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# **ACETATE PRODUCTS LIMITED**

# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

DIRECTORS

AS Poulsom P Shanley JHH Smitsmans

REGISTERED NUMBER

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REGISTERED OFFICE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

RSM UK Audit LLP Suite A, 7th floor City Gate East Tollhouse Hill Nottingham NG1 5FS

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of Acetate Products Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is the management and development of its land to maximise its potential value.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements, unless otherwise stated, were:

AS Poulsom: P Shanley JHH Smitsmans

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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.

#### DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

RSM UK Audit LLP was appointed auditor to the Company during the year replacing PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. RSM UK Audit LLP is deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small company exemptions.

On behalf of the board

P Shanley Director

6 June 2017

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACETATE PRODUCTS LIMITED

## Opinion on financial statements

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 16. 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 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 requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <a href="http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate">http://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate</a>

# 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 and, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit, the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' report.

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 the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report or in preparing the directors' report.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As more fully explained in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, 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 and express an opinion on 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACETATE PRODUCTS LIMITED

# Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor (continued)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RSM UK Audit Lif

Neil Stephenson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor
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6 June 2017

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

Afficial residence and the contract of the con	Noi	ite:	2016 £000	2015 £000
Turnover			32	32
Cost of sales			(126)	(63)
Gross loss			(94)	(31)
Administrative expenses		•	(180)	(200)
Operating loss		4	(274)	(231)
Interest receivable and similar income	·		3	1
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		*****	(271)	(230)
Taxation		8	.•	•
Loss for the financial year		<del>.</del>	(271)	(230)

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

en e	Note	, <b>a</b> . w	2016 £000	e de la companya de La companya de la co	2015 £000
Current assets	9.0				
Stocks		5		5	
Debtors	10	857		60	•
Cash at bank and in hand		1,182	•	3,512	
•		2,044	<del>.</del>	3,577	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	ৰূপ -	(75)		<b>(55)</b>	
Net current assets		<u> </u>	1,969		3,522
Total assets less current liabilities		•	1,969		3,522
Provisions for liabilities	13		(999)		(1,031)
Net assets		•	970		2,491
Capital and reserves				<u>=</u>	
Called up share capital	14		1		2,000
Profit and loss account			969		491
Total shareholders' funds		•	970		2,491

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 6 June 2017 by:

P Shanley Director

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

• •			
	Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders' funds
	£000	£000	2000
At 1 January 2016	2,000	491	2,491
Loss for the financial year	-	(271)	(271)
Total comprehensive income for the year		(271)	(271)
Contributions by and distributions to owners	·	92 0E0\	74 OEO)
Dividends Share capital reduction	(1,999)	(1,250) 1,999	(1,250) -
Total transactions with owners	(1,999)	749	(1,250)
At 31 December 2016	1	969	970
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015	•		
	Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders' funds
•	£000	£000	0003
At 1 January 2015	3,000	3,121	6,121
Loss for the financial year	-	(230)	(230)
Total comprehensive income for the year	<del>-</del> .	(230)	(230)
Contributions by and distributions to owners		(3,400)	(3,400)
Dividends Share capital reduction	(1,000)	1,000	(O <sub>3</sub> -100):
Total transactions with owners	(1,000)	(2,400)	(3,400)
At 31 December 2015	2,000	491	2,491

The profit and loss account comprises the cumulative profit and loss net of distributions to owners.

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Acetate Products Limited (the "Company") is a property development company based in the UK.

The Company is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in England. The address of its registered office is Eversheds House, 70 Great Bridgewater Street, Manchester, M1 5ES.

#### 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The individual financial statements of Acetate Products Limited have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than when additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 3.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £000.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year:

#### **3.2 TURNOVER**

Turnover, which excludes value added tax, includes income from property sales, representing the amount receivable at the date a contract for sale becomes unconditional. It also includes rental income which is recognised on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 3.3 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### 3.4 STOCKS

All inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises all expenditure directly attributable to the purchase of land and property, its development and associated fees.

For land and properties held for resale, net realisable value is the estimated amount which could be realised if disposed of at the year end. For sites under development, net realisable value is based on the expected selling price when it is completed, less all costs to be incurred in bringing the site to completion. Immediate provision is made for all foreseeable losses.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE-YEAR-ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 3.5 DEBTORS

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

#### 3.6 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

#### 3.7 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration, expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### 3.8 CREDITORS

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### \_\_\_\_\_3.9 FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income except when deferred in other comprehensive income as qualifying cash flow hedges.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within 'finance income or costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income within 'other operating income'.

#### 3.10 INTEREST INCOME

Interest income is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest method.

#### 3.11 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of Financial Position.

#### 3.12 DIVIDENDS

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

#### 3.13 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 3.14 TAXATION

Tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except that a change attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### 4. OPERATING LOSS

The operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):

	·	2016 £000	2015 £000
	Rental income Exchange differences	(32) 2	(32) 2
5.	AUDITORS' REMUNERATION	<del> </del>	
		2016 £000	2015 £000
	Fees payable to the Company's auditors for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	10	14

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

# 6. EMPLOYEES

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

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		2016 Number	2015 Number
	Administration	5	5
7.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION		<del></del>
		2016 £000	2015 £000
	Aggregate directors' emoluments	41	45
8.	TAXATION	2016: £000	2015 £000
	Corporation tax	2000	2,000
	Current tax on profits for the financial year	÷	:+
9.	DIVIDENDS		
		2016 £000	2015 £000
•	Dividends paid equivalent to £1,250 (2015: £1.70) per £1 share	1,250	3,400

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 10. DEBTORS

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Loan owed by holding company	753	u u
Other amounts owed by holding company	102	52
Prepayments and accrued income	4	•
Other taxation and social security	1	8
	857	60

The loan owed by the company's holding company, Acordis Beheer BV, is unsecured, subject to a variable interest rate set by ING in the Netherlands and repayable by 30 June 2017. The other amounts owed by Acordis Beheer BV are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

#### 11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2016	2015
	0003	£000
Trade creditors	15	6
Other taxation and social security	.3	9
Accruals and deferred income	57	40
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	75 	55

#### 12. DEFERRED TAXATION.

No deferred tax asset has been recognised in the financial statements.

There is an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £484,000 (2015: £543,000) in respect of unutilised trading losses of £2,846,000 (2015: £2,713,000) which could be utilised against future profits of the company. In addition, no deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of capital losses of £2,371,000 (2015: £2,371,000).

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 13. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

		Environmental provision £000
At 1 January 2016 Charged to profit or loss Utilised in year	•	1,031 126 (158)
At 31 December 2016		999

The provision relates to the expected cost of the Company's obligations to complete the remediation of land at Spondon sold to Celanese Corporation on 31 January 2007. A substantial proportion of the provision at 31 December 2016 is expected to be utilised in the next two years.

#### 14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

•		2016 £000	2015 £000
ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND FULLY PAID			•
1,000 (2015: 2,000,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	-	.1	2,000
			·

On 18 December 2015 the share capital of the Company was reduced from £3,000,000, divided into 3,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, to £2,000,000, divided into 2,000,000 shares of £1 each. This reduction was effected by cancelling and extinguishing 1,000,000 of the issued ordinary shares of £1 each registered in the name of Acordis Beheer BV.

On 18 October 2016 the share capital of the Company was further reduced to £1,000, divided into 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. This reduction was effected by cancelling and extinguishing 1,999,000 of the existing issued ordinary shares of £1 each registered in the name of Acordis Beheer BV.

#### 15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

## **Derwent Cogeneration Limited**

The Company leases land to Derwent Cogeneration Limited, in which Acordis Beheer BV holds a 17.5% equity interest. The Company has received rent of £32,499 (2015: £32,112) in the year and no amount is outstanding at year end.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 16. CONTROLLING PARTY

"Acetate Products Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Acordis Beheer, BV, which is a wholly owned was subsidiary undertaking of Acordis Holding BV. Both companies are incorporated in the Netherlands.

The ultimate parent undertaking at 31 December 2016 is Acordis Holding BV, which is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Acordis Holding BV are available from the Company Secretary, Westervoortsedijk 73, PO Box 9600, Arnhem 6800TC, The Netherlands.

The ultimate controlling party is CVC Capital Partners due to their majority shareholding in the ultimate parent undertaking: