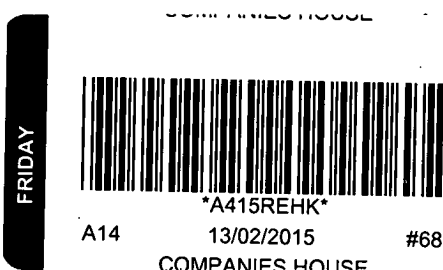


FIRST DIRECT INVESTMENTS (UK) LIMITED
Registered No: 234213

Financial Statements
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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2014

Principal activities and business review

First Direct Investments (UK) Limited (the "Company") was dormant during the year and has not traded or incurred any liabilities. The Company made neither a profit nor a loss, nor any other comprehensive income. Therefore, neither an income statement nor a statement of comprehensive income has been prepared.

Directors

The Directors who served during the year were as follows:

Name	Appointed	Resigned
David John Coke		
Deborah Ann Morse	19 March 2014	
Victoria Wales		19 March 2014

The Articles of Association of the Company provide that in certain circumstances the Directors are entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against claims from third parties in respect of certain liabilities arising in connection with the performance of their functions, in accordance with the provisions of the UK Companies Act 2006.

Indemnity provisions of this nature have been in place during the financial year but have not been utilised by the Directors.

Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2014 (2013:£nil).

Significant events since the end of the financial year

No significant events affecting the Company have occurred since the end of the financial year.

Future developments

The Company is expected to remain dormant for the foreseeable future.

Signed for and on behalf of the Board.



Deborah Ann Morse

Director

Dated: 12 February 2015

Registered Office

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London

E14 5HQ

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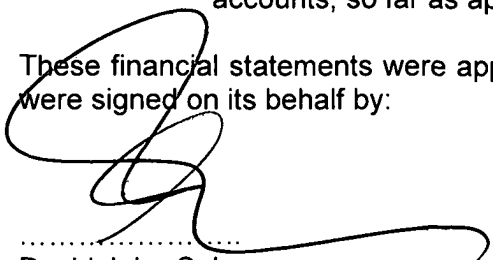
Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2014

	2014 £	2013 £
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Trade and other receivables	163,698	163,698
Total Assets	163,698	163,698
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities		
Amounts owed by the Company	NIL	NIL
Total liabilities	NIL	NIL
Equity		
Allotted, called up and fully paid (100 ordinary shares of £1 each)	100	100
Retained Earnings	163,598	163,598
Total Liabilities and Equity	163,698	163,698

Statements:

- (a) For the year ended 31 December 2014 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (b) Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (c) The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
 - (i) Ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
 - (ii) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the accounting year, and of its profit or loss for the year, in accordance with the requirements of section 396, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 12 February 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:


David John Coke
Director
Company Registration Number: 234213

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Notes on the Financial Statements

1 Basis of preparation

(a) Compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards

The financial statements are presented in sterling and have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The Company has prepared its financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and as endorsed by the European Union.

IFRSs comprise accounting standards issued by the IASB and its predecessor body as well as Interpretations issued by the IFRS Interpretations Committee and its predecessor body.

During the year, the Company adopted a number of standards, interpretations and amendments thereto which had an insignificant effect on the financial statements.

(b) Future accounting developments

At 31 December 2014, a number of standards, and amendments thereto, had been issued by the IASB, which are not effective for the Company's financial statements as at 31 December 2014. None of these are expected to have a significant effect on the results or net assets of the Company when adopted.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements, except where stated otherwise.

(c) General information

First Direct Investments (UK) Limited is a company domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales.

2 Directors emoluments

The Directors did not receive any emoluments in respect of their services to the Company during the year. The Company has made no loans, guarantees or other such dealings to its directors and others during the year.

3 Related party transactions

There have been no transactions with related parties requiring disclosure in either the current or prior year. The Company is dormant and all statutory fees are paid by another group undertaking.

The ultimate parent undertaking (which is the ultimate controlling party) and the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the Company is a member is HSBC Holdings plc, and the parent undertaking of the smallest such group is HSBC Bank plc. The immediate holding company is HSBC Bank plc. The results of the Company are included in the group financial statements of HSBC Bank plc and HSBC Holdings plc.

Copies of the group financial statements may be obtained from the following addresses:

HSBC Bank plc
8 Canada Square
London
E14 5HQ

HSBC Holdings plc
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