# **Redcar Racecourse Limited**

Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2001

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

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# COMPANY INFORMATION AT 31 DECEMBER 2001

### **DIRECTORS**

Mr J Hanson Mrs J Garrett Lord Ronaldshay Mr P A Hill-Walker

# **SECRETARY**

JF Sanderson

# REGISTERED OFFICE

The Racecourse Redcar

# **BUSINESS ADDRESS**

The Racecourse Redcar

# **AUDITORS**

Anderson Barrowcliff Chartered Accountants Waterloo House Teesdale South Thornaby-on-Tees TS17 6SA

# **SOLICITORS**

Goodswens 118 High Street Redcar TS10 3DJ

# PRINCIPAL BANKERS

Barclays Bank PLC Station Road Redcar

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2001.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company in the year under review consisted of the holding of Race Meetings and the letting of part of the Racecourse for use as an Open-Air Market.

#### DIVIDENDS

The directors have recommended that a final dividend of £1,600 be paid for the year ended 31 December 2001.

#### **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

The directors in office in the year and their beneficial interests in the company at the balance sheet date and the beginning of the year (or on appointment if later) were as follows:

|                    |                 | Number of Shares |       |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|
|                    |                 | 2001             | 2000  |
| Mr J Hanson        | Ordinary shares | 60               | 60    |
| Mrs J Garrett      | Ordinary shares | 2,747            | 2,747 |
| Lord Ronaldshay    | Ordinary shares | 70               | 70    |
| Mr P A Hill-Walker | Ordinary shares | 71               | 71    |

In accordance with the company's articles Lord Ronaldshay retires and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently:
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **CLOSE COMPANY**

The company is a close company, as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### **AUDITORS**

The auditors. Anderson Barrowcliff, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

# SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTIONS

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

By order of the board:

J F Sanderson Secretary

Approved by the board: 19 June 2002

#### **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS**

We have audited the financial statements of Redcar Racecourse Limited for the year ended 31 December 2001 on pages 5 to 13. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000), under the historical cost convention and on the basis of accounting policies set out on pages 7 and 8.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the Directors' Report, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Directors is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read The Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's state of affairs as at 31 December 2001 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

Anderson Barrowcliff --Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

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Waterloo House Teesdale South Thornaby-on-Tees TS17 6SA

Date: 24 June 2002

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

|  | Notes | 2001<br>£              | 2000<br>£            |
|--|-------|------------------------|----------------------|
| TURNOVER (Income from Racing) Cost of sales                                    |       | 1,232,135<br>1,062,412 | 1,033,901<br>865,954 |
| GROSS PROFIT   |       | 169,723                | 167,947              |
| Other operating charges Administrative expenses                                |       | 292,811<br>126,338     | 262,103<br>146,558   |
| Other operating income   |       | (249,426)<br>92,239    | (240,714)<br>98,536  |
| OPERATING LOSS   | 2     | (157,187)              | (142,178)            |
| Investment income and interest receivable Amounts written off investments      |       | 11,288<br>(18,167)     | 39,077               |
| LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Tax on loss on ordinary activities | 4     | (164,066)              | (103,101)            |
| LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION                                     |       | (164,066)              | (103,101)            |
| Dividends  |       | (1,600)                | (1,600)              |
| ACCUMULATED LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  | 15    | (165,666)              | (104,701)            |

# BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2001

|                                |       |           | 2001      |           | 2000      |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                | Notes | £         | £         | £         | £         |
| FIXED ASSETS                   |       |           | • .       |           |           |
| Tangible assets                | 5     |           | 3,175,607 |           | 3,244,728 |
| Investments                    | 6     |           | 27        |           | 27        |
|                                |       |           | 3,175,634 |           | 3,244,755 |
| CURRENT ASSETS                 |       |           |           |           |           |
| Debtors                        | 7     | 146,855   |           | 123,886   |           |
| Investments                    | 8     | 66,686    |           | 83,696    |           |
| Cash at bank and in hand       |       | 251,833   | _         | 201,005   |           |
|                                |       | 465,374   |           | 408,587   |           |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due |       |           | •         |           |           |
| within one year                | 9 _   | (194,388) | _         | (188,664) |           |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS             |       |           | 270,986   |           | 219,923   |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT      | r     |           |           |           |           |
| LIABILITIES                    |       |           | 3,446,620 |           | 3,464,678 |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due |       |           |           |           |           |
| after more than one year       | 10    |           | (66,000)  |           | (96,000)  |
| ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED          |       |           |           |           |           |
| INCOME                         |       |           |           |           |           |
| Media rights agreement         | 11    |           | (136,566) |           | -         |
| NET ASSETS                     |       |           | 3,244,054 |           | 3,368,678 |
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| GRANT ACCOUNT                  | 13    |           | 172,527   |           | 131,485   |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES           |       |           |           |           |           |
| Called up share capital        | 14    | 40,000    |           | 40,000    |           |
| Profit and loss account        | 15    | 3,031,527 |           | 3,197,193 |           |
| EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUN       | DS    |           | 3,071,527 |           | 3,237,193 |
|                                |       |           | 3,244,054 |           | 3,368,678 |
|                                |       |           |           |           |           |

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 19 June 2002 and signed on its behalf by:

P A Hill-Walker Director

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

#### 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

#### Turnover

Turnover represents the gross receipts, excluding value added tax, from racing activities, including Horserace Betting Levy Board grants towards added money.

#### Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of fixed assets on either a straight line or reducing balance basis over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned.

The following is a summary of the principal annual rates used for this purpose, which are consistent with those of the previous year unless otherwise indicated:-

No depreciation has been charged on that part of the cost of the stands and buildings which was met from the special grants and contributions from the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board. Stands and buildings after deducting grants relating thereto are being written off on a straight line basis at rates between 1.6% and 2.5%.

Plant, machinery, vehicles and fittings are being written off at a rate of 25% on a reducing balance basis.

Freehold land is not depreciated.

#### Capital grants

Capital grants are received from the Horserace Betting Levy Board in respect of capital expenditure.

Capital grants received are taken to the grant account. Credits are made to the profit and loss account by annual instalments over a period of years which, on average matches the period over which the relevant fixed assets are depreciated.

#### **Investments**

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Current asset investments are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value. For listed investments, market value is based on the closing middle market price.

Dividends are brought to account in the profit and loss account when received.

# **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

# 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (continued)

#### Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

#### **Deferred** income

Gross revenue for the first five years of a Media Rights Agreement has been ascertained and will be recognised in the profit and loss account evenly over the first five years of the contract. The balance of the funds received but not credited to the profit and loss account are included in the balance sheet as deferred income.

#### 2. OPERATING LOSS

|    | Operating loss is stated:            | 2001<br>£     | 2000<br>£ |
|----|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
|    | After charging:                      |               |           |
|    | Depreciation of fixed assets         | 88,754        | 94,598    |
|    | Auditors' remuneration               | 4,000         | 4,000     |
|    | Exceptional item - Professional fees | 28,526        | 48,600    |
|    | After crediting:                     |               |           |
|    | Amortisation of capital grants       | <u>17,042</u> | 12,392    |
| 3. | INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS             |               |           |
|    |                                      | 2001          | 2000      |
|    | Directors' emoluments                | £             | £         |
|    | Emoluments                           | 6,100         | 6,100     |

### 4. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

There is no liability to corporation tax in the year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

| 5. | TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS                             |                    |                          |           |
|----|---|--------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|    |   | Land and buildings | Plant and machinery etc. | Total     |
|    |   | £                  | £                        | £         |
|    | Cost:   |                    |                          |           |
|    | At 1 January 2001                                 | 4,063,134          | 708,524                  | 4,771,658 |
|    | Additions   | 2,625              | 18,254                   | 20,879    |
|    | Disposals   |                    | (7,000)                  | (7,000)   |
|    | At 31 December 2001                               | 4,065,759          | 719,778                  | 4,785,537 |
|    | Depreciation:                                     |                    |                          |           |
|    | At 1 January 2001                                 | 926,495            | 600,435                  | 1,526,930 |
|    | Charge for year                                   | 57,479             | 31,275                   | 88,754    |
|    | On disposals                                      | -                  | (5,754)                  | (5,754)   |
|    | At 31 December 2001                               | 983,974            | 625,956                  | 1,609,930 |
|    | Net book value:                                   |                    |                          |           |
|    | At 31 December 2001                               | 3,081,785          | 93,822                   | 3,175,607 |
|    | At 31 December 2000                               | 3,136,639          | 108,089                  | 3,244,728 |
|    |   |                    | 2001                     | 2000      |
|    |   |                    | £                        | £         |
|    | Analysis of net book value of land and buildings: |                    |                          |           |
|    | Freehold land                                     |                    | 8,466                    | 8,466     |
|    | Stands & buildings                                |                    | 3,073,319                | 3,128,173 |
|    |   |                    | 3,081,785                | 3,136,639 |

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

| 6. | INVESTMENTS                         |                         |                           |                         |                                      |
|----|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|    |                                     |                         |                           |                         | Beginning<br>and end of<br>year<br>£ |
|    | Cost or valuation:                  |                         |                           |                         |                                      |
|    | Other investments                   |                         |                           |                         | 27                                   |
|    | Other investments other than loans  |                         |                           |                         |                                      |
|    | Shares:                             | Book value<br>2001<br>£ | Market value<br>2001<br>£ | Book value<br>2000<br>£ | Market value<br>2000<br>£            |
|    | Unlisted                            | 27                      | 27                        | 27                      | 27                                   |
| 7. | DEBTORS                             |                         |                           |                         | ·                                    |
|    |                                     |                         |                           | 2001<br>£               | 2000<br>£                            |
|    | Trade debtors                       |                         |                           | 115,370                 | 100,876                              |
|    | Other debtors                       |                         | ****                      | 31,485                  | 23,010                               |
|    |                                     |                         | ==                        | 146,855                 | 123,886                              |
| 8. | CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS           | }                       |                           |                         |                                      |
|    | Listed investments - UK Stock Excha | ange                    |                           | 2001                    | 2000                                 |
|    |                                     |                         |                           | 2001<br>£               | 2000<br>£                            |
|    | Cost                                |                         |                           | 84,853                  | 83,696                               |
|    | Less: Provision for impairment      |                         | _                         | (18,167)                |                                      |
|    |                                     |                         | <del></del>               | 66,686                  | 83,696                               |
|    | Market value                        |                         |                           | 65,294                  | 91,236                               |
|    |                                     |                         | _                         |                         |                                      |

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

## 9. **CREDITORS:** amounts falling due within one year

|                                       | 2001<br>£ | 2000<br>£ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Trade creditors                       | 47,012    | 47,641    |
| Other taxes and social security costs | 367       | 5,924     |
| Loans (see note 10)                   | 30,000    | 49,000    |
| Accruals and deferred income          | 115,409   | 84,499    |
| Proposed dividend                     | 1,600     | 1,600     |
|                                       | 194,388   | 188,664   |

# 10. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

| 2001   | 2000   |
|--------|--------|
| £      | £      |
| 66,000 | 96,000 |
|        | £      |

Horse Betting Levy Board Loans (Interest Free Loans)

The terms of repayment are as follows:-

Loan of £75,000 received in 1998 repayable by three half yearly instalments of £6,000 each commencing on 2 January 1999, followed by three half yearly instalments of £7,000 each and a further four half yearly instalments of £9,000 each.

Loan of £70,000 received in 2000 repayable by two half yearly instalments of £5,000 each commencing on 1 January 2001, followed by two half yearly instalments of £6,000 each, two half yearly instalments of £7,000 each, two half yearly instalments of £8,000 each and finally two instalments of £9,000 each.

## 11. MEDIA RIGHTS AGREEMENT

|  | £ 2001   | 2000<br>£ |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Income received in the year                    | 192,801  | -         |
| Income credited to the profit and loss account | (56,235) |           |
| At 31 December 2001                            | 136,566  |           |

During the year, the company received £192,801 in respect of the first five years of a Media Rights Agreement. The amount received is being released to the profit and loss account evenly throughout the five year period of the initial contract. Amounts not yet released to the profit and loss account are included in the balance sheet as deferred income.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

# 12. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

| Not provided   | 110/10                        | ded                          |
|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2001 2000<br>£ £   | 2001<br>£                     | 2000<br>£                    |
| Deferred tax is calculated at 30% (2000 - 30%) analysed over the following timing differences:               |                               |                              |
| On other timing differences 878,000 878,000  | -                             | -                            |
| 13. GRANT ACCOUNT  |                               |                              |
|  | 2001<br>£                     | 2000<br>£                    |
| At 1 January 2001 Capital grants received in the year Capital grants credited to the profit and loss account | 131,485<br>58,084<br>(17,042) | 86,377<br>57,500<br>(12,392) |
| At 31 December 2001  | 172,527                       | 131,485                      |
| 14. SHARE CAPITAL  | ,                             |                              |
|  | 2001<br>£                     | 2000<br>£                    |
| Authorised: Equity interests: 8,000 Ordinary shares of £5 each   | 40,000                        | 40,000                       |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid:  Equity interests:   |                               |                              |
| 8,000 Ordinary shares of £5 each   | 40,000                        | 40,000                       |
| 15. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  |                               |                              |
| •  | 2001<br>£                     | 2000<br>£                    |
| Retained profit as at 1 January 2001<br>Loss for the year  | 3,197,193<br>(165,666)        | 3,301,894<br>(104,701)       |
| Retained profit as at 31 December 2001   | 3,031,527                     | 3,197,193                    |

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

#### 16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

(a) Various Grants and Contributions received by the company from the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board are subject to a number of Agreements under the terms of which a reducing proportion of the amounts received is repayable if any of certain events detailed in the agreements (including the cessation of regular horserace meetings on the Company's Racecourse) should occur.

At 31 December 2001 the liability of the company for repayment of the Grants and Contributions would have been £14,049.

(b) All amounts due to the building contractors in respect of the major construction projects completed in 1991 and 1992 have been paid in accordance with our Architects instructions. The contractors, BRIMS, are now in receivership and the Receiver is alleging that further monies are due but no formal claim has been lodged. Our architects are vigorously contesting this matter and advise the directors that in their opinion there are no further liabilities.

### (c) Media Rights Agreement

Under the Attheraces contract there are a number of events that can trigger the early termination of either the entire contract, or termination of the contract with the course alone. These events include breach, insolvency, force majeure, adverse legislative change and regulatory interference.

In the event of an early termination a rebate may be payable by the Company to Attheraces. The rebate would be payable from future revenues, provided they are generated from the sale of rights currently granted to Attheraces.

In the event that the total number of races cancelled in one year across all courses that are party to the agreement equals or exceeds 7% of the total "value" of races (calculated by reference to the UK Off Course betting revenue percentages) then Attheraces is entitled to a refund of part of the Fees paid. The refunds are deductible by Attheraces from the Fees payable for the next year, but if the cancellations arise in the last year of the agreement the RCA, as agent for the courses, is obliged to repay the monies to Attheraces. The rebate would be split between courses in accordance with the course income distribution formula. For the purposes of this calculation the year runs from 1 July to 30 June.

### (d) Abandoned meeting

Following a ruling in an enquiry by the Jockey Club on 16 April 2002, the company may be the subject of claims for compensation in respect of the abandonment of the race meeting on 14 May 2001. The directors have been advised that any such claims should be resisted vigorously by the company.

## 17. HORSERACE BETTING LEVY BOARD

Capital Credit balances of £57,804 are available at 31 December 2001 for the finance of approved schemes to improve facilities or for the repayment of Levy Board loans (2000: £57,948). The capital credit scheme is due to end on 31 March 2003 and all capital credits must be drawn down by that date.