Directors' report and financial statements

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## Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2001.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is house building and related activities.

### Review of developments and future prospects

During the year the company continued to review the possibility for development at its remaining sites. However, no significant planning permissions were obtained and therefore the company did not trade in the period.

## Proposed dividend and transfer to reserves

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 4. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2000: fnil).

The loss for the year to be transferred from reserves is £nil (2000: £4,375 loss).

#### Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

P.D. Holliday O.B.E. M.R. Lethaby

The directors who held office at the end of the financial year had no disclosable interests in the shares of the company.

Mr P.D. Holliday and Mr M.R. Lethaby are directors of the company's ultimate parent company, Ward Homes Group Limited and, accordingly, particulars of their interests in the shares of that company are included in the Directors' Report of Ward Homes Group Limited.

### **Auditors**

A resolution to reappoint Deloitte & Touche as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

M. R. Lethaby Secretary

February 2002

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

United Kingdom 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 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 maintaining 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

# Report of the independent auditors to the members of Ward Homes (South Eastern) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Ward Homes (South Eastern) Ltd for the year ended 31 October 2001 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 11. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

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 1985. We also report if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if 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 for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards 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 financial statements 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 explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements 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 of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 October 2001 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Deloitte & Touche

February 2002

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Hill House 1 Little New Street London EC4A 3TR

## Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 October 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
Turnover	1	-	750
Cost of sales			(7,000)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		-	(6,250)
Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities	3	-	1,875
Retained Loss for the financial year	8		(4,375)

The company has no recognised gains or losses in either 2001 or 2000 other than those reported in the Profit and Loss Account above.

All operations are continuing.

## **Balance Sheet**

as at 31 October 2001

	Note	2001	2000
		£	£
Current assets			
Stocks	4	295,002	295,002
Debtors	5	1,190,772	1,190,772
		1,485,774	1,485,774
Creditors: amount falling due within	1	- •	
one year	6	(40,700)	(40,700)
Net current assets		1,445,074	1,445,074
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	7	2,000	2,000
Profit and loss account		1,443,074	1,443,074
Equity shareholders' funds	8	1,445,074	1,445,074

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on behalf by:

P.D. Holliday O.B.E.

## Notes to the accounts

Year ended 31 October 2001

#### 1. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

### Basis of preparation

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

#### Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value. In respect of work in progress, costs include labour, materials and relevant overheads. Land held for development is valued on a site by site basis at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts receivable on the sale of houses and land and rents receivable. Credit is taken for profit on house sales on the date at which the legal title to the property is transferred. All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 October 2001

### 2. Remuneration of Directors and Auditors

The directors did not receive any remuneration either as directors or executives during the year (2000: £nil). The company has no direct employees. Auditors' remuneration was borne by the parent company in both the current and preceding year.

## 3. Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities

		2001 £	2000 £
	UK Corporation Tax at 30% (2000: 30%)		(1,875)
4.	Stocks		
		2001 £	2000 £
	Land	295,002	295,002
5.	Debtors		
		2001 £	2000 £
	Amounts owed by group undertakings Taxation recoverable	1,190,772 -	1,169,384 21,388
		1,190,772	1,190,772
6.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2001 £	2000 £
	Accruals and deferred income	40,700	40,700
		40,700	40,700

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

Year ended 31 October 2001

#### 7. Share Capital

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Authorised, Allotted, called up and fully paid:	2001 £	2000 £
1,000 Ordinary shares of f1 each	1,000	1,000
1,000 Deferred shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
2	2,000	2,000
Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2001 £	2000 £
Profit/(loss) for the financial year Opening shareholders' funds	- 1,445,074	(4,375) 1,449,449

## 9. Contingent liabilities

Closing shareholders' funds

The company is party to a multilateral guarantee secured by fixed and floating charges in respect of amounts due on bank loans and overdrafts by Ward Homes Group Limited and its subsidiaries up to a maximum of £43.6m of which £30.6m was outstanding as at 31 October 2001.

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### 10. Ultimate Parent Company

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Ward Homes Group Limited registered in England and Wales, for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the company is a member. The ultimate controlling parties are the Phildrew Ventures Fifth Fund LP, the Phildrew Ventures Fifth Fund B LP and Phildrew 2000 LP, who, in aggregate control over 50% of the voting rights of Ward Homes Group Limited.

Copies of the group financial statements can be obtained from 2 Ash Tree Lane, Chatham, Kent.

#### 11. Statement on Related Party Transactions

The company is exempt from the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard 8 ("Related Party Disclosures") insofar as it refers to transactions with fellow group companies, as it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ward Homes Group Limited.