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**Darrington Quarries Limited**

**Report and Financial Statements**

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# **Darrington Quarries Limited**

## **Report and financial statements 2011**

### **Officers and professional advisers**

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# **Darrington Quarries Limited**

## **Directors' report**

The Directors of Darrington Quarries Limited (the "Company") present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2011 was the handling, recycling and disposal of waste materials

On 11 May 2012 the Company's UK parent company Waste Recycling Group Limited changed its name to FCC Environment (UK) Limited ("FCCE") as part of the rebranding of the UK business announced during 2011 about which further details are set out below. The activities, strategies and risks affecting the Company are inextricably similar to, and dependent on, those of FCCE and FCCE's subsidiary undertakings (together the "Group"), and consequently it is appropriate that the following narrative applies to the Group in its entirety.

The Group is a key player within the municipal waste management sector, with over 60 Local Authority clients across England, Wales and Scotland.

The Group provides a diverse range of cost effective and sustainable waste processing, recycling, treatment, disposal and energy recovery services for Local Authority and private commercial customers. During 2011, the Group received, treated, recycled and disposed of 8.6 million (2010: 9.1 million) tonnes of household, commercial and industrial waste and managed around 200 waste management facilities. Through innovative solutions, backed by a passion for excellent customer service, FCCE is committed to working with its Local Authority partners and industrial and commercial customers to respond to often complex and far-reaching waste management strategies, to meet the challenges of increased regulation from the UK and EU, and to improve upon waste management targets.

The Company undertakes activities in the following divisions of FCCE -

- Landfill Division – which has UK wide responsibility for the operation and management of all FCCE's operational landfill activities including the aftercare and decommissioning of closed sites
- Quarries Division – which operates several quarries in Yorkshire

### **Overview of parent company**

The Company is an indirect subsidiary of FCCE and its ultimate parent is Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S.A. ("FCC"). FCC is a significant multi-national business listed on the Madrid stock exchange (the IBEX-35 meaning that it is one of the 35 largest companies in Spain) as well as the Fortune 500 with operations in Europe, South and Central America, Africa, the Middle East and the United States of America and is proud to be providing construction services for London's 2012 Olympic games as well as being involved in the Capital's Crossrail project. FCC's principal activities cover Environmental Services (including waste management), Renewable Energy, Construction, Cement and Real Estate.

FCC's substantial financial strength and depth of experience in the European waste infrastructure sector is backed by over 100 years of experience in operating municipal services contracts. This complements FCCE's position as a leading waste management, recycling and renewable energy business and the Group's ambition to maintain its position as a significant player in establishing the next generation of waste treatment infrastructure in the UK. The core services provided by FCCE are fully aligned with FCC's strategic growth plans and it is ideally placed to take advantage of local opportunities to provide the services and infrastructure required by the United Kingdom to meet the European Waste Framework Directive, whereby 50% of all municipal waste will have to be recycled by 2020 and the European Union's target that 20% of all energy consumed should be from a renewable source by 2020. The Directors continue to look forward to the opportunities that are presented to FCCE and its employees by virtue of FCC's plans to expand and embed its operations in the UK.

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## **Darrington Quarries Limited**

### **Directors' report (continued)**

#### **Overview of parent company (continued)**

The Directors see the development of major waste infrastructure to support sustainable waste management and strategic long-term partnerships as key to FCCE's future business growth. It anticipates considerable activity and deployment of Group resources into recycling facilities, renewable energy projects, major Private Finance Initiative ("PFI") and Public Private Partnership ("PPP") schemes, the development of innovative waste treatment solutions and the provision of regional facilities. The Directors remain of the view that Energy from Waste ("EfW") will be a key component of some regional waste strategies and, in combination with other treatment, recycling and recovery operations, backed up by landfill disposal for residues, this strategy represents a long-term sustainable solution for meeting its clients' diversion targets.

In June 2011, the Chairman of FCC, Baldomero Falcones, announced that FCC, together with the Group and its sister service companies in the UK, including FCC Environment Services (UK) Limited (formerly known as Focsa Services (UK) Limited) would unite under the FCC Environment brand in the British market. The new brand will cover all the activities currently being provided by the Group and FCC Environmental Services (UK) Limited, but not FCC's UK-based infrastructure and construction businesses. Paul Taylor, the Group's CEO, will head up the re-branding project which will roll out over the course of 2012.

#### **Business review**

As predicted, 2011 has seen a continuation of challenging market conditions for the entire waste industry as the economy remained depressed and waste volumes continued to decline. Prices for recycled materials continued to rise through the first three quarters of 2011 but started to fall thereafter and economic indicators predict that the market will remain sluggish through 2012. The Directors continue to monitor business trends, and to manage the Group's assets and cost structure in line with the evolving needs of the business and its customers.

The Group anticipates competition from alternative disposal methods to continue to intensify in response to the Government's initiatives on waste diversion and minimisation and is committed to developing the infrastructure necessary to support alternative means to recover value from waste. The single largest proportion of the Group's operating portfolio remains the landfill disposal of residual waste. The Group operates the largest bank of consented landfill void in the UK comprising some 151 million cubic metres, which will continue to provide for the Group's customers' current disposal demand whilst alternative solutions are developed and proven.

In the year, the Group was successful in retaining 8 municipal contracts, extending 8 municipal disposal contracts by negotiation and winning 9 new municipal contracts. For example, the Group was delighted to have retained its integrated waste contract with Wigan Council for a further 3 years, delivering 150,000 tonnes per annum into FCCE landfill, transfer station and treatment facilities and to have won the 7 year contract to manage 10 of Buckinghamshire County Council's HWRCs, managing a combined 74,000 tonnes of its municipal waste per annum.

Despite the continued uncertainties and restrictions in the credit markets the Group has retained and re-negotiated its banking facilities in the year.

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## Directors' report (continued)

### Principal risks and uncertainties

Operating in the UK's highly regulated waste management market presents numerous risks and uncertainties to the Group. In response, FCCE has appointed a Risk Committee that actively monitors the key risks that impact the Group including the compilation of a comprehensive risk register. The Directors regard the following to be the principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Group and their approach to managing these risks and uncertainties is considered below.

- **Health and Safety:** Health and safety is a key issue for the Group due to the nature of its operations, including the use of heavy plant equipment and difficult working conditions. The Group is continually improving in this area as a result of ongoing consultation with the relevant authorities and the monitoring of best practice initiatives. Whenever an area is highlighted for improvement, the Group seeks to implement such improvement expeditiously, through bulletins, on-line training courses and tool-box briefings. The Group's Incident Review Panel meets quarterly, at which senior management review significant health and safety incidents that have occurred at FCCE sites to identify improvements and lessons for the business. All employees undertake a rigorous health and safety training programme, which is underpinned by legislation, detailed policies and procedures. The Group's executive management receive regular, detailed reports on health and safety performance affecting the Group's operations and it employs a dedicated team, led by the Group Health, Safety, Environment and Quality Manager, to monitor and promote high standards. All employees are expected to recognise their role in achieving acceptable standards of health and safety and to exhibit such understanding through their approach and attitude to work.
- **Environmental risks:** The Group's operations are tightly controlled under environmental legislation enforced principally from the Environment Agency ("EA") and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency ("SEPA"). Compliance with all environmental legislation pertinent to the Group's activities is a minimum requirement. A dedicated in-house team prepare regular reports on environmental compliance at the Group's sites for the Directors' review. The Group has adopted a formal environmental policy, which was last reviewed in 2010 and there are detailed environmental procedures to enable compliance with environmental legislation.
- **Business continuity:** The Group, as part of its risk management programme, has developed business continuity planning for its operations. As part of this planning the Group has developed a bespoke emergency plan for each operational facility (including the diversion of waste from single or multiple sites in the event of major disruption or disaster affecting a site or region). The Significant Events Response Team ("SERT") is brought together to plan for or deal with any significant events that occur or could potentially occur. FCCE's IT systems are outsourced to a specialist IT services company and are covered by an IT disaster recovery plan, to ensure business continuity. The Group is working on the development of a new business continuity plan under the control of FCCE's Integrated Management System that will be designed around the British Standard 25999.
- **Legislation:** The Group monitors forthcoming and current legislation to ensure full compliance and to anticipate and assess the impact upon its operations, including the significant opportunities it can present. The waste management industry is subject to extensive government regulation which has a substantial impact on the Group's business, FCCE therefore actively lobbies for its interests at European, national and regional levels through trade associations and federations.
- **Litigation:** The Group is subject to litigation from time to time. The outcome of legal action is always uncertain and there is a risk that it may prove more costly and time consuming than expected. There is also a risk that litigation could be instigated in the future that could materially impact the Group. In some liability cases legal expenses are covered by the Group's liability insurance. This risk is mitigated through continued monitoring and employing an experienced and dedicated in-house legal team.
- **Competitive risk:** The Group operates in highly competitive markets in which competitors' service offerings may react faster to legislative and market dynamics than those of the Group. To mitigate this risk the Group ensures that its asset, cost and capital base is regularly reviewed and flexed to meet changes in customers' demands and to maximise cash generation.

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## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)**

- **Employees:** The loss of key employees or the inability to hire experienced management personnel could have a materially adverse effect on the business. To manage this risk, succession planning for senior positions within the Group is undertaken. In addition, the Group has the benefit of being able to draw on wider resources from within the FCC Group.
- **Technology:** The Group relies on a variety of information technology platforms for the efficient delivery of its services and has therefore employed a structured IT Support team, using internal and external resources. In addition, there are a wide variety of technologies available to the waste management industry, there is a risk that the technologies employed by the Group might fail to deliver expected performance levels or end products for its customers and so FCCE has made a significant investment into establishing a dedicated technical and development team. This team reviews and assesses the available technologies before any are adopted to ensure they will meet the needs of the business and that of its customers.

### **Financial risk management**

The Company is exposed to financial risk through its financial assets and liabilities. The most important components of financial risk are interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. Due to the nature of the Company's activities and the assets contained within the Company's balance sheet, the only financial risks the Directors consider relevant to the Company are liquidity and credit risk.

### **Liquidity and credit risk**

The Company's exposure to credit and liquidity risk is reduced as it is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of FCCE. Credit risk arises from the risk of having credit exposures to customers, including outstanding receivables. The Company reviews the credit ratings of all significant customers regularly and continues to monitor the quality of debtor balances on an ongoing basis. Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company does not have sufficient cash resources to meet its commitments. The Company prepares and reviews cash flow forecasts frequently to ensure that it has sufficient resources to meet its cash flow commitments.

### **Results, dividends and key performance indicators**

The results for the year ended 31 December 2011 are set out on page 11. The profit for the financial year ended 31 December 2011 amounted to £0.3million (2010: £3.2million loss). The Company did not pay an interim dividend during the year (2010: £nil) and furthermore, the Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2010: £nil). The profit (2010: loss) for the financial year has been transferred to (2010: withdrawn from) reserves, resulting in a corresponding decrease (2010: increase) in total shareholders' deficit in the year.

For the year ended 31 December 2011, turnover from continuing activities increased by 14.3% to £6.0million (2010: £5.2million). This reflects an increase in overall quarries turnover mainly due to increased activity at the Barnsdale Bar, Darrington and Tadcaster quarries.

Operating profit in 2011 was £0.5million (2010: £3.0million loss). The result reflects the trends highlighted above together with the impact of environmental provision reviews, depreciation and settlement of contractual obligations reported in note 3.

FCCE manages its operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's Directors believe that the disclosure of further key performance indicators for the Company is not appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

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## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Future trends and developments**

The Directors of both the Company and FCCE consider that the waste industry faces some obvious challenges in the prevailing economic climate following confirmation in early 2012 that the UK economy has fallen back into recession. This, together with the ongoing impact of the European Union's Landfill Directive and the associated increases in landfill tax, will cause a further decline in the quantities of waste generated by the Group's current and future customers. During 2011, the Board of FCCE focused the Group's strategy on leveraging value from its existing assets and ensuring that it offers best value, quality services through sustainable waste management for both the municipal and commercial sectors whilst continuing to reduce costs.

During 2011, the Group commenced planting a combination of miscanthus grass and short rotation coppice ("SRC") at 13 of its landfill sites across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire as part of its drive to expand the generation of renewable energy and maximise the use of its existing facilities and expertise. The grass and SRC are perennial low maintenance crops, which have been introduced as biofuel crops over a total area of 75 hectares following a successful three-hectare feasibility project in 2010. The project has attracted grant funding from Natural England and next year will see an additional 120 hectares planted at a mixture of operational and closed Group sites across the UK. Thereafter, the Group intends to sell the energy crops, once harvested, as a biomass fuel. The Group's commitment to sustainability has been underlined by the creation of a Restoration, Conservation and Ecology team comprising three Restoration Managers, an Ecology and Conservation Manager and two ecologists.

The Group, together with FCC, continues to work on a portfolio of wind developments on suitable FCCE land, both closed and operational landfill sites and certain of its other waste management facilities. During the year, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Planning Committee voted in favour of two of the Group's wind projects with full planning permissions to be issued once appropriate Section 106 agreements are signed. A number of other applications for the Group's wind developments remain in the planning system. It is still anticipated that the Group will invest £100million in its UK wind operations over a number of years, thus significantly increasing its energy generating capacity.

### **Going concern**

The Directors, having assessed the responses of their enquiries to the immediate parent company, FCCE, have reviewed projected cash flows and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Directors' report and financial statements. Full details of the going concern considerations can be found in note 1 of the notes to the financial statements.

### **Directors**

The following individuals served as Directors of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2011 and up to the date of this report:

P Taylor  
V F Orts-Llopis  
A Serrano Minchan

### **Directors' indemnities**

During the financial year, qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of all Directors of the Company were in force and continue to be in force at the date of this report. Such provisions were made by FCC.



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## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Employees**

The professionalism and commitment shown by the Group's employees over the last year has been a major contribution to its successful operation. The Board would like to thank all employees for their hard work, dedication and loyalty during what has been another challenging and eventful year.

FCCE is committed to ensuring that its policies and practices reflect human resource best practice. The Group's policy of equal opportunity gives all employees the same chance to succeed, irrespective of age, race, nationality, ethnic origin, disability, membership of a trade union, sex or marital status. The Group has a structured training and development programme and is fully committed to ensuring that all employees have the necessary skills and knowledge to do their jobs effectively. Subject to the nature of its businesses in the waste management industry, the policy of the Group is to ensure that there are fair opportunities for the employment, career development and training of disabled persons.

The Board is dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of honesty, openness and accountability and recognise that employees have an important part to play in achieving this goal. All employees are encouraged to report any concerns they may have over wrongdoing at work via the Group's internal reporting system. In addition, FCCE has engaged an independent confidential reporting (whistleblowing) service that employees can access should they feel uncomfortable in approaching management. Following implementation of the UK's Bribery Act, the Group has provided training to all employees regarding the procedures and practices in place within our business to prevent bribery and has issued an Anti-Fraud and Bribery Policy to which all employees must adhere.

Training continues to be a high priority for FCCE and it recognises that it is vital that its employees have the relevant skills to take up the new and exciting roles that are being created as the industry, and therefore the business evolves.

The Directors recognise the importance of communication with employees and members of the executive management team regularly visit sites and discuss matters of current interest and concern to the business with staff. In addition, the executive management regularly report on the business' successes and performance to the entire Group via a monthly brief delivered by local management and announcements on the Group Intranet. An in-house magazine is also published on a regular basis.

### **Disclosure of information to the auditor**

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and each Director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a Director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act").

# **Darrington Quarries Limited**

## **Directors' report (continued)**

### **Auditor**

Pursuant to section 487 of the Act, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed annually by the Company and Deloitte LLP will therefore continue in office until further notice

Approved by the Board of Directors  
and signed on its behalf by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V Bunton', written over a horizontal line.

**V Bunton**  
Joint Company Secretary

21 June 2012

# **Darrington Quarries Limited**

## **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- 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 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 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.

Under applicable law and regulations, the Directors are also responsible for preparing a Directors' Report that complies with that law and those regulations.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Darrington Quarries Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Darrington Quarries Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011, which comprise of the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the note of historical cost profits and losses and the related notes 1 to 21. 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).

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.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, 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 Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implication of our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its profit 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.

### **Opinion on matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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

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.



Makhan Chahal (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
London, United Kingdom

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## Darrington Quarries Limited

### Profit and loss account Year ended 31 December 2011

	Notes	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Turnover	2	5,952	5,209
Cost of sales		(5,006)	(7,467)
<b>Gross profit/(loss)</b>		<b>946</b>	<b>(2,258)</b>
Administrative expenses		(462)	(727)
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>		<b>484</b>	<b>(2,985)</b>
Interest payable	5	(210)	(252)
<b>Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	3	<b>274</b>	<b>(3,237)</b>
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	6	-	-
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</b>	15	<b>274</b>	<b>(3,237)</b>

All results for the year ended 31 December 2011 derive from continuing operations

There are no recognised gains and losses in either the financial year ended 31 December 2011 or the previous financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Therefore, no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

## **Darrington Quarries Limited**

### **Note of historical cost profits and losses Year ended 31 December 2011**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	<b>274</b>	<b>(3,237)</b>
Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge calculated on the revalued amounts	<b>41</b>	<b>122</b>
Historical cost profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	<b>315</b>	<b>(3,115)</b>
Historical cost profit/(loss) for the year after taxation	<b>315</b>	<b>(3,115)</b>

# Darrington Quarries Limited

## Balance sheet at 31 December 2011

	Notes	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	7	2,836	3,129
Tangible assets	8	3,831	5,247
Investments	9	1	1
		<u>6,668</u>	<u>8,377</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors amounts due within one year	10	12,938	13,372
Debtors amounts due after more than one year	11	1,650	1,181
		<u>14,588</u>	<u>14,553</u>
Total debtors		1	1
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>14,589</u>	<u>14,554</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	12	<u>(15,360)</u>	<u>(16,259)</u>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(771)</u>	<u>(1,705)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>5,897</u>	<u>6,672</u>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	13	<u>(8,054)</u>	<u>(9,103)</u>
<b>Net liabilities</b>		<u>(2,157)</u>	<u>(2,431)</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	14	10	10
Share premium account		26	26
Revaluation reserve	15	1,538	1,579
Profit and loss account	15	(3,731)	(4,046)
<b>Shareholders' deficit</b>	16	<u>(2,157)</u>	<u>(2,431)</u>

The financial statements of Darrington Quarries Limited, registered number 00579409 were approved by the Board of Directors on 21 June 2012

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

  
V F Orts-Llopis  
Director

# **Darrington Quarries Limited**

## **Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2011**

### **1. Accounting policies**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in both the current and previous financial year in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold and leasehold land

#### **Going concern**

At 31 December the Company had net liabilities of £2.2million, however included with creditors falling due within one year is £15.2million which is due to fellow subsidiary undertakings. Therefore the Directors, having assessed the responses of their enquiries to the immediate parent company, FCCE, have reviewed projected cash flows and continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Directors' report and financial statements

#### **Cash flow statement**

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption, conferred by Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised) from presenting a cash flow statement as it is an indirectly wholly owned subsidiary of a group which has prepared a consolidated cash flow statement

#### **Consolidation**

The Company has claimed exemption from the preparation of consolidated financial statements under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 as it is a subsidiary of a group which has prepared consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, these financial statements present information about the Company and not the group, of which it heads

#### **Goodwill**

Purchased goodwill, representing the excess of purchase price over the fair value of the assets acquired, is capitalised and is being written off on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life up to a maximum of 20 years. The Directors regard 20 years as a reasonable maximum for the estimated useful life of goodwill

#### **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets in use at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset as follows

Freehold buildings	- over 25 to 50 years
Landfill sites	- based on the void used in the period as a proportion of total void
Plant and machinery	- over 3 to 20 years
Motor vehicles	- over 4 years

No depreciation is provided for on freehold land

Expenditure on landfill sites includes engineering costs. Elements of these costs are classified according to their expected economic life and depreciated accordingly in proportion to the rate that waste is deposited. All other assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis

On adoption of FRS 15, the transitional provisions were applied and therefore previous valuations will be maintained

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at cost less provision for any impairment



# **Darrington Quarries Limited**

## **Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2011**

### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **Post retirement benefits**

The Group operates a defined contribution scheme on behalf of its eligible employees. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account for the year in which they are payable.

#### **Decommissioning and aftercare costs**

Full provision has been made for the net present value ("NPV") of the Company's minimum unavoidable costs, in respect of decommissioning liabilities at the Company's landfill sites, which has been capitalised in fixed assets. The Company continues to provide for all aftercare costs over the life of its landfill sites, based on the volumes of waste deposited in the year, since liabilities in relation to these costs increase as waste is deposited.

All long-term provisions for decommissioning and aftercare costs are calculated based on the NPV of estimated future costs. Current cost estimates are inflated at 2.5 per cent and discounted at 5 per cent to calculate the NPV. The effects of the unwinding of the discount element on existing provisions are reflected as a financial item.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover is stated net of value added tax and trade discounts but inclusive of landfill tax where applicable. Turnover from the supply of services represents the value of services provided under contracts to the extent that there is a right to consideration and is recorded at the value of the consideration due. Where payments are received from customers in advance of services provided, the amounts are recorded as deferred income and included as part of creditors due within one year.

#### **Taxation**

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless by the balance sheet date there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements. Neither is deferred tax recognised when fixed assets are sold and it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over, being charged to tax only if and when the replacement assets are sold.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

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### 2. Turnover

All turnover was generated in the United Kingdom principally from stone quarrying and landfill management

### 3. Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation is after (crediting)/charging:</b>		
Decrease in environmental provisions on revision of estimate of future costs (included in provisions credit)	(1,617)	(461)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	1,051	3,101
Profit on sale of fixed assets	-	(15)
Settlement of contractual obligations	(64)	(71)
Amortisation of goodwill	293	293
Operating lease rentals – plant and machinery	116	229
Operating lease rentals – land and buildings	13	16

Auditor's remuneration in respect of audit fees totalling £5,000 (2010 £4,300) has been met by FCC Recycling (UK) Limited (formerly known as Waste Recycling Limited), a fellow subsidiary undertaking of FCCE

### 4. Information regarding Directors and employees

None of the Directors received any remuneration or other benefits through the Company during the year ended 31 December 2011 or previous financial year. They are all remunerated as Directors or employees of FCCE

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Wages and salaries	1,096	1,062
Social security costs	110	106
Other pension costs	54	55
	<b>1,260</b>	<b>1,223</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
The average number of employees (including Directors) during the year was	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>

### 5. Interest payable

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Interest payable and similar charges		
Unwinding of discount (see note 13)	210	252

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### 6. Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>UK corporation tax</b>		
United Kingdom corporation tax at 26.5% (2010: 28%) based on profit/(loss) for the year	-	-
Total current tax	-	-
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Timing differences, origination and reversal (note 13)	-	-
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	-	-

The total current tax position for the current year and previous year differs from the average standard rate of 26.5% (2010: 28%) for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	274	(3,237)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities at average standard rate	73	(906)
Factors affecting charge		
Non-taxable items	-	(20)
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	226	775
Group relief (claimed)/surrendered	(196)	172
Utilisation of general provisions	(180)	(182)
Amortisation of goodwill	77	82
Transfer pricing adjustment	-	79
Total current tax	-	-

A number of changes to the UK Corporation Tax system were announced in the March 2011 Budget Statement. The Finance Act 2011 enacted on 19 July 2011 included legislation to reduce the main rate of corporation tax from 28% to 26% from 1 April 2011 and a further reduction from 26% to 25% from 1 April 2012.

Further reductions to the main rate were announced in the 2012 Budget Statement during March 2012. The main rate will fall by a further 1% from 25% to 24% from 1 April 2012 and by an additional 1% per annum to 22% by 1 April 2014. As these changes have not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date they are not included in these financial statements.

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### 7. Intangible fixed assets

	<b>Goodwill £'000</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2011 and at 31 December 2011	5,689
<b>Amortisation</b>	
At 1 January 2011	2,560
Charge for the year	293
As at 31 December 2011	2,853
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2011	2,836
At 31 December 2010	3,129

### 8. Tangible fixed assets

	<b>Landfill sites £'000</b>	<b>Other freehold property £'000</b>	<b>Plant and machinery £'000</b>	<b>Motor vehicles £'000</b>	<b>Total £'000</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>					
At 1 January 2011	9,348	6,059	7,050	50	22,507
Additions	647	85	78	-	810
Transfers between group companies	-	-	(2,702)	-	(2,702)
As at 31 December 2011	9,995	6,144	4,426	50	20,615
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2011	9,348	2,563	5,300	49	17,260
Charge for the year	647	151	252	1	1,051
Transfers between group companies	-	-	(1,527)	-	(1,527)
As at 31 December 2011	9,995	2,714	4,025	50	16,784
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2011	-	3,430	401	-	3,831
At 31 December 2010	-	3,496	1,750	1	5,247

The cost of freehold land and buildings included land of £1,182,000 (2010 £1,182,000), which is not depreciated

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### 8. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Other freehold properties are stated at		
Open market value at 29 May 1996	3,012	3,012
Cost	3,132	3,047
At 31 December 2011	<u>6,144</u>	<u>6,059</u>

Comparable amounts determined according to the historical cost convention for freehold properties

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Cost	3,132	3,047
Accumulated depreciation based on historical cost	(1,189)	(1,130)
Historical cost net book value	<u>1,943</u>	<u>1,917</u>

All other assets are stated at historical cost

### 9. Fixed asset investments

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Cost and net book value</b>		
Investment in subsidiary undertaking	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The Company owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of Waste Recycling Group (Yorkshire) Limited, a company which is registered in England and Wales. Its principal activity is the handling, recycling and disposal of waste materials.

### 10. Debtors: amounts due within one year

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Trade debtors	3	3
Amounts owed from fellow subsidiary undertakings	12,665	13,134
Prepayments and other debtors	270	235
	<u>12,938</u>	<u>13,372</u>

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### 11. Debtors: amounts due after more than one year

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Amounts prepaid to fellow subsidiary undertaking	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,181</u>

### 12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Trade creditors	158	207
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings	15,159	16,009
Accruals	43	43
	<u>15,360</u>	<u>16,259</u>

### 13. Provisions for liabilities

	Other provisions £'000	Decomm- issioning £'000	Landfill aftercare £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2011	386	4,554	4,163	9,103
Charged/(credited) to the profit and loss account	234	(21)	(1,568)	(1,355)
New provisions capitalised in tangible fixed assets	(16)	663	-	647
Unwinding of discount (note 5)	-	7	203	210
Expended in year	(309)	(173)	(69)	(551)
<b>At 31 December 2011</b>	<u><b>295</b></u>	<u><b>5,030</b></u>	<u><b>2,729</b></u>	<u><b>8,054</b></u>

The Group provides for the estimated cost of decommissioning its landfill sites at the end of their operational life and for their subsequent aftercare. The aftercare period is generally expected to be 60 years and expenditure will be incurred throughout this 60 year period. These provisions are discounted at a rate of 5% from the date on which the expenditure is expected to occur. These provisions by their nature require a significant degree of estimation and hence there is a degree of uncertainty with regards to the timing and amount of outflows of economic benefit.

Other provisions include the estimated cost of discharging environmental liabilities, including current capping of open landfill areas and the disposal of leachate, which arise during the operational phase of its landfill sites. Capping expenditure occurs as landfill cells are completed, whilst expenditure on the disposal of leachate occurs throughout the lifecycle of a landfill site.

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### 13. Provisions for liabilities (continued)

#### Deferred taxation

	Provided		Unprovided	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	-	(44)	206	-
Short term timing differences	-	44	19	77
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>77</u>

The Company has unprovided deferred tax assets as there is insufficient certainty as to whether events will materialise to crystallise the deferred tax

### 14. Called up share capital

	2011	2010
	£'000	£'000
<b>Authorised</b>		
25,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
<b>Called up, allotted and fully paid</b>		
10,431 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

### 15. Reserves

	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	Revaluation reserve	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 January 2011	26	(4,046)	1,579	(2,441)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	-	274	-	274
Transfer from revaluation reserve to profit and loss account	-	41	(41)	-
<b>At 31 December 2011</b>	<u>26</u>	<u>(3,731)</u>	<u>1,538</u>	<u>(2,167)</u>

### 16. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' deficit

	2011	2010
	£'000	£'000
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	<u>274</u>	<u>(3,237)</u>
Net reduction/(increase) in shareholders' deficit	<u>274</u>	<u>(3,237)</u>
Opening shareholders' deficit	(2,431)	806
Closing shareholders' deficit	<u>(2,157)</u>	<u>(2,431)</u>

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### 17. Contingent liabilities

- a) The Company is a member of a group VAT registration and as such has contingent liabilities for VAT in respect of other members of the Group
- b) On 21 December 2006, the Company was a party to the refinancing of Azincourt Investment, S L ("Azincourt") and its subsidiary companies. Azincourt was the company used by Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S A ("FCC") for the acquisition of FCC Environment (UK) Limited (then known as Waste Recycling Group Limited) and its subsidiary undertakings, including the Company. The Company agreed to advance funds to Azincourt under the Group's cash pooling arrangements for the purposes of, among other things, the repayment of principal, interest or other amounts under the Facility Agreement, or the payment of any other costs or expenses incurred by Azincourt directly or indirectly in connection with its acquisition of FCC Environment (UK) Limited. The Company also entered in to a floating charge over all its present and future rights, title and interest to the cash pooling account and all amounts credited to it in its favour.
- c) On 27 September 2006, the Company together with several other Group companies, entered into a Letter of Credit Facility for £50 million with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, allowing it to have performance bonds and letters of credit issued on its behalf necessary for the business of the Company.
- d) The Group must comply with the Environment Agency's financial provisioning requirements for its landfill sites in England and Wales, which is satisfied by providing financial security bonds totalling £96.7million (2010 £92.1million). The value of the bonds issued in the Company's name for this financial provisioning requirement at 31 December 2011 was £3.4million (2010 £3.3million). However, the Company is an indemnifying party to the other Group bonds and as such has contingent liabilities for environmental provisions in respect of other members of the Group.

### 18. Operating lease commitment

	Land and buildings		Plant and machinery	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Which expire				
Within one year	-	-	4	4
In two to five years	4	4	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>
	-	4	4	4

### 19. Pension contributions

The Company participates in the defined contribution schemes operated by FCCE on behalf of its eligible employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds.

The contributions made by the Company under the schemes during the year were as follows

	2011	2010
	£'000	£'000
Defined contribution scheme	<u>54</u>	<u>55</u>



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## **Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2011**

### **20. Related party transactions**

The Directors regard all subsidiaries of FCC as related parties. In the ordinary course of business, the Company has traded with fellow subsidiaries of FCC.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 8 from disclosing details of those transactions with other wholly owned subsidiaries of FCC.

### **21. Ultimate parent company**

The immediate parent of the Company is Finstop Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

The Directors regard Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S A, a company registered in Spain, as the ultimate parent entity and Esther Koplowitz Romero de Juseu to be the ultimate controlling party.

Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S A is the parent company of the largest group of which the Company is a member and for which group accounts are drawn up. FCC Environment (UK) Limited (formerly known as Waste Recycling Group Limited) is the parent company of the smallest group of which the Company is a member and for which group accounts are drawn up. Copies of the financial statements of both FCC Environment (UK) Limited and Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, S A are available from the Company Secretary, Ground Floor West, 900 Pavilion Drive, Northampton Business Park, Northampton, NN4 7RG.