of financial

assets is impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a "loss event") and that loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment can be represented by indicators such as financial difficulty, a breach of contract, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, that borrowers, or a group of borrowers, are incurring; it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation, and where observable data indicate that there is a measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in circumstances or in the economic conditions related to the obligations.

### ***Financial assets carried at amortised cost***

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, TX first of all assessed whether objective evidence of impairment existed individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If TXT determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for an individually assessed financial asset, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses them for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is or continues to be recognised are not included in a collective assessment of impairment.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred). The present value of cash flows is discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate. If a loan has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through use of an allowance account and the amount of the loss is recognised in profit or loss. Interest income continues to be estimated based on the reduced carrying amount and is recognised using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss. Interest income is recognised in profit or loss as part of financial income. Loans and the relevant provisions are reversed when there is no realistic prospect of recovery and all guarantees have been enforced or transferred to the Group. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss increases or decreases following an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss shall be increased or decreased by adjusting an allowance account. If a reversal is subsequently recovered, the amount of the reversal is recognised in profit or loss as a decrease in financial charges.

## **Investments in subsidiaries and associates**

Subsidiaries are companies in which the company exercises control. Control is obtained when the Company is exposed or entitled to variable yields, deriving from its relationship with the investee company and, simultaneously, has the capacity to impact said yields by exercising its power over said entity.

Specifically, the company controls an investee company if, and only if, it has:

- power over the subject entity of the investment (or rather it holds valid rights that grant it the current power to manage significant assets of the entity subject to investment);
- exposure or rights to variable yields deriving from the relationship with the entity subject to investment;
- the capacity to exercise its power on the entity subject to investment in order to influence the amount of its yields.

An associate is a company in which TXT e-solutions SpA holds at least 20% of the voting rights.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are recognised at cost less impairment.

On acquisition of the investment any positive difference between the acquisition cost and the Company's share of the present value of the subsidiary's or associate's equity is therefore included in the investment's carrying amount.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are tested for impairment at least annually, or more frequently, if necessary. If there is evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, such loss is recognised in profit or loss under impairments. If the Company's share of loss of the investee company exceeds the carrying amount of the investment, and the Company has incurred legal or constructive obligations to cover such losses, the company's interest is reduced to zero and the additional losses are recorded among liabilities. If subsequently the impairment loss no longer exists or has decreased, a reversal of the impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss to the extent of the original purchase cost.

The cost of investments in foreign companies is converted into Euro at the historical acquisition and subscription exchange rates.

## Investments in other companies

The item includes investments in other companies (ownership of less than 20% of the stock or 2% for listed companies) measured at fair value through equity; when the fair value cannot be reliably measured, the investments are measured at cost less impairment. When the conditions that caused the impairment no longer exist, the investments measured at cost are revalued to the extent of the impairment loss previously recognised through profit or loss.

## Other non-current assets, Trade receivables, Current financial receivables, and Other current receivables

With the exception of assets deriving from derivative financial instruments, the other assets and all financial assets that do not have a quoted market price in an active market and whose fair value cannot be reliably measured, are measured, if they have fixed maturity, at amortised cost using the effective interest method. When financial assets do not have fixed maturity, they are measured at cost. Loans with maturity over one year, granted interest-free or at a below-market rate, are discounted at market rates of interest.

The Group regularly assesses whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. If any such evidence exists, the impairment loss is recognised as an expense when incurred.

## Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of acquisition or production cost and market value. This refers mainly to consumables measured at acquisition cost, determined by the last cost incurred which, since the turnover rate for these inventories is high, is an excellent approximation of FIFO.

Contract work in progress, consisting of services not yet completed at the end of the financial year relating to indivisible contracts that will be completed during the next twelve months, are measured on the basis of the considerations agreed in relation to the stage of completion determined using the cost-to-cost method. Advance payments received from customers are deducted from inventories, to the extent that they do not exceed the consideration accrued; the remaining part is recognised as a liability.



## Cash and cash equivalents and short-term deposits

Cash and cash equivalents and short-term deposits comprise cash on hand and demand and short-term deposits with maturity of up to three months.

## Treasury shares

Treasury shares are measured at cost and deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in profit or loss on the purchase, sale or cancellation of an entity's treasury shares. Any difference between the consideration paid and received, when treasury shares are reissued, is recognised in the share premium reserve. Voting and dividend rights attached to treasury shares are suspended. If stock options are exercised, they are serviced with treasury shares.

## Financial Liabilities, Other non-current liabilities, Trade payables, Current financial payables and Other payables

Upon initial recognition, they are designated as at fair value (typically represented by the cost of the transaction that originated them), including transaction costs.

Subsequently, except for derivative financial instruments, financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

The receivables and payables in the foreign currency of countries outside the Euro area are translated at closing rates; any positive or negative differences between the amounts of the receivables and payables translated at closing rates and those measured at the original exchange rates are recognised in profit or loss.

## Financial liabilities

### ***Initial recognition and measurement***

The financial liabilities within the scope of IAS 39 are classified as financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, such as loans and borrowings, or derivatives designated as hedging instruments, as appropriate. TXT determines the classification of its financial liabilities upon initial recognition.

Financial liabilities are initially recorded at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to them in the case of loans and borrowings.

Financial liabilities include trade payables and other payables, bank overdrafts, loans and borrowings, guarantees issued and derivative financial instruments.

The measurement of financial liabilities depends on their classification, as described below:

### ***Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss***

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss include financial liabilities held for trading and financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition.

Liabilities held for trading are all those liabilities acquired for the purpose of selling them in the near term. This category includes the derivative financial instruments subscribed by TXT that were not designated as hedging instruments in accordance with the hedging relationship as defined by IAS 39. Separated embedded derivatives are classified as financial instruments held for trading unless they are designated as effective hedging instruments.

Gains and losses on financial liabilities held for trading are recognised in profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are designated upon initial recognition as at fair value through profit or loss only if the conditions in IAS 39 are met. TXT has not designated upon initial recognition any financial liability as at fair value through profit or loss.

### **Loans and borrowings**

After initial recognition, loans are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss only when the liability is extinguished, as well as through amortisation.

The amortised cost is calculated accounting for any acquisition discounts or premiums, fees or costs that are an integral part of the effective interest rate. Amortisation at the effective interest rate is recognised in financial charges in profit or loss.

## **Employee benefits expense**

### **Post-employment benefits**

The liability relating to employee benefits paid upon or after the end of employment and relating to defined benefit plans, net of any plan assets, is determined based on actuarial assumptions made to estimate the amount of benefit that employees have earned to date. The liability is recognised on an accrual basis over the vesting period.

Employee post-employment benefits earned up to 31 December 2006, pursuant to article 2120 of the Italian Civil Code, are included in defined benefit plans. Indeed, subsequent to the reform of supplementary pension schemes, since 1 January 2007 post-employment benefits earned are mandatorily paid into a supplementary pension fund, or into the special Treasury Fund set up at the National Social Security Institute (INPS) if the employee exercised the specific option. Therefore, TXT's defined benefit obligation to employees exclusively regards the provisions made up to 31 December 2006.

The accounting treatment adopted by TXT since 1 January 2007 reflects the prevailing interpretation of the new law and is consistent with the accounting approach defined by the relevant professional bodies. In particular:

- Post-employment benefits earned since 1 January 2007 are considered elements of a Defined Contribution Plan even if the employee exercised the option to allocate them to the Treasury Fund at INPS. These benefits, determined based on statutory provisions and not subject to any actuarial valuation, therefore represent negative income components recognised as labour costs.
- Post-employment benefits earned as at 31 December 2006 continue instead to represent the liability for the company's obligation under a Defined Benefit Plan. This liability will not be increased further in the future with additional provisions; therefore, unlike in the past, the component relating to future increases in salaries was excluded from the actuarial calculation made to determine the balance as at 31 December 2008.

External actuaries determine the present value of TXT's obligations using the Projected Unit Credit Method. With this method, the liability is projected into the future to determine the probable amount payable upon the end of employment and is then discounted to account for the time that will pass before the actual payment. The calculation takes into account the post-employment benefits earned for service in prior periods and is based on actuarial assumptions mainly regarding the interest rate, which reflects the market yields on high quality corporate bonds with a term consistent with the estimated term of the obligation and employee turnover.

Actuarial gains and losses, defined as the difference between the carrying amount of the liability and the present value of TXT's obligations at the end of the period, due to the change in the previously used actuarial parameters (described above), are recognised outside profit or loss (in comprehensive income) and directly in equity.



## Stock option plans

TXT e-solutions Spa recognises additional benefits to particular categories of employees who work in the Company and its subsidiaries, deemed to be "key management personnel" in terms of authority and/or responsibility through stock grant plans. Pursuant to IFRS 2 – Share-Based Payment – the overall amount of the present value of the stock grants at grant date is recognised systematically on a monthly basis in profit or loss as a cost during the vesting period, with a specific reserve recognised in equity. This implicit cost is determined using specific income-equity models.

The fair value of the stock grants is represented by the value of the option estimated by applying the "Black-Scholes" model which takes account of the exercise price of the option, the current price of the shares, the expected volatility, and the risk-free interest rate.

## Contingent liabilities

The Company may be involved in legal proceedings regarding various issues. Owing to the uncertainties inherent to said issues, it is normally hard to make a reliable estimate of the outflow of resources that could arise from said disputes. In the ordinary course of business, the management consults with legal advisors as well as legal and fiscal experts. TXT recognises a liability for said disputes when it deems it probable that an outflow of financial resources will be required and when the amount of the losses resulting from it can be reliably estimated. If an outflow of financial resources is possible, this fact is reported in the notes to the financial statements.

## Dividends

Dividends received are recorded in profit or loss on an accrual basis, i.e. in the period in which the relevant right arises, following the shareholders' resolution to distribute the investee companies' dividends. Dividends payable are recognised as movements in equity in the period in which they are approved by the Shareholders' Meeting.

## Intragroup and transactions with related parties

Related parties are:

- a) Entities that, directly or indirectly, even through subsidiaries, trustees or third parties:
  - Control TXT e-solutions S.p.A.
  - Are subsidiaries of TXT e-solutions S.p.A.
  - Are subject to joint control with TXT e-solutions S.p.A.
  - Have an interest in TXT e-solutions S.p.A. such as to exercise a significant influence.
- b) Associates of TXT e-solutions S.p.A.
- c) Joint ventures in which TXT e-solutions S.p.A. participates.
- d) Managers with strategic responsibilities of TXT e-solutions S.p.A. or one of its parent companies.
- e) Close members of the family of parties as per the above points a) and d).
- f) Entities controlled or jointly controlled or subject to significant influence by one of the parties as per points d) and e), or in which said parties hold, directly or indirectly, a significant interest, in any case at least 20% of the voting rights.
- g) An occupational, collective or individual pension fund, either Italian or foreign, set up for

TXT e-solutions S.p.A.'s employees or any other related entity.

As for transactions with related parties, including intra-group transactions, it should be noted that they cannot be classified as atypical nor unusual, as they fall within the course of ordinary activities of the Group's companies. Said transactions are conducted at arm's length, considering the characteristics of the goods and services provided.

Disclosure on transactions with related parties, comprising disclosure required by Consob communication dated 27 July 2006, is provided in the relevant section of the Consolidated Financial Statements as at 31 December 2014.

## Translation of foreign currency items

The financial statements are presented in Euro, which is the functional and presentation currency adopted by the Company.

Foreign currency transactions are recorded on initial recognition in the functional currency by applying the spot exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

The monetary assets and liabilities, denominated in foreign currency, are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rate at the reporting date.

Exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss with the exception of monetary items that form part of the net investment in a foreign operation. Such differences are recognised initially in other comprehensive income until the disposal of the net investment, and only then will be recognised in profit or loss. Taxes and tax credits attributable to exchange differences on monetary items are recognised in other comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency shall be translated using the exchange rate at the date of initial recognition of the transaction. Non-monetary items measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date when the fair value was determined. Gains or losses arising from the translation of non-monetary items are treated in line with the recognition of gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of said items (foreign currency differences on the items with changes in fair value recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss are recognised in other comprehensive income or profit or loss, respectively).

## Revenues

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to TXT and the relevant amount can be measured reliably, irrespective of collection date. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, taking into account the contract terms of payment and excluding taxes and duties. The Company specifically assessed its sales contracts and concluded that it is acting directly as the principal in all sales contracts.

These specific measurement criteria shall also apply with reference to revenue recognition:

### Sales of assets

Sales are recognised when ownership is transferred, i.e. all risks and rewards associated with the asset are transferred. Revenue is recognised net of returns, discounts, rebates and premiums, as well as of any directly related taxes.

### Services

Revenues arising from the provision of development and maintenance services are measured on the basis of the considerations agreed in relation to the stage of completion determined using the cost-to-cost method. When the outcome of a contract cannot be reliably measured, revenue is recognised only to the extent that costs incurred are deemed to satisfy the recoverability

requirements.

## Interest income

For all financial instruments measured at amortised cost and interest-bearing financial assets classified as available-for-sale, interest income is measured using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Interest income is classified as financial income in profit or loss (IAS 18.30 a).

## Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the financial statements when ownership of the assets to which they refer has been transferred or the services acquired have been provided, or when the relevant future benefits cannot be estimated.

Personnel costs include, consistently with their substantial nature, stock options/grants granted to employees. In determining those costs, reference is made to the comments in the introduction concerning the policies adopted in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

Interest income and expense are recognised on an accrual basis based on interest accrued on the net value of the relevant financial assets and liabilities using the effective interest method.

## Government grants

Government grants are recognised when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and the entity will comply with the conditions attached to them. When grants are related to expenses, they are recognised as income; however, they are recognised on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognises the expenses that the grants are intended to compensate. If a grant is related to an asset, the grant is recognised as income on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the relevant asset.

When the TXT receives a non-monetary grant, the asset and the grant are recognised at their nominal amount in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the expected useful life of the relevant asset. In case of loans or similar forms of assistance granted by government bodies or similar institutions at a below-market rate of interest, the benefit associated with the favourable interest rate is treated as an additional government grant.

## Income taxes

### Current tax

Current tax is measured at the amount expected to be paid to taxation authorities using the rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Current tax is recognised outside profit or loss if the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit or loss, and is therefore recognised in equity or in other comprehensive income, consistently with the recognition of the item it relates to. Management periodically assesses the tax position taken in the tax return with respect to situations in which tax laws are subject to interpretation and makes provisions where appropriate.

### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is calculated using the so-called "liability method" on the temporary differences arising at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

A deferred tax liability is recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except to the extent that it arises from:

- the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss);
- the reversal of taxable temporary differences associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures that may be controlled and is unlikely to occur in the foreseeable future.

A deferred tax asset is recognised for all deductible temporary differences and the carry forward of unused tax losses and unused tax credits to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences as well as the unused tax losses and unused tax credits can be utilised, unless:

- the deferred tax asset arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss);
- the deferred tax asset for taxable temporary differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures, is recognised only the extent that it is probable that the deductible temporary differences will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow the benefit of part or all of that deferred tax asset to be utilised. Unrecognised deferred tax assets are reassessed annually at the end of each reporting period and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax assets to be recovered.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is recognised outside profit or loss if the tax relates to items that are recognised outside profit or loss, and is therefore recognised in equity or in other comprehensive income, consistently with the recognition of the item it relates to.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities, and the deferred tax relates to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

Tax benefits acquired in a business combination, but that do not satisfy the criteria for separate recognition as of the acquisition date, are subsequently recognised where required when there is new information about changes in facts and circumstances. The adjustment is either treated as a reduction of goodwill (to the extent that it does not exceed goodwill), if it is recognised within the measurement period, or in profit or loss, if recognised afterwards.

## **Indirect taxes**

Expenses, revenue and assets are recognised net of value added tax, with the following exceptions:

- the tax applied to the purchase of goods or services cannot be deducted, in which case it is recognised as part of the asset's acquisition cost or part of the expense recognised in profit or loss;
- trade receivables and payables include the tax.

The net amount of indirect sales taxes that can be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities is recognised as part of trade receivables or payables, depending on whether the balance is positive or negative.

## Fair value hierarchy

For measurements of financial instruments recognised in the balance sheet, IFRS 13 requires that fair value measurements be classified using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The levels are as follows:

- Level 1: quoted prices in an active market for assets or liabilities subject to measurement;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable in the market, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices);
- Level 3: inputs that are not based on observable market data.

No transfers between hierarchical levels occurred during the financial year 2014.

Comparison between fair value and carrying amount of the TXT Group's financial instruments is provided in the table below, subdivided by hierarchy level:

Amounts in Euro	31 Dec. 2014	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Financial assets at fair value</b>				
- other non-current financial assets	0	0	0	0
- other current financial assets	0	0	0	0
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value</b>				
- other non-current financial liabilities	1,684,734	0	1,684,734	0
- other current financial liabilities	2,339,822	0	2,319,913	0
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>4,024,556</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,004,647</b>	<b>0</b>

Amounts in Euro	31 Dec. 2013	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Financial assets at fair value</b>				
- other non-current financial assets	0	0	0	0
- other current financial assets	0	0	0	0
<b>Total financial assets</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Financial liabilities at fair value</b>				
- other non-current financial liabilities	2,895,924	0	2,927,924	0
- other current financial liabilities	4,958,907	0	4,958,907	0
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>	<b>7,854,831</b>		<b>7,886,831</b>	<b>0</b>

Current financial assets and liabilities approximate market value.

Non-current financial liabilities refer to loans signed by the Group. The fair value measurement of non-current liabilities was made by discounting future cash flows based on the market interest rates increased by credit rating recognised by bank counterparties in trading similar financial products.

## Guarantees issued, obligations and other contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2014, the Company had issued guarantees on debts and obligations of third parties and associates amounting to € 707 thousand, in particular € 265 thousand in the form of bank guarantees for rental security deposits, and the remainder in the form of bank guarantees for bids in tenders.

## Use of estimates and discretionary assessments

The preparation of the Company's financial statements and the relevant notes in conformity with IFRS requires Management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as well as disclosures relating to contingent assets and liabilities at the reporting date. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis and any changes are immediately recognised in profit or loss. Here below are the assumptions made about the future and other major sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

## **Impairment of non-financial assets**

An impairment loss occurs when the carrying amount of an asset or a cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount, which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. Fair value less costs to sell is measured based on data available from binding sale agreements between knowledgeable, willing parties for similar assets or observable market prices, less the costs of disposal. Value in use is calculated using a discounted cash flow model. Cash flow projections are based on the plan for the next three years and include neither restructurings for which the Group does not have a present obligation, nor significant future investments that will increase the return on the assets of the cash-generating unit subject to measurement. The recoverable amount significantly depends on the discount rate used in the discounted cash flow model, as well as on the expected future cash inflows and the growth rate used to extrapolate. The key assumptions used to determine the recoverable amount for the various cash generating units, including a sensitivity analysis, are detailed in Note 4.

## **Taxes**

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilised. Management is required to make significant estimates to determine the amount of tax assets that can be recognised based on the level of future taxable profits, when they will arise, and tax planning strategies.

## **Pension funds**

The cost of defined benefit pension plans and other post-employment medical benefits is determined using actuarial valuations. The actuarial valuation requires assumptions about discount rates, the expected rate of return on plan assets, future salary increases, mortality rates, and future benefit increases. Because of the long-term nature of these plans, the estimates are subject to a significant degree of uncertainty. All assumptions are reviewed annually.

In determining the appropriate discount rate, the directors use the interest rate of corporate bonds with average terms corresponding to the estimated term of the defined-benefit obligation. The bonds are subject to further qualitative analysis and those that present a credit spread deemed excessive are removed from the population of bonds on which the discount rate is based, as they do not represent high-quality bonds.

The mortality rate is based on mortality tables available for each country. Future salary and benefit increases are based on the expected inflation rates for each country. Further details, including a sensitivity analysis, are provided in Note 13.

## **New accounting standards, interpretations and amendments adopted by the Group**

The accounting standards adopted in preparing the financial statements as at 31 December 2014 are consistent with those used in preparing the financial statements as at 31 December 2013, except for the adoption of the new standards, amendments and interpretations effective since 1 January 2014.

Several new standards and amendments became effective as of 2014. However, they did not have any impact on the financial statements of TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

Contents and effects of each new standard/amendment are detailed below:

### *IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and IAS 27 (2011) Separate financial statements*

IFRS 10 supersedes the part of IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements applied in accounting for the consolidated financial statements. It also deals with the issues raised in SIC-12 Consolidation – Special purpose entities.



IFRS 10 establishes a single control model applying to all entities, including special purpose entities. With respect to the provisions in IAS 27, the amendments introduced by IFRS 10 will require management to make important discretionary assessments, to determine which entities are controlled, and therefore shall be consolidated by the parent company. Application of IFRS 10 has no impact on the interests currently held by TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

#### *IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements*

IFRS 11 supersedes IAS 31 Interests in Joint Ventures and SIC-13 Jointly controlled entities – Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers.

IFRS 11 eliminates the option to account for jointly controlled entities through proportionate consolidation. Jointly controlled entities classified as joint ventures shall instead be accounted for using the equity method. The standard has no impact on the interests currently held by TXT e-solutions S.p.A., as this case is not present among its investee companies.

#### *IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities*

IFRS 12 includes disclosure previously required by IAS 27 concerning the consolidated financial statements, as well as disclosure required by IAS 31 and IAS 28. It deals with an entity's interests in subsidiaries, joint arrangements, associates, and unconsolidated 'structured entities'. New disclosures are also presented. The standard has no impact on the interests currently held by TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

#### *IAS 28 (2011) Investments in associates and joint ventures*

Following the new IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements and IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities, IAS 28 was renamed as Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures, and outlines how to apply the equity method to investments in associates and joint ventures. The standard has no impact on the interests currently held by TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

#### *IAS 32 Offsetting Financial Assets and Liabilities – Amendments to IAS 32*

The amendments clarify the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off" and also clarify the application of the IAS 32 offsetting criteria to settlement systems (such as central clearing houses) which apply gross settlement mechanisms that are not simultaneous. These amendments have no impact on the balance sheet or performance of TXT e-solutions S.p.A.

#### *IAS 39 Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting – Amendments to IAS 39*

These amendments clarify that there is no need to discontinue hedge accounting if a hedging derivative is novated, provided certain criteria are met. These amendments must be applied retrospectively. The amendments did not have any impact since the Company has not replaced its derivatives in the current period or in the previous periods.

#### *IFRIC 21 Levies*

IFRIC 21 states that an entity recognises a liability only when the event to which payment is linked occurs, in accordance with the applicable law. For payments triggered only upon reaching of a specific minimum threshold, the liability is recognised only when that threshold is reached. Retrospective application is required for IFRIC 21. This interpretation had no impact on the Company, as in previous years, the recognition criteria envisaged by IAS 37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets had been applied, and these comply with the provisions of IFRIC 21.

#### *Annual improvements cycle 2010-2012*

As part of the annual improvements cycle 2010-2012, the IASB issued seven amendments to six standards, including an amendment to IFRS 13 Fair value measurement. The amendment to IFRS 13, which became effective immediately and, therefore, from 1 January 2014, clarifies in the Basis



for Conclusions that short-term receivables and payables that do not have a declared interest rate may be recognised at the value indicated on the invoice, if the amount of discounting is irrelevant. This amendment to IFRS 13 had no impact on the Company.

#### *Annual improvements cycle 2011-2013*

As part of the Annual improvements cycle 2011-2013, the IASB issued four amendments to four accounting standards, including IFRS 1 First-time adoption of the IFRS. The amendment to IFRS 1, in effect since 1 January 2014, clarifies in the Basis for Conclusions that an entity may choose to apply an accounting standard already in effect or a new accounting standard not yet mandatory but for which early adoption is permitted, provided that the standard is applied consistently across all period subject to presentation in the entity's first IFRS financial statements. This amendment to IFRS 1 had no impact on the Group, as the Company is not a first-time adopter.

## Financial risk management

TXT has adopted an internal control system made up of a set of rules, procedures and organisational structures aimed at ensuring a correct management of the Company, also through adequate identification, management and monitoring of the main risks that could jeopardise the accomplishment of corporate goals.

This section describes the risks and uncertainties related to the economic-regulatory framework and market conditions that may affect the Company's performance; specific risks that may give rise to obligations for TXT are assessed when determining the amount of the relevant provisions and detailed in the Notes to the financial statements together with the relevant contingent liabilities.

For the purposes of risk management, the Company adopts specific procedures designed to maximise value for its shareholders, undertaking all measures necessary to prevent the risks inherent to the Company's business.

TXT is exposed to financial risks deriving from exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations, and from its customers' capacity to meet their obligations to the Company (credit risk). On the basis of cash and cash equivalents of € 10,067,350 at 31 December 2014 (€ 13,713,151 at 31 December 2013), TXT's liquidity risk is deemed to be negligible.

### Financial Risks

#### Currency risk

The Company's exposure to currency risk derives from the different geographical distribution of the Company's production operations and commercial activities. This exposure is mainly the result of sales in currencies other than the functional currency (in 2014, 31% of the TXT revenues were earned outside Italy).

In order to manage the economic impact deriving from the exchange rate fluctuations with respect to the Euro (mainly the Canadian Dollar), TXT has entered into specific hedging contracts to mitigate the impact of exchange rate volatility on the income statement. Currency forward sales and purchases are not specific for each transaction but are carried out based on the overall balance by currency and typically have a quarterly duration.

As at 31 December 2014, there were three foreign currency hedge contracts; for further details, see Note 1.16.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk represents the Company's exposure to potential losses arising from the non-fulfilment of the obligations by counterparties.

To limit this risk, TXT mainly deals with well-known and reliable customers; sales managers assess the solvency of new customers and management continuously monitors the balance of

relevant receivables so as to minimise the risk of potential losses.

The table below shows the concentration of the Company's trade receivables:

	Amount in Euro	Concentration %
Receivables due from customers	13,094,701	
Provision for bad debts	(695,340)	
Total receivables due from customers	12,399,360	
Receivables due from customers (Top 5)	7,745,298	62%
Receivables due from customers (Top 10)	9,838,601	79%

In general, trade receivables are mainly concentrated in Italy. Receivables from an important Italian customer operating in the Aerospace & High Tech business accounts for 26% of the TXT's total trade receivables. The first ten customers account for 79% of the total trade receivables collectible.

### Interest rate risk

The Company's debt is predominately characterised by floating interest rates, and therefore the Company is exposed to the risk deriving from their fluctuation.

At the end of the reporting period, the Company has not entered in any derivative contracts for the purpose of hedging interest rate risk.

The table below shows the impact on the consolidated income statements, deriving from a 1% increase or decrease of the interest rates to which TXT is exposed with all other conditions being equal:

(Amounts in thousands of Euro)	31 Dec. 2014		
Cash, bank assets, and securities	10,067,350	<b>Interest rate change</b>	<b>Financial income / charges</b>
Financial exposure (fixed rate)	(549,768)		
Financial exposure (floating rate)	(5,726,026)		
Net financial position	3,791,556		
Financial exposure (floating rate)	5,726,026	+1%	57,260
		-1%	-57,260

## Going concern

Pursuant to IAS 1 paragraph 25, the directors assessed that no material uncertainties regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern exist at 31 December 2014.

# Notes to the BALANCE SHEET and INCOME STATEMENT as at 31 December 2014

## 1. Balance sheet

### 1.1. Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life

This item includes goodwill, fully referring to the TXT Perform Cash Generating Unit, amounting to € 800,000. It arises from Aisoftw@are's purchase of the "Program" business in 2003 concerning operations in the Fashion sector based in Vicenza. Program is part of TXT Perform's business unit, but continued its operations with the same organisational structure in Vicenza.

The carrying amount of goodwill is lower than the fair value of the investment. The fair value was measured based on the present value of future cash flows expected to be derived from the asset as calculated by management.

Subsequent to the financial assessments made, it should be noted that the carrying amount of goodwill related to the acquisition and recognised at the most recent reporting date is lower than its recoverable amount.

#### Impairment test on goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives

For the purpose of impairment testing, consistently with the impairment test carried out at 31 December 2014, goodwill was allocated to the cash-generating unit TXT Perform, composed of the assets and liabilities (i.e. the orders and the relevant revenues/costs) directly attributable and allocatable to the operating profit or loss from the cash-generating unit.

The recoverable amount of the individual cash generating units was assumed to be equal to their value in use estimated by discounting the expected cash flows over a 5-year period. On 11 December 2014, the Company's Board of Directors approved the plans based on which the recoverable amounts were measured.

#### Terminal Value

The terminal value in the DCF method, recognised at the end of the explicit forecast period, is calculated assuming the investment produces a constant cash flow starting from that moment. The approach used consisted of the present value of a perpetuity growing at a constant rate  $g$ .

Terminal value = net cash flow at the end of the explicit forecast period adjusted for rate  $g$  and divided by the difference between the discount rate ( $Wacc$ ) and the constant rate  $g$ . The residual value is calculated as a perpetuity obtained by capitalising the last cash flow for the explicit period at a specific rate corresponding to  $Wacc$  adjusted for a growth or decline factor ( $g$ ).

The rate  $g$  used was 1.50%, based on a more prudential approach than the one used by TXT's analysts.

#### Discount rate

The discount rate used is equal to **6.57%**, based on the following assumptions:

- The risk-free interest rate of 1.57% includes 87 basis points of "systematic" risk compared to the German rate (0.70%), considering the average risk of the countries in which TXT operates.
- The risk premium relative to the market was estimated at 5.00%, in line with the values considered by analysts and with the previous year.

- Beta was estimated at 1.00, as the previous year.
- The cost of own capital is therefore:  $1.57\% + 5.00\% \times 1.00 = 6.57\%$ ;
- Since at 31 December 2014 TXT had no net financial debt, but the entire invested capital was covered by equity, the cost of capital consists entirely of the cost of own capital.

## **Sensitivity analysis**

In order to test the fair value measurement model for changes in variables, changes in the two key variables were simulated.

- Discount rate. Increased and decreased by 1 and 2 percentage points compared to the base discount rate of 6.57% (therefore in the ranges 4.57%-5.57%-6.57%-7.57%-8.57%).
- Revenue growth rate. For the years beyond the analytical forecast for the 2015 Budget, and therefore for the period 2016-2017-2018-2019, the revenue growth/decrease rate was increased and decreased by 2 percentage points and the implicit growth rate  $g$  was simultaneously increased/decreased by 0.5% within the range (1.00%-1.50%-2.00%).

The sensitivity analysis pursuant to paragraph 134 of IAS 36, regarding the results of the impairment test, shows that the fair value measurement of goodwill is higher than the carrying amount, even in the case of a reasonable increase in the WACC rate and EBITDA.

According to the directors, no reasonable change in expected economic parameters would have resulted in a write-down of this item.

## **Conclusions**

Based on the analysis conducted, the Company's directors concluded that the conditions for confirming the carrying amount of goodwill at 31 December 2014 existed.

## 1.2. Intangible assets with a finite useful life

Net of amortisation, intangible assets with a finite useful life amounted to € 304,663 at 31 December 2014. The changes that occurred during the year are detailed below:

	Software licenses	Research and development	Total
Historical cost	768,054	2,579,684	3,347,738
Accumulated amortisation	(734,785)	(1,795,618)	(2,530,403)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>33,268</b>	<b>784,066</b>	<b>817,335</b>
Acquisitions/capitalisations	20,458		20,458
Amortisation	(17,193)	(515,937)	(533,130)
<b>Net value at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>36,534</b>	<b>268,129</b>	<b>304,663</b>
Balance at 31 December 2014			
Historical cost at 31 December 2014	788,512	2,579,684	3,368,196
Accumulated amortisation at 31 December 2014	(751,978)	(2,311,555)	(3,063,533)
<b>Net value</b>	<b>36,534</b>	<b>268,129</b>	<b>304,663</b>

The item is detailed as follows:

- **Software licenses:** these include licenses acquired mainly by the Company for operating in-house instruments and implementing products. Investments in the period of € 20,458 referred to the purchase of software licenses.
- **Research and development:** these consist of the (internal and external) research and development costs incurred for the purchase or internal production of intangible fixed assets concerning proprietary TXT products.

## 1.3. Property, plant and equipment

Net of depreciation, property, plant and equipment amounted to € 768,384 at 31 December 2014, up € 87,883 compared with 31 December 2013. The changes that occurred during the year are detailed below:

	Plants	Furniture and fixtures	Electronic equipment	Other assets	Leasehold improvements	Total
Historical cost	884,781	311,969	863,302	89,289	494,105	2,643,445
Accumulated depreciation	(875,316)	(272,450)	(393,015)	(89,154)	(333,009)	(1,962,944)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>9,465</b>	<b>39,519</b>	<b>470,286</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>161,096</b>	<b>680,501</b>
Acquisitions/capitalisations	0	28,367	260,018	18,440	45,128	351,952
Other changes in accumulated depreciation	7,578		823		1,929	10,330
Disposals	(7,578)		(823)		(10,496)	(18,897)
Depreciation	(2,241)	(7,518)	(186,161)	(19,219)	(40,363)	(255,503)
<b>Net value at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>7,223</b>	<b>60,368</b>	<b>544,143</b>	<b>(644)</b>	<b>157,294</b>	<b>768,384</b>
Historical cost at 31 December 2014	877,203	340,336	1,122,496	107,729	528,736	2,976,500
Accumulated depreciation at 31 December 2014	(869,979)	(279,968)	(578,354)	(108,373)	(371,442)	(2,208,116)
<b>Net value at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>7,223</b>	<b>60,368</b>	<b>544,143</b>	<b>(644)</b>	<b>157,294</b>	<b>768,384</b>

Investments during the period refer mainly to IT systems and hardware equipment, purchased in order to boost productive capacity, and to refurbishment of the Company's registered office. The present amount of accumulated depreciation is deemed adequate to face the depreciation of each class of fixed assets in relation to their estimated remaining useful life.

## 1.4. Investments

Investments amounted to € 12,460,620 at 31 December 2014 compared with € 12,387,699 at 31 December 2013 and changed as follows during the year.

	Balances at 31 December 2013	Increases	Disposals	Impairments and other changes	Balances at 31 December 2014
Investments in subsidiaries	12,387,699	70,921	0	0	12,460,620

The company TXT USA Inc. was established in the United States during the year, with headquarters in Atlanta, share capital of 100,000 USD, 100%-owned by TXT e-solutions SpA, in order to bolster its commercial presence in North America.

Information required by Consob communication no. 6064293 dated 28 July 2006 is provided in the table below.

Company name	City or foreign country	Share capital	Shareholders' equity	% control	Carrying amount	Equity pursuant to Article 2426, para. 4, of Italian Civil Code
TXT e-solutions GmbH	Germany	1,300,000	3,173,069	100	3,576,930	3,173,069
TXT e-solutions SL	Spain	600,000	1,139,769	100	735,107	1,139,769
TXT e-solutions SARL	France	1,300,000	3,846,541	100	1,676,217	3,846,541
TXT e-solutions LTD	Great Britain	3,816,364	6,035,521	100	2,462,055	6,035,521
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd	Australia	91,707	48,853	100	466,001	48,853
Maple Lake Ltd	Canada	1,565,515	1,040,177	100	3,471,389	1,040,177
TXT USA Inc.	USA	100,000	19,331	100	72,920	19,331
<b>Total</b>			<b>15,303,261</b>		<b>12,460,620</b>	

Investments at 31 December 2014 were tested for impairment. The carrying amount of all investments was deemed to be lower than the recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of the individual investments was assumed to be equal to their value in use estimated discounting the expected cash flows over a 5-year period. On 11 December 2014, the Company's Board of Directors approved the plans based on which the recoverable amounts were measured. The terminal value and the discount rate used to check the recoverable amount of the investments are consistent with those used in the impairment test for goodwill (for further details reference should be made to Note 1.1).

In order to test the fair value measurement model for changes in variables, changes in the two key variables were simulated.

- Discount rate. Increased and decreased by 1 and 2 percentage points compared to the base discount rate of 6.57% (therefore in the ranges 4.57%-5.57%-6.57%-7.57%-8.57%).
- Revenue growth rate. For the years beyond the analytical forecast for the 2015 Budget, and therefore for the period 2016-2017-2018-2019, the revenue growth/decrease rate was increased and decreased by 2 percentage points and the implicit growth rate g was simultaneously increased/decreased by 0.5% within the range (1.00%-1.50%-2.00%).

The sensitivity analysis, pursuant to paragraph 134 of IAS 36, regarding the CGUs for which no impairment was recorded, showed the following tolerance margins:

Company	WACC max rate	EBITDA
TXT e-solutions Sarl	>1000%	-138%
TXT e-solutions Gmbh	60.46%	-47109%
TXT e-solutions SL	>1000%	-90%
TXT e-solutions ltd	51.33%	-87%
Maple Lake Ltd	10.58%	-48258%
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd	16.61%	-53%

## Associates

The only investment in associates is represented by “Innovazione Più SC”; the relevant disclosure is provided below:

Company name	City or foreign country	Share capital	Shareholders' equity	Profit / Loss	% ownership	Carrying amount	Equity pursuant to Article 2426, para. 4, of Italian Civil Code
Innovazione Più SC	Milan	75,000	(88,374)	(8,076)	14.29	0	(12,625)

The extraordinary shareholders' meeting of the cooperative Innovazione Più on 13 December 2011 resolved to place the company into liquidation.

The most recent financial statements approved and available are those as at 31 December 2011, since the company has ceased operations.

The Company expects no cost to arise from the conclusion of the liquidation process.

## 1.5. Sundry receivables and other non-current assets

Sundry receivables and other non-current assets amounted to € 30,708 at 31 December 2014, essentially unchanged with respect to 31 December 2013. This item included security deposits of € 28,887 for the Milan office (Via Frigia 27), and security deposits for motor vehicle rentals and bids in public tenders as well as advanced payments to employees of € 2,000.

## 1.6. Deferred tax assets and liabilities

The breakdown of deferred tax assets and liabilities at 31 December 2014, compared with the end of 2013, is shown below:



	Deferred tax assets	Deferred tax liabilities
At the beginning of the period	721,152	115,198
Used in the period	(406,277)	(1,305)
Provisions in the period	740,567	54,679
<b>At the end of the period</b>	<b>1,055,441</b>	<b>168,572</b>

Deferred tax assets mainly refer to the recognition of prepaid taxes on previous tax losses and on the temporary differences (deductible in future years) for which recovery in the next few years is deemed to be reasonably certain.

The decision to recognise deferred tax assets for previous tax losses was made also following the changes in legislation (Italian Decree Law no. 98/2011) on the use of each tax period's losses without limitation in time and due to the Company's positive outlook, as well as the positive results recorded in recent years. The recognition of deferred tax assets on the previous losses was based on company plans that consider future profitability and within the limits of the capacity to absorb previous losses in the next three years.

The change with respect to 31 December 2013 is mainly due to improvement of the possibility to use previous tax losses.

The deferred tax provision refers to recognition of deferred tax on the tax amortisation mismatch of goodwill.

Recognition of deferred tax assets on accumulated losses, as envisaged by IAS 12, was carried out to the extent to which it was considered probable that a future taxable income against which the tax losses could be used would be available. A prospective period of three years was considered, based on projections of the economic results of the divisions in which the Group operates. The probability of achieving taxable income was assessed based on the Group's business plan, prudently hypothesising a number of variations that could have a significant impact on the company's results. The company's positive performance over the last 3 years was also taken into consideration.

The temporary differences of deferred tax assets and liabilities are shown by type in the tables below and compared with the previous year's figures:

Deferred tax assets	31 December 2013		31 December 2014	
	Temporary differences	Tax effect	Temporary differences	Tax effect
Prepaid taxes for recoverable losses	1,370,909	377,000	2,458,200	691,456
Provision for future risks and charges	564,000	170,934	554,185	152,401
Provision for bad debts	289,961	79,740	293,918	80,827
Write-down on treasury shares	244,664	67,283	244,664	67,283
R&D mismatch	95,255	26,195	0	0
Costs deductible in future years	0	0	230,815	63,474
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,564,789</b>	<b>721,152</b>	<b>3,781,782</b>	<b>1,055,441</b>

Deferred tax liabilities	31 December 2013		31 December 2014	
	Temporary differences	Tax effect	Temporary differences	Tax effect
Goodwill mismatch	366,883	113,893	555,553	167,944
Exchange differences	4,745	1,305	2,285	628
<b>Total</b>	<b>371,628</b>	<b>115,198</b>	<b>557,838</b>	<b>168,572</b>

Furthermore, it should be noted that the Company's tax losses at 31 December 2014 amounted to



8.9 million, for which no deferred tax assets were recorded.

## 1.7. Period-end inventories

Period-end inventories amounted to € 1,628,920 at 31 December 2014, up € 294,356 compared with the end of 2013, due to the increase in activity on work in progress.

The table below provides the breakdown of inventories:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Inventories of work-in-progress	1,626,267	1,332,347	293,920
Inventories of consumables	2,653	2,216	437
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,628,920</b>	<b>1,334,564</b>	<b>294,356</b>

Contract work in progress is recognised based on stage of completion, using the cost-to-cost method. It is mainly attributable to the TXT Next division.

## 1.8. Trade receivables

Trade receivables at 31 December 2014, net of the provision for bad debts, amounted to € 13,094,701 as shown in detail below:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Receivables due from customers	11,767,735	10,038,417	1,729,318
Receivables to be collected	49,658	63,751	(14,094)
Receivables due from customers for invoices to be issued	584,971	909,558	(324,587)
Provision for bad debts	(695,340)	(622,340)	(73,000)
Receivables due from Intercompany customers	1,387,678	1,711,420	(323,742)
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,094,701</b>	<b>12,100,806</b>	<b>993,895</b>

Trade receivables at 31 December 2014 increased by € 993,895 compared to the end of 2013, following the increase in revenues during 2014 and, in particular, during the final months of the year.

The provision for bad debts of € 695,340 changed in the year as follows:

(Amount in Euro)	31 December 2013	Allocations	Uses	31 December 2014
Provision for bad debts	622,340	73,000	0	695,340

This provision is deemed suitable to manage any possible losses.

Receivables due from Intercompany customers mainly regard revenues from licenses, maintenance and services provided to subsidiaries. They amount to € 1,387,678 and are down by € 323,742 over the previous year and entirely collectible. Payment terms are short-term, in line with standard market practices.

The table below includes the detail for receivables past due and not impaired at 31 December 2014 compared with the situation at 31 December 2013.

(Amount in Euro)	Trade receivables	Performing	0 - 90 days	91 - 180 days	181 - 360 days	More than 360 days	Non performing
Trade receivables	13,790,041	8,025,846	3,528,846	1,700,118	149,965	385,267	5,764,195
Provision for bad debts	(695,340)	0	0	(160,109)	(149,965)	(385,267)	(695,340)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>13,094,701</b>	<b>8,025,846</b>	<b>3,528,846</b>	<b>1,540,009</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,068,855</b>
Trade receivables	12,723,146	8,304,689	3,679,161	287,908	157,195	294,195	4,418,458
Provision for bad debts	(622,340)	0	0	(170,951)	(157,195)	(294,195)	(622,340)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>12,100,806</b>	<b>8,304,689</b>	<b>3,679,161</b>	<b>116,956</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,796,117</b>

## 1.9. Sundry receivables and other current assets

The item “sundry receivables and other current assets”, which included receivables for research grants, tax and other receivables, as well as accrued income and prepaid expenses, amounted to € 1,982,165 at 31 December 2014, compared to € 1,884,103 at 31 December 2013.

The breakdown is shown below:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Receivables due from EU	1,048,505	1,054,531	(6,026)
Tax receivables	464,063	484,387	(20,324)
Other receivables	73,126	75,487	(2,361)
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	396,472	269,698	126,774
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,982,165</b>	<b>1,884,103</b>	<b>98,062</b>

The item “receivables due from EU” included receivables for research grants related to income, awarded to support the research and development activities subject to specific grant competitions; such grants will be disbursed upon completion of the development stages for the projects concerned. The balance is essentially in line with the previous year.

Tax receivables of € 464,063 represent the receivables due from taxation authorities as shown below in detail:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
IRES [Corporate Income Tax] receivable for IRAP deductibility on personnel costs	405,147	405,147	0
Interest income withholding	26,592	49,770	(23,178)
VAT to be reimbursed	19,880	19,880	0
Other withholding taxes paid	12,444	9,589	2,855
<b>Total</b>	<b>464,063</b>	<b>484,386</b>	<b>(20,323)</b>

The IRES receivable is the credit resulting from tax deductible IRAP calculated on personnel costs and paid for the years 2007-2011.

The item “VAT to be reimbursed” refers to the receivable refund application submitted by the subsidiary Tecno Team Srl liquidated in 2011 and transferred to TXT e-solutions Spa at the beginning of the liquidation process.

Other receivables amount to €73,126 and mainly include receivables due from employees for travel advances and meal vouchers (€66,512) and other trade receivables.

Prepaid expenses, amounting to € 396,472, consisted of reversals of prepaid expenses that did not relate to the period.

The increase on the previous year is due to the increase of revenues invoiced to customers.

## 1.10. Other financial receivables

The item "Other financial receivables" amounted to € 3,147,186 at 31 December 2014 compared to € 3,527,233 at 31 December 2013.

This mainly represents the receivables for cash-pooling due from subsidiaries as detailed below:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Cash pooling TXT e-solutions Ltd	10	899,604	(899,594)
Cash pooling Maple Lake Ltd	2,911,973	2,484,566	427,407
Cash pooling Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd	128,127	123,193	4,935
Cash pooling TXT USA Inc.	107,075	0	107,075
FV foreign currency forward hedges	0	19,870	(19,870)
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,147,186</b>	<b>3,527,233</b>	<b>(380,047)</b>

The decrease of € 380,047 is the result of treasury management by TXT e-solutions Spa, which involves reimbursements/loans to the subsidiaries, based on the requirements of each.

During 2014, subsidiary TXT e-solutions Ltd (English company) settled its debt with the Parent Company. The Parent Company provided loans through cash pooling to subsidiaries Maple Lake Ltd in Canada and TXT USA Inc. for development of the North American market.

Interest income on cash pooling transactions amounted to € 76,863 (GBP 6,190, CAD 93,264, USD 612 and AUD 4,817 respectively), calculated by applying an interest rate equal to the 12-month Libor plus 1% for loans in British sterling, Australian dollar and Canadian dollar.

## 1.11. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents showed a decrease of € 3,645,800 compared with 31 December 2013, and were broken down as follows:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Cash	1,945	445	1,500
Bank deposits	10,065,406	13,712,706	(3,647,300)
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,067,350</b>	<b>13,713,151</b>	<b>(3,645,800)</b>

The balance consists of cash and cash equivalents in Italian current accounts held at leading bank institutions. Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year in currency other than the Euro refer to foreign currency current accounts, for a balance of USD 56,875 and CAD 14,265, recognised for a total of € 56,989.

Cash and cash equivalents are not subject to any constraints, and there are no monetary or other types of restrictions on their transferability.

Please refer to the statement of cash flows for further details about cash flow generation.

## 1.12. Shareholders' equity

The company's share capital at 31 December 2014 consisted of 11,823,864 ordinary shares with a par value of € 0.5, totalling € 5,911,932 (unchanged compared to December 2013).

Note that the extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of TXT e-solutions Spa held on 17 December 2013 approved a resolution concerning a free share capital increase from € 2,955,966.00 to € 5,911,932.00 involving the issue of one share with a par value of € 0.5, cum dividend, for every share held, by partially using the share premium reserve. The new shares have become cum dividend since 1 January 2013 and have become effective on the Stock Market since 3 February 2014.

The reserves and retained earnings included the legal reserve (€ 519,422), the share premium reserve (€ 10,999,922), the merger surplus reserve (€ 1,911,444), the "stock option/stock grant reserve" (€ 181,297), the "reserves for actuarial differences on post-employment benefits" (€ 985,980), and the reserves for retained earnings (€ 1,246,854).

The stock option reserve is used to recognise the value of share-based payments due to employees, including the benefits for key management personnel settled with equity instruments, which form part of their remuneration.

This reserve amounted to € 181,297 (€ 741,805 at 31 December 2013) and referred to the 2012 stock grant plan. The change compared to the previous year is due to a reclassification of the 2008 stock options plan, now ended, from the "Stock Option" reserve to "Reserves for retained earnings".

The disclosures required by IFRS 2 on the 2012 stock grant plan are reported below:

2012-2016 STOCK GRANT PLAN				
Options	2012	2013	2014	
(i) Outstanding at the beginning of the period	0	280,000	440,340	
(ii) Granted during the period	280,000	360,000	0	
(iii) Forfeited during the period	0	(143,660)	(248,000)	
(iv) Exercised during the period	0	(56,000)	(12,340)	
(v) Expired during the period	0	0		
(vi) Outstanding at the end of the period	280,000	440,340	180,000	
(vii) Exercisable at the end of period	0	12,340	180,000	

For further details and information, reference should be made to the Directors' report.

Here below is the table regarding the amounts of the reserves:

Description	Free	Required by Law	Established by Shareholders' Meetings	TOTAL
(In Euro)				
Share premium reserve	10,695,259	304,663	0	10,999,922
Legal reserve	0	519,422	0	519,422
Stock grant reserve	0	0	181,297	181,297
Merger surplus	1,911,444	0	0	1,911,444
IRS fair value reserve	0	0	0	0
Reserve for retained earnings	0	0	1,246,854	1,246,854
Reserve for actuarial differences on post-employment benefits	0	0	(985,980)	(985,980)
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,606,704</b>	<b>824,085</b>	<b>442,171</b>	<b>13,872,960</b>

### Incentive plans

The Shareholders' Meeting held on 23 April 2012 approved a stock grant plan for the group's

executive directors and senior managers, involving up to 1,020,000 shares (510,000 shares prior to the free share capital increase) over five years with three-year vesting periods and performance conditions concerning growth, profitability and the net financial position. The performance conditions relate to one or more of the following indicators: Revenues, Gross Operating Profit (EBITDA), Operating Profit (EBIT), Earnings before taxes, Net Profit, Economic Value Added – EVA, TXT share performance in absolute terms and/or relative to the performance of the relevant stock market indices, and the Net Financial Position, as the Board of Directors shall decide upon each grant.

Each stock option grant will vest as follows:

- 20% upon satisfying the conditions for the first year of the plan;
- 30% upon satisfying the conditions for the second year of the plan;
- 50% upon satisfying the conditions for the third and final year of the plan.

The Board of Directors has established the obligation on the Recipients to hold a portion not lower than 30% of the shares granted to them for a period of three years from the grant date.

On 10 May 2012 the Board of Directors awarded the first tranche of 280,000 stock grants (originally 140,000, they doubled following the free share capital increase) which will vest upon satisfying the performance conditions for 2012, 2013 and 2014.

On 13 December 2012 the Board of Directors awarded the second tranche of 180,000 stock grants which will vest upon satisfying the performance conditions for 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Pursuant to the plan, the termination date for awarding of the stock grants expired on 30 June 2014.

The cost accrued in 2014 for the stock grants awarded amounts to zero, as the plan's objectives were not achieved.

### Treasury shares

At 31 December 2014, the Company held 1,427,850 treasury shares (1,368,120 at 31 December 2013), equal to 12.08% of shares outstanding, amounting to € 4,058,666 (€ 3,568,212 at 31 December 2013), for a total par value of € 713,925; the market value of the treasury shares held at 31 December 2014 is € 11,151,509 (price of TXT stock at 31 December 2014 was € 7.81). Shares outstanding (issued) at 31 December 2014 numbered 11,823,864.

During 2014, the Company purchased 72,070 treasury shares (30,650 at 30/06/2014) at an average price per share of € 8.27 and for a total amount of € 595,860.

During the course of the year, 12,340 treasury shares were granted to employees following the achievement of the 2013 Stock Grant performance objectives. The carrying amount per share was € 8.41, for a total of € 105,406.

The buy-back of shares was authorised again by the Shareholders' Meeting of 16 April 2014. The plan provides for a maximum number of shares so as not to exceed the legal maximum number at the maximum price, not exceeding the average of the official stock market prices in the three sessions prior to the purchase transaction, plus 10%, and in any case not more than € 25.00.

On 22 October 2014, the Shareholders' Meeting renewed for an additional 18 months the authorisation to purchase and dispose of treasury shares through subsidiaries as well, simultaneously revoking the analogous authorisation of 23 April 2013 for the portion not yet executed.

## 1.13. Non-current financial liabilities

(Amount in Euro)	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Non-current financial liabilities	1,684,733	2,895,924	(1,211,191)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,684,733</b>	<b>2,895,924</b>	<b>(1,211,191)</b>

The item "Non-current financial liabilities" consists of:

- a loan amounting to € 115,586 (€ 549,768 at 31 December 2013) for research and development, granted by the Ministry of Education, University and Research through Intesa San Paolo for an original amount of € 1,914,368 at a subsidised fixed interest rate of 1%;
- a € 1,569,147 loan for the acquisition of Maple Lake granted to the Company by BNL on 20 December 2012 for a notional amount of € 4,000,000. At 31 December 2014, this loan also included a current portion of € 800,000, at a 3-month Euribor floating rate (360) + 2.60% spread.

The table below details the maturity of non-current financial liabilities, compared with the situation at the end of the prior year:

	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Between 1 and 2 years	915,586	1,234,182	(318,596)
Between 2 and 5 years	769,147	1,661,742	(892,595)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,684,733</b>	<b>2,895,924</b>	<b>(1,211,191)</b>

The reduction on the previous year is the result of the re-payments of portions made in the year, for an amount of € 1,211,191.

Non-current financial liabilities at 31 December 2014 are not subject to compliance with any financial covenants.

## 1.14. Employee benefits expense

The item "Employee benefits expense" at 31 December 2014 amounted to € 3,547,383, for both defined contribution plans and defined benefit plans.

The breakdown of, and changes in, this item over the period are presented below:

(Amount in Euro)	At 31 December 2013	Provisions	Uses / Payments	Actuarial gains/losses and other	Financial income / charges	Total	At 31 December 2014
Post-employment benefits	2,306,747	1,026,071	(1,049,661)	318,885	73,124	368,419	2,675,166
Provision for severance for end of term of office	794,717	77,500	0	0	0	77,500	872,217
<b>Total non-current provisions relating to employees</b>	<b>3,101,464</b>	<b>1,103,571</b>	<b>(1,049,661)</b>	<b>318,885</b>	<b>73,124</b>	<b>445,919</b>	<b>3,547,383</b>

Post-employment benefits for personnel of € 2,675,166 at 31 December 2014 (€ 2,306,747 at 31 December 2013) were measured as a defined benefit provision. The portion allocated to the provision amounted to € 1,026,071. The item "uses/payments" includes advance payments to personnel still in service for € 23,590.

Below is the reconciliation of the provision for post-employment benefits based on statutory regulations and IAS – IFRS carrying amount:

	2014	2013
<b>Provision for post-employment benefits</b>	<b>2,462,286</b>	<b>2,453,249</b>
Current cost	(32,627)	(50,531)
Financial charges	73,124	23,245
Actuarial differences	318,885	(87,369)
Retained earnings	(146,503)	(31,847)
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,675,166</b>	<b>2,306,747</b>

To calculate the present value of post-employment benefits, the following assumptions regarding the future trends in the variables included in the algorithm have been used:

- The probability of death was estimated based on the census of the Italian population by age and gender taken in 2000 by ISTAT [Italy's National Institute for Statistics], reducing it by 20%.
- The probability of removal due to total and permanent disability of the employee, such as becoming disabled and leaving the company, was estimated based on disability tables currently used in the reinsurance sector, differentiated by age and gender.
- The retirement age of a generic worker was estimated assuming that the first retirement requirement for the purpose of obtaining the Mandatory General Insurance was satisfied and that the employees started paying into INPS [Italy's Social Security Institute] no later than 28 years of age. This measurement accounts for the changes to the retirement age introduced by the Monti reform in late 2011.
- As for the probability of termination of employment due to resignations and dismissals, as at the measurement date an annual 3% staff turnover rate was calculated.
- As for the probability of requests for advance payment of benefits, an annual 1.00% advance payment rate with advance payments amounting to 70% of the post-employment benefits outstanding held with the company, was estimated.

Change in wages and salaries had no impact on the actuarial valuation. The estimated inflation rate used for measurement purposes was 1.50% per year.

The discount rate used for measurement purposes was 1.49% per year, i.e. the rate on over-10-year Bonds issued by AA-rated European Companies at 31 December 2014.

The table below shows the impact on post-employment benefits of the increase/decrease of certain "key" variables used for the actuarial calculation:

Sensitivity analysis at 31 December 2014	% Change in liabilities (DBO)	
	Decrease	Increase
Decrease or increase of 50% of company's staff turnover	0.66%	-0.31%
Decrease or increase of 50% in frequency of advanced payments	0.15%	-0.14%
Decrease or increase of inflation by one percentage point	-8.62%	9.65%
Decrease or increase of discount rate by one percentage point	13.21%	-11.29%



**Sensitivity analysis at 31 December 2014**      **% Change in liabilities (DBO)**

Type of change for the specific assumption	Decrease	Increase	Decrease	Increase
Decrease or increase of 50% of company's staff turnover	0.66%	-0.31%	2,692,821	2,666,872
Decrease or increase of 50% in frequency of advanced payments	0.15%	-0.14%	2,679,178	2,671,420
Decrease or increase of inflation by one percentage point	-8.62%	9.65%	2,444,566	2,933,318
Decrease or increase of discount rate by one percentage point	13.21%	-11.29%	3,028,554	2,373,139

### 1.15. Provision for future risks and charges

The item “Provisions for future risks and charges” amounted to €561,621 at 31 December 2014 (€564,000 at 31 December 2013).

It mainly referred to allocations for contingent liabilities on cost accounting of funded research projects and personnel disputes.

### 1.16. Current financial liabilities

Current financial liabilities amounted to €7,738,247 (€8,297,787 at 31 December 2013) and included the short-term portion of medium /long-term loans, the short-term loans from subsidiaries, and the payables on research projects funded by the European Union.

In particular:

- the short-term portion of medium/long-term loans amounted to €1,234,182 (€1,434,582 at 31 December 2013) and included:
  - the short-term portion of the three loans granted by the Ministry of Education for a total of €434,182 (€634,582 at 31 December 2013);
  - the current portion of the loan granted by BNL in 2012 for the acquisition of Maple Lake, equal to €800,000.
- The loans granted by subsidiaries to the Parent Company through “cash-pooling” contracts amounted to €5,398,424 (€4,958,907 as at 31 December 2013). Interest expense of €79,340 accrued on these loans and was calculated by applying an interest rate equal to the 12-month Euribor + 1% spread for the Euro zone companies. The table below details the loans by counterparty, and compares the values with those of 31 December 2013:

(Amount in Euro)	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
Cash Pooling TXT e-solutions SL	897,118	642,947	254,171
Cash Pooling TXT e-solutions GmbH	1,639,713	1,925,000	(285,287)
Cash Pooling TXT e-solutions Sarl	2,733,207	2,390,960	342,247
Cash Pooling TXT Ltd	128,386	0	128,386
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,398,424</b>	<b>4,958,907</b>	<b>439,517</b>

The changes are due to the subsidiaries’ cash generation, net of the relevant net changes in working capital, which generated a surplus or demand for cash accredited/charged on the Cash-pooling accounts.

- The €874,306 payable for research projects funded by the European Union (€1,900,324 at 31 December 2013) received as lead manager and to be distributed to the project partners. This payable will be paid off in 2015;
- A payable of €198,490 relative to a negative current account balance, within the limit of



- credit lines granted to the Company;
- € 32,845 for the forward sale of CAD 4,200,000 (negative fair value of € 29,345), AUD 190,000 (negative fair value of € 1,265) and USD 400,000 (negative fair value of € 2,235), all contracts stipulated on 29 December 2014.

### 1.17. Trade payables

Trade payables amounted to € 2,414,905 at 31 December 2014, down by € 144,721 compared to 31 December 2013. Payables due to suppliers are of a trade and non-interest bearing nature and are due within twelve months.

### 1.18. Tax payables

Tax payables amounted to € 135,191 at 31 December 2014 (€ 97,768 at 31 December 2013) and can be attributed to the IRAP [regional tax on productive activities] payable for € 12,627 (€ 40,698 at 31 December 2013) and to income taxes for € 122,564 (€ 57,070 at 31 December 2013).

A breakdown of taxes and relevant comparison with figures at 31 December 2013 are provided in the following table:

(Amount in Euro)	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change
IRES income taxes	122,564	57,070	65,494
IRAP taxes	12,627	40,698	(28,071)
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,191</b>	<b>97,768</b>	<b>37,423</b>

### 1.19. Sundry payables and other current liabilities

Sundry payables and other current liabilities amounted to € 7,299,697 at 31 December 2014, compared with € 7,051,430 at 31 December 2013, as shown in the table below:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Payables due to social security institutions	1,091,311	1,036,762	54,548
Payables due to employees and external staff	3,892,771	3,857,888	34,883
Tax payables other than income taxes	1,050,714	845,984	204,730
Other payables	0	10,826	(10,826)
Accrued expenses and deferred income	1,264,902	1,299,969	(35,067)
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,299,697</b>	<b>7,051,430</b>	<b>248,268</b>

The item “payables due to employees and external staff” included variable remuneration (bonuses) of € 1.9 million (essentially unchanged compared to 31 December 2013) that will be paid during 2015 based on the achievement of corporate and personal performance targets.

VAT payables of € 477,259 (€ 280,481 at 31 December 2013) and payables for withholding taxes for employees, external staff and professionals of € 573,455 (€ 565,503 at 31 December 2013) are classified under the item “tax payables other than income taxes”.

The item “accrued expenses and deferred income” mainly refers to revenues pertaining to future financial years invoiced to customers in advance. The amount is in line with previous years.

## 2. Income Statement

### 2.1. Total revenues and other income

2014 revenues and other income amounted to € 37,226,319, up 5.4% compared with the previous year, as detailed below:

	31 December 2014	31 December 2013	Change	% change
Revenues	34,096,257	34,082,829	13,428	0.04%
Other income	3,130,062	1,246,629	1,883,433	151.08%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,226,319</b>	<b>35,329,458</b>	<b>1,896,861</b>	<b>5.37%</b>

Other income includes the charging back of customers' costs and the portion of grants received from the European Union accrued during the financial year.

The increase on the prior year was mainly due to the € 1,541,276 income received from two sellers of Maple Lake, acquired in September 2012. Upon ending their relationship with the company, they paid TXT e-solutions S.p.A. the compensation provided for under the relevant agreement.

For further details, reference should be made to the Directors' report on operations.

### 2.2. Purchase of materials and external services

Purchases of materials and external services amounted to € 10,971,939, up from 2013, when they totalled € 10,837,804.

The item is detailed below:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Consumables and resale items	206,747	284,108	(77,360)
Hardware and software for internal use	133,113	20,087	113,025
Technical consulting	4,201,258	5,206,687	(1,005,429)
Intercompany charges	1,351,306	568,184	783,122
Travel expenses	1,669,697	1,741,570	(71,873)
Utilities	315,767	339,241	(23,474)
Media & marketing services	496,481	539,673	(43,192)
Maintenance and repair	454,637	401,310	53,327
Canteen services and meal vouchers	422,003	416,364	5,639
General, administrative and legal services	854,058	517,559	336,499
Costs for Directors and Statutory Auditors	658,222	557,726	100,496
Others	208,650	245,296	(36,646)
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,971,939</b>	<b>10,837,804</b>	<b>134,134</b>

As a percentage of revenues, costs for purchasing materials and services were in line with the prior year, at around 32%.

Technical consulting fell by € 1,005,429 compared to 2013 due to the fact that various software development processes, previously provided by outside consultants, were brought in house.

The charging back of intercompany costs increased by € 783,122 due to greater use of support by other companies of the Group companies, with high professional skills and experience.

General services charges increased compared to 31 December 2013, due to higher software purchases.

Costs for "Hardware and software for internal use" increased due to the purchase of licenses for the new ERP, upon launching of the SAP project.

General service charges also increased, compared to 31 December 2013, mainly due to higher

consultancy fees to seek highly specialised personnel and for M&A consulting.

Costs for directors and statutory auditors essentially increased due to the accrual of variable compensation in favour of the Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2014, to be paid in 2015.

### 2.3. Personnel costs

Personnel costs for 2014 amounted to €21,721,566, growing by €1,313,513 (6.4%) compared to 2013.

This increase is mainly due to growth in the number of employees of the TXT Perform and TXT Next divisions, due to the increase in business volume.

Personnel costs	31 December 2014	31 December 2013
Wages and salaries	16,668,103	15,732,485
Social security costs	3,782,263	3,572,408
Post-employment benefits	993,444	931,323
Other personnel costs	277,756	171,838
<b>Total personnel costs</b>	<b>21,721,566</b>	<b>20,408,053</b>

The item "Other personnel costs" includes amounts paid to employees following out-of-court settlements.

The employees of TXT e-solutions, excluding directors and external consultants, numbered 394 at 31 December 2014 (347 at 31 December 2013).

The table below shows the breakdown of employees by level:

	White-collar staff	Middle managers	Executives and managers	Total
31 December 2013	274	53	20	347
31 December 2014	317	55	22	394

No costs were sustained in 2014 for the stock grant plan, as the assigned objectives were not achieved, and the options have not vested.

### 2.4. Other operating costs

The item "other operating costs" amounted to €1,076,023, up €31,358 from the previous year.

This item mainly included expenses for rents, motor vehicle and other rentals, and sundry operating costs (including contingent liabilities and deductible taxes).

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Rental expense for premises	489,348	482,372	6,976
Rental expense for motor vehicles	478,686	475,652	3,034
Contingent liabilities	46,440	25,584	20,856
Other operating costs	61,549	61,057	492
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,076,023</b>	<b>1,044,665</b>	<b>31,358</b>

The item Rental expense for premises is essentially in line with 2013. This item includes the rent for the offices of Milan, Turin, Genoa, Vicenza and Bari.

The item rental expense for motor vehicles includes both the rental expense for motor vehicles used on a regular basis and occasional rentals for individual business trips. It should also be noted that the costs incurred with regard to the cars assigned to managers and other personnel depend on the business role and service requirements for business trips.

Donations, deductible taxes, and other costs of negligible amount are also included under the item other operating costs.

## 2.5. Depreciation, amortisation and impairment

Depreciation and amortisation amounted to € 788,633 at 31 December 2014 and showed a slight increase due to investments during the period.

They have been calculated based on the useful life of the capitalised asset or cost and its use in production. In relation to the rates applied, reference should be made to the relevant paragraphs of these Notes.

## 2.6. Capital losses on non-current assets

This item is equal to zero. In the previous year, the investment in Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd. had been written down by € 1,153,264.

## 2.7. Financial income (charges)

The balance of financial income and charges at 31 December 2014 was positive to the tune of € 1,292,158, compared with € 2,310,989 at 31 December 2013.

Financial income is detailed as follows:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Subsidiaries' dividends	0	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Bank interest income	120,691	248,863	(128,172)
Exchange rate gains	979,455	834,235	145,220
Profit on forward sales	115,148	119,569	(4,421)
Interest income on intercompany loans	76,863	108,322	(31,459)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,292,158</b>	<b>2,310,989</b>	<b>(1,018,831)</b>

Interest income decreased due to shorter cash deposit periods in 2014 compared with the previous year and to the general reduction in short-term interest rates. In 2013, a dividend of € 1,000,000 had been collected by the German subsidiary TXT e-solutions GmbH.

Financial charges are detailed as follows:

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Interest expense for post-employment benefit discounting	73,124	23,245	49,879
Bank interest expense	39,923	12,692	27,231
Interest expense on loans	95,951	125,330	(29,379)
Interest expense on intercompany loans	79,340	63,139	16,201
Exchange rate losses	806,692	1,218,188	(411,496)
Losses on forward sales	290,156	62,257	227,899
Differences on hedging IRS (Interest Rate Swap)	0	3,440	(3,440)
Bank expenses	32,415	42,568	(10,153)
Capital losses on securities recorded in current assets	0	0	0
Other	22,991	29,690	(6,699)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,440,593</b>	<b>1,580,549</b>	<b>(139,956)</b>

The main item refers to the exchange rate losses largely arising from the foreign currency loans to foreign subsidiaries after the appreciation of the Euro during the year.

The exchange rate risk management activity reported overall losses/gains on foreign exchange and on losses/gains on hedges of approximately negative € 2,000.

(Amount in Euro)	as at 31 December 2014	as at 31 December 2013	Change
Exchange rate gains	979,455	834,235	145,220
Profit on forward sales	115,148	119,569	(4,421)
Exchange rate losses	(806,692)	(1,218,188)	411,496
Losses on forward sales	(290,156)	(62,257)	(227,899)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(2,245)</b>	<b>(326,641)</b>	<b>324,396</b>

Exchange rate gains/losses regard the differences generated on commercial transactions in currencies other than the Euro (predominantly the USD, CAD and GBP).

Gains/losses on forward sales regard foreign currency hedges carried out during the year.

Interest expense on loans decreased compared to 2013, due to reduction in the rate on floating rate loans as well as reimbursement of the maturing portions and, consequently, reduction in average exposure.

## 2.8. Income taxes

Income taxes amounted to € 514,827, compared to € 347,606 in 2013, and are broken down as follows:

	2014	2013	Change
Current tax	859,166	762,233	96,933
Deferred tax assets	(334,290)	(323,284)	(11,006)
Deferred tax liabilities	53,374	(91,044)	144,418
Deferred taxes of previous years	(63,423)	(299)	(63,124)
<b>Total</b>	<b>514,827</b>	<b>347,606</b>	<b>167,221</b>

€ 736,486 of current tax can be attributed to IRAP and € 122,680 to income tax (IRES).

The item "deferred taxes of previous years" mainly refers to the reimbursement of IRES for the years 2004-2007, for deductibility of IRAP following the application submitted in 2011.

### Theoretical tax reconciliation – income taxes:

Description	Amount	Taxes
Earnings before taxes	<b>2,519,724</b>	
<b>Theoretical tax expense (27.5%)</b>		<b>692,924</b>
Differences that will not be carried forward in future years:	(416,094)	(114,426)
<b>Taxes expensed in the year</b>		<b>578,498</b>
Temporary differences taxable in future years:	(57,840)	(15,906)
Temporary differences deductible in future years:	275,269	75,699
Reversal of temporary differences from previous years:	(90,510)	(24,890)
<b>IRES tax base for the year</b>	<b>2,230,549</b>	
<b>Current theoretical IRES for the year</b>		<b>613,401</b>
Use of previous years' losses	(1,784,439)	
<b>Current effective IRES for the year</b>		<b>122,680</b>

## Theoretical IRAP tax expense reconciliation:

Description	Amount	Taxes
Difference between production value and costs	2,668,159	
Non-significant costs for IRAP purposes:	18,698,869	
<b>Theoretical tax expense (3.90%)</b>	<b>21,367,028</b>	<b>729,256</b>
Differences that will not be carried forward in future years:	54,099	2,110
<b>Tax expensed in the year</b>		<b>738,399</b>
Temporary differences deductible in future years:	6,500	
Temporary differences taxable in future years:	(55,555)	
<b>IRAP tax base for the year</b>	<b>18,703,913</b>	
<b>Current IRAP for the year</b>		<b>736,486</b>

With regard to the prepaid/(deferred) taxes, reference should be made to the notes to the Balance Sheet.

## 2.9. Net earnings per share

### Basic net earnings per share

The basic net earnings per share for 2014 is calculated by dividing net profit of € 2,004,898 (€ 1,528,446 at 31 December 2013) by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding in 2013, equal to 10,431,238. The result is €0.19.

### Diluted earnings per share

The diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group's results by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period, excluding treasury shares and assuming the conversion of all potentially dilutive ordinary shares. The diluted earnings per share are not calculated in case of losses, as any dilutive effect would determine an increase in earnings per share.

At 31 December 2014, the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding in 2014 was 10,611,238, and the diluted earnings per share amounted to €0.19.

## 2.10. Transactions with related parties

Transactions with related parties essentially refer to the exchange of services, as well as funding and lending activities with the subsidiaries. All transactions fall within the course of ordinary activities and are conducted at arm's length, i.e. under the conditions that would apply between two independent parties, and are carried out in the interest of the companies. Amounts of transactions with related parties carried out for trading or financial purposes are indicated below.

## Trade transactions

At 31 December 2014	Receivables	Payables	Costs	Revenues
TXT e-solutions Sarl (France)	116,520	134,803	125,398	3,003,610
TXT e-solutions Gmbh (Germany)	0	40,424	147,725	775,536
TXT e-solutions SL (Spain)	0	24,602	48,582	221,367
TXT e-solutions Ltd (United Kingdom)	349,762	461,296	1,026,686	1,790,498
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)	21,645	0	0	47,000
Maple Lake Ltd (Canada)	899,127	139,190	2,914	1,064,124
TXT USA Inc.	624	(0)	0	0
Directors and key management personnel	0	1,350,908	1,430,793	0
<b>Total at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>1,387,678</b>	<b>2,151,222</b>	<b>2,782,099</b>	<b>6,902,135</b>

At 31 December 2013	Receivables	Payables	Costs	Revenues
TXT e-solutions Sarl (France)	417,064	91,141	62,448	2,142,061
TXT e-solutions Gmbh (Germany)	246,351	74,207	153,794	534,051
TXT e-solutions SL (Spain)	48,678	23,341	31,443	466,296
TXT e-solutions Ltd (United Kingdom)	300,646	525,392	320,499	1,729,288
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)	(28,696)	0	0	30,000
Maple Lake Ltd (Canada)	727,377	133,660	0	1,217,685
Directors and key management personnel	0	1,206,025	1,237,743	0
<b>Total at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>1,711,420</b>	<b>2,053,766</b>	<b>1,805,927</b>	<b>6,119,381</b>

## Financial transactions

At 31 December 2014	Receivables	Payables	Charges	Income
TXT e-solutions Sarl (France)	0	2,733,207	37,901	0
TXT e-solutions Gmbh (Germany)	0	1,639,713	29,690	0
TXT e-solutions SL (Spain)	0	897,118	11,461	0
TXT e-solutions Ltd (United Kingdom)	10	128,386	289	7,781
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)	128,127	0	0	3,281
Maple Lake Ltd (Canada)	2,911,973	0	0	65,189
TXT USA Inc.	107,075	0	0	612
<b>Total at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>3,147,186</b>	<b>5,398,425</b>	<b>79,340</b>	<b>76,863</b>

At 31 December 2013	Receivables	Payables	Charges	Income
TXT e-solutions Sarl (France)	0	2,390,960	15,681	0
TXT e-solutions Gmbh (Germany)	0	1,925,000	38,015	1,000,000
TXT e-solutions SL (Spain)	0	642,947	6,981	0
TXT e-solutions Ltd (United Kingdom)	899,604	0	0	32,986
Maple Lake Australia Pty Ltd (Australia)	123,193	0	0	2,953
Maple Lake Ltd (Canada)	2,484,566	0	2,462	72,383
<b>Total at 31 December 2013</b>	<b>3,507,363</b>	<b>4,958,907</b>	<b>63,139</b>	<b>1,108,322</b>

Transactions with directors and key management personnel refer exclusively to the fixed and variable components of their remuneration (composed of salaries as Company's managers and compensation for offices held). The Remuneration Report details the amounts paid to each beneficiary and the underlying policy.

### 3. Net financial position

Pursuant to Consob communication dated 28 July 2006 and in conformity with the CESR's recommendation dated 10 February 2005, "Recommendations for the consistent implementation of the European Commission's Regulation on prospectuses", it is noted that TXT's net financial position is as follows:

	<i>31 December 2014</i>	<i>31 December 2013</i>	<i>Change</i>
<i>Amounts in Euro</i>	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(a-b)</i>
Cash, bank assets, and securities	10,067,350	13,713,151	(3,645,800)
Short-term payables due to banks	(1,432,672)	(1,434,686)	2,014
Intercompany receivables for cash-pooling	3,147,186	3,527,233	(380,047)
Intercompany payables for cash-pooling	(5,398,425)	(4,958,907)	(439,518)
Other short-term financial payables	(907,150)	(1,904,195)	997,045
<b>Short-term financial position</b>	<b>5,476,290</b>	<b>8,942,597</b>	<b>(3,466,307)</b>
Payables due to banks with maturity beyond 12 months	(1,684,734)	(2,895,924)	1,211,191
<b>Total net financial position</b>	<b>3,791,556</b>	<b>6,046,672</b>	<b>(2,255,116)</b>

The net financial position at 31 December 2014 decreased by € 2.3 million, from € 6 million at 31 December 2013 to € 3.8 million at 31 December 2014. The decrease is due to the payment of dividends, for an amount of € 2.6 million.

### 4. Subsequent events

There were no significant events after 31 December 2014.

### 5. Significant non-recurring events and transactions

Based on Consob Resolution no. 15519 dated 27 July 2006, it should be noted that no "non-recurring events and transactions" took place in the period.