# Strategic report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2023.

#### **Business review**

The audited financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2023 are set out on pages 17 to 39. Pfizer R&D UK Limited ("the company") generated an after tax profit of £17,005,000 (2022: £4,064,000) and no dividends were declared in 2023 (2022: £nil). The profit and loss account and statement of financial position are set out on pages 17 and 18 respectively. The principal activity of the company is the provision of research and development services for the Pfizer Inc. group. The performance of the company during the year was satisfactory, as was the position of the company at the year-end. It is anticipated that this will continue into 2024.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of revenue and profit have been discussed above in relation to the company. The company is managed on an integrated basis with other Pfizer Inc. group companies worldwide as part of Pfizer Inc.'s global healthcare business. Various other KPIs are monitored at a group level and the company's directors believe that analysis using these KPIs for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the company's business. Further details are provided in the Pfizer Inc. consolidated annual review and financial report which are available from Pfizer Inc., 66 Hudson Boulevard East, New York, NY10001-2192, USA.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties for the company derive from the development, performance and position of the Pfizer Inc. group (of which the company is a part). During the year the principal factors which could cause risk and uncertainty for the Pfizer Inc. group and the company included:

- The outcome of research and development activities;
- Our ability to successfully address comments received from regulatory authorities or obtain approval for new products and indications from regulators on a timely basis or at all;
- Regulatory decisions impacting labelling, including the scope of indicated patient populations, product dosage, manufacturing processes, safety and/or other matters, including decisions relating to emerging developments regarding potential product impurities; uncertainties regarding the ability to obtain, and the scope of, recommendations by technical or advisory committees, and the timing of, and ability to obtain, pricing approvals and product launches, all of which could impact the availability or commercial potential of our products and product candidates;
- Claims and concerns that may arise regarding the safety or efficacy of in-line products and product candidates, including claims and concerns that may arise from the outcome of post-approval clinical trials, which could impact marketing approval, product labelling, and/or availability or commercial potential;
- The success and impact of external business development activities, such as the
  recent acquisition of Seagen, including the ability to identify and execute on potential
  business development opportunities; the ability to satisfy the conditions to closing of
  announced transactions in the anticipated time frame or at all; the ability to realise the
  anticipated benefits of any such transactions in the anticipated time frame or at all;

# Strategic report (continued)

#### Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

- Competition, including from new product entrants, in-line branded products, generic
  products, private label products, biosimilars and product candidates that treat or
  prevent diseases and conditions similar to those treated or intended to be prevented
  by our in-line products and product candidates;
- The ability to successfully market both new and existing products, including biosimilars;
- Difficulties or delays in manufacturing, sales or marketing; supply disruptions, shortages or stock-outs at Pfizer or third-party facilities that Pfizer rely on; and legal or regulatory actions;
- The impact of public health outbreaks, epidemics or pandemics (such as COVID-19) on our business, operations and financial condition and results, including impacts on our employees, manufacturing, supply chain, sales and marketing, R&D and clinical trials;
- Trends toward managed care and health care cost containment, and our ability to obtain or maintain timely or adequate pricing or favourable formulary placement for our products;
- Interest rate and foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations;
- Any significant issues involving our largest private or government customers, which account for a substantial portion of our revenues;
- The impact of the increased presence of counterfeit medicines, vaccines or other products in the pharmaceutical supply chain;
- Any significant issues related to the outsourcing of certain operational and staff functions to third parties;
- Any significant issues related to our third-party business arrangements, including modifications related to supply agreements or other contracts with customers including governments or other payors;
- Uncertainties related to general economic, political, business, industry, regulatory and
  market conditions including, without limitation, uncertainties related to the impact on
  us, our customers, suppliers and lenders and counterparties to our foreign-exchange
  and interest-rate agreements of challenging global economic conditions, such as
  inflation or interest rate fluctuations, and recent and possible future changes in global
  financial markets;
- The exposure of our operations globally to possible capital and exchange controls, economic conditions, expropriation, sanctions and/or other restrictive government actions, changes in intellectual property legal protections and remedies, unstable governments and legal systems and inter-governmental disputes;
- The impact of disruptions related to climate change and natural disasters;
- Any changes in business, political and economic conditions due to actual or threatened terrorist activity, geopolitical instability, political or civil unrest or military action, including the ongoing conflicts between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East and the resulting economic or other consequences;
- The risk of an impairment charge related to our intangible assets, goodwill or equitymethod investments;

## Strategic report (continued)

## Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

- Trade buying patterns;
- The impact of product recalls, withdrawals and other unusual items, including uncertainties related to regulator-directed risk evaluations and assessments, including our ongoing evaluation of our product portfolio for the potential presence or formation of nitrosamines;
- The impact of, and risks and uncertainties related to, restructurings and internal reorganisations, as well as any other corporate strategic initiatives and growth strategies, and cost-reduction and productivity initiatives, each of which requires upfront costs but may fail to yield anticipated benefits and may result in unexpected costs, organisational disruption, adverse effects on employee morale, retention issues or other unintended consequences;
- The ability to successfully achieve our climate goals and progress our environmental sustainability and other ESG priorities;
- Legislation or regulatory action including, without limitation, laws related to pharmaceutical product pricing, intellectual property, medical regulation, environmental protections, reimbursement or access, including, in particular, continued government-mandated reductions in prices and access restrictions for certain biopharmaceutical products to control costs in those markets;
- Legal defence costs, insurance expenses, settlement costs and contingencies, including without limitation, those related to actual or alleged environmental contamination:
- The risk and impact of an adverse decision or settlement and risk related to the adequacy of reserves related to legal proceedings;
- The risk and impact of tax related litigation and investigations;
- Any significant breakdown or interruption of our IT systems and infrastructure (including cloud services);
- Any business disruption, theft of confidential or proprietary information, security threats on facilities or infrastructure, extortion or integrity compromise resulting from a cyber-attack or other malfeasance by, but not limited to, nation states, employees, business partners or others;
- Risks and challenges related to the use of artificial intelligence-based software;
- The risk that our currently pending or future patent applications may not be granted on a timely basis or at all, or any patent-term extensions that we seek may not be granted on a timely basis, if at all; and
- Risks to our products, patents and other intellectual property, such as: (i) claims of invalidity that could result in LOE; (ii) claims of patent infringement, including asserted and/or unasserted intellectual property claims; (iii) claims we may assert against intellectual property rights held by third parties; (iv) challenges faced by our collaboration or licensing partners to the validity of their patent rights; or (v) any pressure, or legal or regulatory action by, various stakeholders or governments that could potentially result in us not seeking intellectual property protection or agreeing not to enforce or being restricted from enforcing intellectual property rights related to our products, including Comirnaty and Paxlovid.

## Strategic report (continued)

## **Section 172 Companies Act 2006 Statement**

The company's governance architecture and processes are operated to ensure that all relevant matters are considered by the board in its principal decision-making. While discharging their duties, s.172 requires a director to have regard, amongst other matters, to the:

- likely consequences of any decisions in the long term
- interests of the company's employees
- need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others
- impact of the company's operations on the community and environment
- desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct and
- need to act fairly as between members of the company

In the performance of its duty to promote the success of the company and its long term priorities, the board has agreed to a number of matters, including listening to and considering the views of shareholders and the company's other stakeholders to build trust and ensure it fully understands the potential impacts of the decisions it makes for our stakeholders, the environment and the communities in which we operate.

The company has engaged with its main stakeholder groups, including our patients, shareholders, consumers, customers, and group employees, as further detailed in the stakeholder engagement section in the directors' report and the feedback from the engagement has been considered by the directors during the decision-making process.

The interaction with stakeholders at a group level, and the impact of these interactions, are set out in the Pfizer Inc. consolidated annual review and financial report which are available from Pfizer Inc., 66 Hudson Boulevard East, New York, NY10001-2192, USA.

By order of the board

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JT Letby Date: 1 August 2024

Director

## **Directors' report**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2023.

#### Financial instruments

The overall objective of Pfizer's financial risk management programme is to seek to minimise the impact of foreign exchange rate movements and interest rate movements on its earnings. These financial exposures are managed through operational means and by using various financial instruments. These practices may change as economic conditions change.

#### Share capital and dividends

No shares have been issued during the year and no dividends have been declared (2022: £nil).

#### Political contributions

The company made no political donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year (2022: £nil).

#### **Directors**

The directors who held office from 1 December 2022 and to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated, were:

JK Thompson

JT Letby (appointed 01 May 2023)

EJ Pearson

D Lehman (resigned 01 May 2023)

S Rienow

DJ Harnett (resigned 01 May 2024) B Henry (resigned 14 July 2023)

**DI** Highton

SL Sainsbury (appointed 01 May 2024)

#### Going concern

The company has assessed the principal risks and other matters at the reporting date and at the date of approval of the financial statements. In doing so, management considered the company's performance, reserves and intercompany agreements governing the company's operating model, which indicate that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides, the company will have sufficient funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period. Based on these considerations, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

# **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Disabled employees**

It is the policy of the company to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by persons with disability taking account of their particular abilities and aptitudes. Policies to actively eliminate discrimination and to ensure that all applicants are considered solely on their merits are promoted. Should any existing employee become disabled every effort is made to ensure continuity of employment after appropriate assessment of special needs, suitable adjustment to accommodate the disability, retraining, resettlement and continued support. The same opportunity for training and career development is given to disabled employees as is given to employees generally.

## **Employee involvement**

The company seeks open and direct relations with its employees through the provision of efficient formal and informal channels for communication. These include information and support services provided by e-mail, web and telephone as well as face to face, and consultation through a variety of committees, forums, surveys and regular departmental meetings.

The company actively promotes an "open door" management policy and has a grievance escalation process. There is also an extensive performance management programme in place which facilitates open and regular dialogue between employees and their managers. Employees complete an annual integrity pledge and have direct access to a corporate compliance hotline and other facilities.

The Pfizer Share Ownership Plan, through which shares in the ultimate parent company, Pfizer Inc. may be purchased, encourages employees of the participating companies to take a direct interest in the performance of the world-wide group.

#### Stakeholder engagement

The company aims to build enduring relationships with governments, regulators, patients, customers, partners, suppliers and communities in the areas where it operates. The company works with its business partners in an honest, respectful and responsible way and seeks to work with others who share the company's commitments to safety, ethics and compliance.

The company's activities affect a wide variety of individuals and organisations. The company engages with these stakeholders and listens to their differing needs and priorities as an everyday part of its business and uses the input and feedback to inform its decision making.

On behalf of the company, the Pfizer Inc. group participates in industry and trade associations that offer opportunities to share good practice and collaborate on issues of importance.

# **Directors' report (continued)**

#### **Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting**

In accordance with the Companies (Directors' Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018, the directors present the company's energy and carbon report for the year ended 30 November 2023.

#### Methodologies used

The reporting methodology in the current year to aligns with Pfizer Inc. Operational Control Approach (*The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A corporate accounting and reporting standard, Chapter 3 Setting Organisational Boundaries*). As the SECR guidelines do not mandate reporting on Scope 3 Category 8 'Upstream Leased Assets' emissions, this report contains Scope 1 and 2 emissions from the Sandwich site. The sites that are outside of operational control for this report are Cambridge, Sedgefield, Stevenage and Francis Crick. The methodology now includes refrigerant gas losses within the carbon total. In view of this change, the comparatives have been restated to align with this approach. The UK Government Department for Energy, Security and Net Zero 2022 and 2023 GHG Conversion Factors were utilised for this reporting period.

#### Commitment to responsible energy management

The company and its ultimate parent and ultimate controlling party, Pfizer Inc., are committed to reaching Net Zero by 2040. Global targets have been set to mitigate climate change and its impact, minimising the environmental impact of our products and facilities.

The company and the group of Pfizer UK companies ("Pfizer UK") has developed an energy program to contribute to Pfizer Inc.'s in meeting global commitments.

### 2023 Progress

The company and Pfizer UK energy program spans across Pfizer UK sites and offices and is focused on generating awareness, consolidating and refreshing office space, operating more efficiently, and investing in new technology.

The following energy efficiency projects have been completed to date;

- Heating Ventilating Air Conditioning (HVAC) equipment upgrade, replacing inefficient equipment with new energy efficient components.
- · Awareness campaigns encouraging increased energy efficient colleague behaviour.
- My Green Lab participation to encouraging increased energy efficient colleague behaviour within the laboratory environment.
- The Sandwich site was powered by REGO backed renewable electricity from biomass for ~45% of the reporting period. For the remainder of the reporting period the biomass plant was offline, and the site was powered by the national grid.
- Launched salary sacrifice scheme to enable colleagues to purchase EVs.

The following energy efficiency projects are planned for the future;

- Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) charging infrastructure.
- Clean Air Project working with our Global Fleet team to trial BEV technology.
- Promoting a Travel Hierarchy across our UK sites to further encourage carbon efficient colleague behaviours.
- Promoting the Energy Hierarchy across our UK sites to further encourage energy efficient colleague behaviours.
- Investment in energy efficient technology.

# **Directors' report (continued)**

# **Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (continued)**

Energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions

	Units	2023	2022 restated	2022 unadjusted
Energy consumption				
Electricity	kWh	15,872,260	16,962,690	16,962,690
Business travel: road <sup>(1)</sup>	kWh	145,960	71,800	71,800
Other fuels <sup>(2)</sup>	kWh	13,975,812	15,286,084	15,286,084
Total Streamlined Energy and Carbon Report energy consumption	kWh	29,994,032	32,320,574	32,320,574
Greenhouse gas emissions <sup>(3,4)</sup>				
Scope 1	tCO2e	37	23	14
Scope 2	tCO2e	5,764	5,916	5,916
Scope 3	tCO2e	11	4	4
Total emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3)	tCO2e	5,812	5,943	5,934
Total emissions intensity (scope 1, 2 and 3)	tCO2e/£m Revenue	21.28	22.65	22.62

<sup>(1)</sup> Business travel, claimed through expenses, and on site vehicles is based on mileage, converted to kWh using UK Government GHG

<sup>(2)</sup> Location based steam power generation and fuel for emergency generators converted to kWh using UK Government GHG conversion factors.

(3) Calculated using UK Government GHG conversion factors for company reporting. The scope of this Streamlined Energy and Carbon Report disclosure does not include some Scope 3 emissions.

<sup>(4)</sup> Total emissions calculated using 'Location Based' method.

Note: The prior year's data has been restated due to an update in the reporting methodology to include refrigerant gas losses.

# **Directors' report (continued)**

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. The directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

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