Louis Dreyfus & Co. Limited

Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008





27/10/2009

Louis Dreyfus & Co. Limited

Directors

P. H. Akroyd

G. J. Gateff (resigned 30.9.08)

I. S. McIntosh N. Mamalis

H. Wolkin (resigned 2.10.08)
J. Gandar (appointed 30.9.08)

Secretary

A. M. Payne

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Registered Co. Number

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Auditors

Constantin
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Directors' Report

The directors submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for Louis Dreyfus & Co. Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008.

RESULTS

The company's loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to \$1,361,572 (2007: \$20,698,305 Profit).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company is to act as a holding company. The principal activity of its subsidiaries is that of commodity trading.

BRANCH OUTSIDE THE UNITED KINGDOM

The company operates a branch office in Bangladesh.

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

During the year the company purchased and maintained liability insurance for its directors and officers as permitted by section 310(3) of the Companies Act 1985.

DIRECTORS

The directors who have held office during the year and at the date of this report are named on page 1.

Directors' Report (continued)

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP).

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 and of the profit or loss for the year then ended. 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping 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 or other irregularities.

So far as the directors are aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Constantin be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board October 20, 2009 and signed on its behalf by

Director

Constantin

Registered Auditor

25 Hosier Lane, London EC1A 9LO

Independent Auditor's Report

to the members of Louis Dreyfus & Co. Limited

We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is solely for the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 responsibilities to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

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 of 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting 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 Directors' Report 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 accounts, 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 explanation which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of its loss for the year then
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and

the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

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Constantin
Registered Auditor

Date 27 Och 2009.

Louis Dreyfus & Co. Limited Accounting Policies

i. Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The financial statements are prepared in US\$ as this is the main operating currency of the company.

ii. Basis of consolidation

Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared, as permitted by s.228 of the Companies Act 1985. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking, and not about its group as the company is included in the consolidated financial statements of Louis Dreyfus SAS, incorporated in France.

iii. Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than US Dollars are translated at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date.

Trading transactions are translated at the rate ruling on the settlement date and related gains and losses on exchange are recognised in the profit and loss account.

iv. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation including provision for impairment in value. Depreciation rates are calculated so that assets are written down to estimated residual value in equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives which are as follows:

Fixtures and Fittings

Between 5 and 10 years

Freehold land is not depreciated.

v. Investments

Investments are stated at cost less impairment in value.

vi. Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

vii. Pension costs

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

viii. Cash flow statement

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard No.1, the company has taken advantage of the exemption for subsidiary undertakings, whose 90% or more voting rights are controlled within a group, from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement, as the consolidated financial statements in which the company is included are publicly available.

Louis Dreyfus & Co. Limited Profit and Loss Account

YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER

	Notes	2008 \$000	2007 \$000
Administrative expenses		(588)	330_
Operating (loss)/profit	1	(588)	330
Profit on sale of fixed assets	2	+	399
Profit on sale of investments	3	303	-
Dividends received from subsidiary		-	20,000
Depreciation on investments		(38)	-
Interest receivable and similar income	4	485	53
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(1,388)	(14)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(1,226)	20,768
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	7	(135)	(70)_
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation		(1,361)	20,698

All of the above items relate to continuing activities.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the (loss)/profit for the above two financial years.

Louis Dreyfus & Co. Limited Balance Sheet

AS AT 31 DECEMBER

	Notes	2008 \$000	2007 \$000
Fixed Assets Tangible fixed assets Investments	8 9	4 7,711	4 67,800
Current assets		7,715	67,804
Debtors	10	7,050	10
Cash at bank and in hand		867	661
		7,917	671
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Net current assets/(liabilities)	11	(957) 6,960	(32,768) (32,097)
Total assets less current liabilities Provision for liabilities and charges	12	14,675 (374)	35,707
		14,301	35,707
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	13	12,400	32,445
Profit and loss account	14	1,901_	3,262
Shareholders' funds	15	14,301	35,707

The financial staffments were approved by the Board on October 20, 2009 and signed on its behalf by

Jean Gandar

Notes to the Accounts

1. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT		
Operating (loss)/profit for the year is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:		
	2008 \$000	2007 \$000
Operating lease: Land and buildings Auditors' remuneration Exchange differences	4 12 (84)	4 18 (397)
2. PROFIT ON SALE OF FIXED ASSETS		
	2008 \$000	2007 \$000
Profit on sale of fixed assets		399
In 2007, the profit came from the sale of leasehold land and buildings in the company's brain	nch in Bangladesh.	
3. PROFIT ON SALE ON INVESTMENTS	2000	2007
	2008 \$000	2007 \$000
Gain on the sale of Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited	303	-
4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
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Group undertakings	423	5
Bank interest	62	48
	485	53
5. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	2000	2005
	2008 \$000	2007 \$000
Group undertakings Bank interest	(1,374)	(14)
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	(1,388)	(14)

6. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION		
	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000
Directors' emoluments		35
	2008	2007
Number of directors to whom pension entitlements are accruing under a defined benefit scheme.	3	3
7. TAXATION		
The company is a close company.		
a) Analysis of charge in the year:		
	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000
Current tax:	2000	2000
UK corporation tax on profits of the period	-	110
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	-	(40)
Overseas taxation Total current tax	135	70
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b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year The tax assessed for the period differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28.	5% (2007: 30%)	
The differences are explained below:		
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(1,226)	20,768
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28.5% (2007: 30%)	(350)	6,230
Effects of:		
Dividends received	-	(6,000)
Non-deductible expenses	165	-
Non-deductible provisions on investments Utilisation of capital losses	11	(120)
Overseas taxation	135	(120)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	-	(40)
Non-taxable gain on sale of investments	(86)	-
Group relief surrendered for nil consideration	260	-
Current tax charge of period	135	70

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS					
					Fixtures and Fittings \$000
Cost:					3000
At 1 January 2008 and at 31 Decen	nber 2008				20
Depreciation:					
At 1 January 2008 and at 31 Decen	nber 2008			_	(16)
Net book amounts at 31 December	2008 and 31 I	December 2007			
				-	4
9. INVESTMENTS					
Cost					Shares in subsidiary undertakings \$000
At I January 2008					67,800
Additions					69,268
Disposals At 31 December 2008				-	(129,319) 7,749
Provisions for diminution in value	e:				
At 1 January 2008 Movement					38
At 31 December 2008				-	38
Net book values					
At 31 December 2008 At 31 December 2007				-	67,800 _7,711
The company's investments in subs	idiary underta	ikings at 31 Decer	nber 2008 were as follows	s:	
Name of company	Country of	fincorporation	Class of shares held	Proportion of sh	ares held
Louis Dreyfus Services Limited Louis Dreyfus Commodities Limite	ed BVI	England England	Ordinary shares Ordinary shares	100% 100%	
10. DEBTORS				2008 \$ 000	2007 \$ 000
Amounts owed by group undertak	ings			7,048	-
Corporation tax Other debtors	o-			2	10
Other debiots					
				7,050	10

11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000
Other creditors	499	596
Accruals and deferred income	54	9
Amounts due to group undertakings	-	32,163
Accrual for risks & contingencies	269	-
Corporation tax	135	-
	957	32,768
	751	32,700
12. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		
	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000
Provision for negative equity of subsidiary company	374	
13. SHARE CAPITAL		
	2008	2007
Authorised	\$000	\$000
100,000,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	100,000	100,000
100,000,000 Ordinary States of Obstruction	100,000	100,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
12,400,000 ordinary shares of US\$1 each	12,400	32,445
On 24 November 2008, the company reduced its issued share capital by cancelling 20,045,0 US\$ 1 each.	000 issued ordii	nary shares of
14. EQUITY RESERVES		
		Profit and
		loss
		account \$000
		3000
At 1 January 2008		3,262
Loss for the year		(1,361)
At 31 December 2008		1,901

15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
	2008	2007
	\$000	\$000
Opening shareholders' funds	35,707	70,009
Dividends paid	-	(55,000)
Capital reduction	(20,045)	-
(Loss)/Profit for the year	(1,361)	20,698
Closing shareholders' funds	14,301	35,707
16. NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES		
	2008	2007
The average monthly number of employees (including Directors) during the year was:	5	8

17. PENSION COSTS

A number of the directors are members of the Louis Dreyfus & Co Limited pension fund. Louis Dreyfus & Co Limited and Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited have assigned their liabilities as principal and participating employer under the Louis Dreyfus & Co Limited Pension Fund (the "Scheme") to Louis Dreyfus Commodities Suisse SA, a group company incorporated in Switzerland, for consideration of £10m. This commercial agreement did not require the agreement of the Trustees of the Scheme because Louis Dreyfus & Co Limited and Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited are still the principal and participating employer under the Scheme and retain their liabilities under the trust deed and rules. However, those liabilities will in practice be met by Louis Dreyfus Commodities Suisse SA by way of an assignment and indemnity under the agreement.

18. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2008 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and	Land and buildings	
	2008	2007	
	\$000	\$000	
Expiry date:			
Between one and five years	2	3	

19. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate parent undertaking is Kurosawa B.V., incorporated in the Netherlands. The ultimate controlling party is the Louis-Dreyfus family.

20. GROUP ACCOUNTS

The largest and smallest group for which group accounts are prepared, and of which the company is a member are as follows:

	Largest	Smallest
Name	Kurosawa BV.	Louis Dreyfus Commodities B.V.
Country of incorporation	Netherlands	Netherlands
Address from where copies of consolidated financial statements can be obtained	Westblaak 102 3012 KM Rotterdam	Westblaak 92 3012 KM Rotterdam

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard No.8, Related Party Transactions, the company has taken advantage of the exemption for subsidiary undertakings, whose 90% or more voting rights are controlled within a group, from the requirement to disclose related party transactions, as the consolidated financial statements in which the company is included are publicly available.