#### **COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 95183**

# Sowerby Holdings Limited Financial statements 30 September 2010

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## Financial statements

# Year ended 30 September 2010

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#### Officers and professional advisers

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Nick On

Company secretary

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#### The directors' report

#### Year ended 30 September 2010

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2010

#### Principal activities

The company is non-trading and is expected to remain so for the forseeable future

#### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

Andrew R Cunningham Rupert J Dickinson Nick On

Rupert J Dickinson resigned as a director on 20 October 2009

#### **Directors' responsibilities**

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing 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 keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any
  relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

The directors' report (continued)

Year ended 30 September 2010

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

Signed by order of the directors

Michael P Windle Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 9 December 2010

#### Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Sowerby Holdings Limited

#### Year ended 30 September 2010

We have audited the financial statements of Sowerby Holdings Limited for the year ended 30 September 2010, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out in the directors' report, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2010 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

# Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Sowerby Holdings Limited (continued)

#### Year ended 30 September 2010

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare financial statements and the directors' report in accordance with the small company regime

Jonathan Greenaway (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

**Newcastle Upon Tyne** 

15 December 2010

#### Profit and loss account

## Year ended 30 September 2010

Turnover	Note	2010 £	2009 £
		_	_
Administrative expenses		(27,057)	_
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(27,057)	
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	3	-	-
Loss for the financial year		(27,057)	

All of the activities of the company are classed as discontinued

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

The notes on pages 8 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

#### **Balance sheet**

#### 30 September 2010

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
Current assets Debtors	4	_	36,751
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	5	-	9,694
Net current assets		_	27,057
Total assets less current liabilities		_	27,057
Capital and reserves		<del>n=</del>	· <del></del> , , <del></del>
Called-up equity share capital	7	25,000	25,000
Other reserves	8	2,057	2,057
Profit and loss account		(27,057)	_
Shareholders' funds	9		27,057

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 9 December 2010, and are signed on their behalf by

Nick On Director

Company Registration Number 95183

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### Year ended 30 September 2010

#### 1 Accounting policies Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards

#### Cash flow statement

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Grainger plc and the cash flows of the company are included in the consolidated cash flow statement of Grainger plc Consequently, the company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from preparing a cash flow statement

#### 2 Operating loss

Operating loss is stated after charging

	2010	2009
	£	£
Auditor's fees	400	_

Audit fees are statutory audit fees only and are borne by another Group company

There are no persons holding service contracts with the company. None of the directors received any remuneration from the company during the year, or in the previous year.

#### 3. Taxation on ordinary activities Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2009 - 28%)

Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	2010 £ (27,057)	2009 £
Loss on ordinary activities by rate of tax Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(7,576) 7,576	-
Total current tax		

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

There are no factors that are expected to significantly affect the taxation charge in future years

#### 4. Debtors

		2010 £	2009 £
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	_	36,751
5	Creditors Amounts falling due within one year		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	9,694

#### 6 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard No 8 and has not disclosed transactions with companies that are part of the Grainger plc group

#### Notes to the financial statements

## Year ended 30 September 2010

# 7. Share capital Authorised share capital

	Authorised share cupital				
				2010 £	2009 £
	25,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each			25,000	25,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid				
		2010	_	2009	
	25,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	No 25,000	£ 25,000	No 25,000	£ 25,000
8	Reserves				
				Capıtal	
			rec	demption Prof	it and loss
				reserve	account
				£	£
	Balance brought forward			2,057	_
	Loss for the year			_	(27,057)
	Balance carried forward			2,057	(27,057)
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9	Reconciliation of movements in sharel	holders' funds			
				2010	2009
				£	£
	Loss for the financial year			(27,057)	_
	Opening shareholders' funds			27,057	27,057
	Closing shareholders' funds				27,057

#### 10 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The directors regard Grainger plc, a company registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate parent undertaking and the ultimate controlling party, being the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the Grainger plc consolidated financial statements may be obtained from The Secretary, Grainger plc, Citygate, St James' Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JE

BPT Limited is the immediate controlling party and parent company by virtue of its 100% shareholding in the company