# EP PACKAGING LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006



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# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued was that of a manufacturer of plastic packaging for the food, cosmetic and toy industries

The directors are pleased to report an increase in turnover of 16% in the year. The reduction in gross margin reflects the competitive nature of the market in which the company operates. Results for the year were also adversley affected by the insolvency of a significant customer.

Although the company suffered an operating loss, the cash flow statement on page 7 shows that the company generated a positive cash flow in the year

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4

The directors do not recommend payment of an ordinary dividend

#### Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2006

P Mondon

P J Underhill T Simmons (Deceased 24 January 2007)

N Mitchell

(Appointed 1 March 2006)
(Appointed 1 March 2006 and resigned 31 December 2006)

Directors' interests

There are no directors' interests requiring disclosure under the Companies Act 1985. The directors interests in the parent company are disclosed in that company's financial statements.

#### **Auditors**

CK Audit were appointed auditors to the company and in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put to the Annual General Meeting

### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

#### **Directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

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 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 proper accounting records which 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 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.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditor

- (a) so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

On behalf of the board

P Mondon

Director

6 June 2007

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO EP PACKAGING LIMITED

# UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 15, together with the financial statements of EP Packaging Limited for the year ended 31 December 2006 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985

This report is made solely to the company in accordance with Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report on abbreviated accounts 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, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2006/3 "The special auditor's report on abbreviated accounts in the United Kingdom" issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that provision

**CK Audit** 

CK Audit

6 June 2007

**Chartered Accountants** 

**Registered Auditor** 

Castle Court 2 Castlegate Way Dudley West Midlands DY1 4RH

# ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	Notes	2006 £	2005 £
		_	
Gross profit		1,197,202	1,299,131
Distribution costs		(1,068,464)	(1,012,814)
Administrative expenses		(422,194)	(310,046)
Operating loss	2	(293,456)	(23,729)
Other interest receivable and similar			_
income	•	216	(54.007)
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(34,863)	(51,097)
Loss on ordinary activities before			
taxation		(328,103)	(74,817)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	70,596	21,919
Loss for the year	13	(257,507)	(52,898)
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The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account

#### **ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET**

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2006

Notes 6 7 8	£ 826,527	£ 1,017,044	£	£ 1,151,918
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8	4 007 740		1,261,944	
	1,897,748		2,115,152	
	46,748		19,498	
	2,771,023		3,396,594	
9	(3,639,281)		(3,896,113)	
		(868,258)		(499,519)
		148,786		652,399
40		(00.054)		(000.404)
10		(30,654)		(206,164)
		-		(70,596)
		440 400		275 620
		======		375,639 ———
12		500,000		500,000
13		(381,868)		(124,361)
		12	148,786  10 (30,654)	148,786  10 (30,654)

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 6 June 2007

P Mondon Director

#### **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	£	2006 £	£	2005 £
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		617,804		(19,976)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest received	216		9	
Interest paid	(34,863)		(51,097)	
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		(34,647)		(51,088)
Capital expenditure				
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(169,181)		(104,124)	
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	<u>-</u>		104,699	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) for capital expenditure		(169,181)		575
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before management of liquid resources and financing		413,976		(70,489)
Financing Capital element of finance lease contracts	(202,808)		(196,836)	
Net cash inflow from financing		(202,808)	_ <del></del>	(196,836)
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year		211,168		(267,325)

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

1	Reconciliation of operating loss to net coperating activities	ash inflow/(outflow	) from	2006	2005
				£	£
	Operating loss			(293,456)	(23,729)
	Depreciation of tangible assets			304,055	298,841
	Profit on disposal of tangible assets			-	(39,372)
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks			435,417	(224,179)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors			217,404	(87,954)
	(Decrease)/Increase in creditors within one	year		(45,616)	56,417
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating	g activities		617,804	(19,976)
2	Analysis of net debt	1 January 2006	Cash flow	Other non- cash changes	31 December 2006
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash				
	Cash at bank and in hand	19,498	27,250	-	46,748
	Bank overdrafts	(183,918)	183,918	<u>-</u>	
		(164,420)	211,168	-	46,748
	Bank deposits	-	-	•	•
	Debt Finance leases	(399,870)	202,808	-	(197,062)
		<u> </u>	<del></del>		
	Net debt	(564,290) ————	413,976	<u> </u>	(150,314) ————
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to move	ment in net debt		2006	2005
				£	£
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year			211,168	(267,325)
	Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lea	ase financing		202,808	196,837
	Movement in net debt in the year			413,976	(70,488)
	Opening net debt			(564,290)	(493,802)
	Closing net debt			(150,314)	(564,290)

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

#### 12 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows

Land and buildings Leasehold

10% Straight line

Plant and machinery

10 - 50% Straight line

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

10 - 50% Straight line

Motor vehicles

25% / 33 3% Straight line

#### 1.4 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

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

#### 1.5 Stock and work in progress

Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value

#### 1.6 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account in the year they are payable.

#### 1.7 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future

#### 18 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

#### 19 Tooling Costs

Costs incurred in preparing prototypes are shown in prepayments to the extent that they will be recovered against future sales. They are amortised over two years from the point they are used to produce goods. Tooling costs which are not recharged to customers are capitalised and amortised over a period of two years.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

2	Operating loss	2006	2005 £
	Operating loss is stated after charging	£	£
	Depreciation of tangible assets	304,055	298,841
	Loss on foreign exchange transactions	•	2,394
	Operating lease rentals	3,296	· <u>·</u> ·
	Auditors' remuneration	7.050	33,334
	Auditors remuneration	7,950	8,400
	and after crediting		
	Exceptional item - profit on sale of plant subsequently		
	leased back	-	(39,372)
		-	
3	Investment income	2006	2005
		£	£
	Other interest	216	9
4	Interest payable	2006	2005
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	8,280	6,942
	Hire purchase interest	26,449	44,155
	On overdue tax	134	-
		34,863	51,097

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

Taxation	2006 £	2005 £
Deferred tax		
Deferred tax charge/credit current year	(70,596) ———	(21,919)
Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(328,103)	(74,817) ———
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of		
UK corporation tax of 30 00% (2005 30 00%)	(98,431)	(22,445)
Effects of		
Non deductible expenses	634	844
Depreciation add back	91,217	89,653
Capital allowances	(59,142)	(51,914)
Profits on sale of assets	-	(11,812)
Tax losses carried forward	65,722	(4,326)
	98,431	22,445
Current tax charge	-	-
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The company has estimated losses of £ 617,227 (2005 £ 448,153) available for carry forward against future trading profits

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

6	Tangible fixed assets					
		Land and buildings Leasehold	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	Cost					
	At 1 January 2006	3,790	2,985,023	359,117	22,995	3,370,925
	Additions	-	166,933	2,248	-	169,181
	At 31 December 2006	3,790	3,151,956	361,365	22,995	3,540,106
	Depreciation		<del></del>			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	At 1 January 2006	1,421	1,913,833	297,524	6,228	2,219,006
	Charge for the year	379	273,647	24,281	5,749	304,056
	At 31 December 2006	1,800	2,187,480	321,805	11,977	2,523,062
	Net book value					
	At 31 December 2006	1,990	964,476	39,560	11,018	1,017,044
	At 31 December 2005	2,369	1,071,190	61,592	16,767	1,151,918
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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows

	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Net book values			
At 31 December 2006	600,438	11,018	611,456
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At 31 December 2005	716,295	16,767	733,062
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Depreciation charge for the year			
At 31 December 2006	115,857	5,749	121,606
At 31 December 2005	115,857	5,749	121,606

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

7	Stocks and work in progress	2006 £	2005 £
	Raw materials and consumables	233,889	469,255
	Work in progress	29,446	47,790
	Finished goods and goods for resale	563,192	744,899
		826,527	1,261,944
8	Debtors	2006 £	2005 £
		-	-
	Trade debtors	1,792,109	1,780,713
	Other debtors	530	150
	Prepayments and accrued income	105,109	204 200
	Prepayments and accided income		334,289

9	Creditors <sup>,</sup> amounts falling due within one year	2006 £	2005 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts	-	183,918
	Confidential invoice discounting	1,213,620	1,164,921
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts	166,408	193,706
	Trade creditors	942,218	1,505,553
	Amounts owed to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	875,000	-
	Taxes and social security costs	305,097	269,350
	Other creditors	17,646	476,099
	Accruals and deferred income	119,292	102,566
		3,639,281	3,896,113

The confidential invoice discounting liability of £1,213,620 (2005 £1,164,921) is secured on the company's trade debtors

Finance lease and hire purchase liabilities of £197,062 (2005 £399,870) are secured on the respective assets

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

10	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2006	2005
		£	£
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts	30,654	206,164
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts		
	Repayable within one year	166,408	193,706
	Repayable between one and five years	30,654	206,164
		197,062	399,870
	Included in liabilities falling due within one year	(166,408)	(193,706)
		30,654	206,164
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#### 11 Pension costs

#### **Defined contribution**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund.

		2006 £	2005 £
	Contributions payable by the company for the year	8,843	12,334
12	Share capital  Authorised	2006 £	2005 £
	2,000,000 Ordinary shares of 25p each	500,000	500,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid 2,000,000 Ordinary shares of 25p each	500,000	500,000

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

13	Statement of movements on profit and loss account		
			Profit and
			loss
			account £
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	Balance at 1 January 2006		(124,361)
	Loss for the year		(257,507)
	Balance at 31 December 2006		(381,868)
14	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2006	2005
14	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders funds	2006 £	2005 £
		L	L
	Loss for the financial year	(257,507)	(52,898)
	Opening shareholders' funds	375,639	428,537
	Closing shareholders' funds	118,132	375,639

#### 15 Financial commitments

At 31 December 2006 the company was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases in the year to 31 December 2007

		Land an	ıd buildings		Other
		2006	2005	2006	2005
		£	£	£	£
Op	perating leases which expire				
Wı	ithin one year	-	-	-	2,553
Be	tween two and five years	-	-	7,217	76,159
In (	over five years	-	100,000	-	-
		-	100,000	7,217	78,712
l6 Dii	rectors' emoluments			2006	2005
				£	£
Em	noluments for qualifying services			119,851	15,750
	ompany pension contributions to mone	y purchase schemes		2,467	-
				122,318	15,750

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

#### 17 Employees

#### **Number of employees**

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was

	2006 Number	2005 Number
Production staff	95	85
Administration staff	4	6
Sales staff	8	8
	107	99
Employment costs	2006	2005
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,754,881	1,549,257
Social security costs	145,924	135,339
Other pension costs	8,843	12,334
	1,909,648	1,696,930
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#### 18 Ultimate parent company

Redbrick Estates Limited are the ultimate parent company, a company incorporated in England and Wales

#### 19 Related party transactions

The company rents property from ICC(One) Limited, a company in which P J Underhill was both a director and shareholder By agreement with ICC (One) Limited, a rent holiday for the period of 12 months to 31st December 2006 was granted At 31st December 2006 an amount of £58,750 was due from ICC (One) Limited

P Mondon and P J Underhill are directors and shareholders of Harper Group PLC. A loan of £475,000 from Harper Group plc which subsisted at 31st December 2005 was increased to £875,000 during 2006 and was repaid in full on 11th December 2006. The company leases equipment from Harper Group plc under the terms of a five year lease at a rent of £5,951 per month. By agreement with Harper Group plc, the lease charge for 2006 was waived

PJ Underhill was a director of Beeches Three Limited During 2006 £6,480 and £2,072 respectively were recharged by Beeches Three Limited to EP Packaging Limited in respect of salaries and expenses