

16. Other information

Employees

The total number of employees of the Company at 31 December 2007 was 520 (2006 596). Total staff costs, excluding charges for share options, were £68m (2006 £67m).

Total directors' emoluments, excluding company pension contributions, were £8,580,000 (2006 £9,647,000). These emoluments were paid for their services on behalf of the BAE Systems Group. No emoluments related specifically to their work for the Company.

Company audit fee

Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts totalled £1,111,000 (2006 £1,023,000).