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**PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

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**PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

**DIRECTORS**

E A Gretton  
J M Morris (appointed 25 February 2013)  
S Pirinccioğlu  
P K Redmond (appointed 25 February 2013)  
M R Atkinson (resigned 25 February 2013)

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

R T V Tyson

**COMPANY NUMBER**

00648560

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Hanson House  
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**AUDITOR**

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## **PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principal activity of the Company was that of landfill and site restoration

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £49,697 (2011 - loss £57,487)

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2011 £nil)

#### **PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Company's results arise from transactions with fellow group undertakings in the group headed by HeidelbergCement AG. The Directors are therefore of the opinion that the Company is not directly exposed to significant risks and uncertainty, however, by the very nature of its activities, the Company is indirectly exposed to similar risks and uncertainties to those faced by other group companies. Details of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the group headed by HeidelbergCement AG are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The Directors anticipate that the present level of activity will continue in the foreseeable future.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors who served during the year and to the date of this report were

E A Gretton  
S Pirinccioglu  
M R Atkinson (resigned 25 February 2013)  
J M Morris (appointed 25 February 2013)  
P K Redmond (appointed 25 February 2013)

#### **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY**

A fellow group undertaking has indemnified, by means of directors and officers' liability insurance, one or more of the Directors of the Company against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision was in force during the year and is in force as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

## **PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

#### **GOING CONCERN**

The Company's assets include amounts receivable from group undertakings. The recoverability of these assets is dependent on the financial position of the HeidelbergCement AG group, of which the Company is an indirect subsidiary.

The Directors, having assessed the responses of the management of the Company's ultimate parent HeidelbergCement AG to their enquiries, have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the HeidelbergCement AG group to continue as a going concern.

On the basis of their assessment of the Company's financial position and of the enquiries made of the management of HeidelbergCement AG, the Company's Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 judgments 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,
- 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 and 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 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.

**PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

**PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of any information needed by the Company's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information

**AUDITOR**

Ernst & Young LLP, having confirmed their willingness to act, will continue in office as auditors of the Company

This report was approved by the board on 13 August 2013 and signed on its behalf



**R T V Tyson**  
Secretary

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Pioneer Aggregates (UK) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012, which comprise the Profit and loss account, the Balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 14. 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 THE 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 Directors' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for 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 2012 and of its loss 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 OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

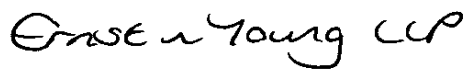
In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED

### 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



Jane Barwell (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

**Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor**

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14 August 2013



**PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2012 £</b>	<b>2011 £</b>
Other operating charges		(45,357)	(58,127)
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(45,357)</b>	<b>(58,127)</b>
Interest receivable and similar income	<b>4</b>	-	640
Interest payable and similar charges	<b>5</b>	(4,340)	-
<b>LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>(49,697)</b>	<b>(57,487)</b>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	<b>6</b>	-	-
<b>LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>(49,697)</b>	<b>(57,487)</b>

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2012 or 2011 other than those included in the Profit and loss account

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements

**PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 00648560**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2012**

	Note	£	2012 £	£	2011 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	5,553,254		5,543,607	
Cash at bank		215,965		220,212	
		<u>5,769,219</u>		<u>5,763,819</u>	
<b>CREDITORS</b> amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(445,933)</u>		<u>(325,575)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			5,323,286		5,438,244
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>5,323,286</u>		<u>5,438,244</u>
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>					
Provisions	9		<u>(1,724,275)</u>		<u>(1,789,536)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>3,599,011</u>		<u>3,648,708</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Called up share capital	10		2		2
Profit and loss account	11		<u>3,599,009</u>		<u>3,648,706</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	12		<u>3,599,011</u>		<u>3,648,708</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 13 August 2013



**J M Morris**  
Director

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements

## PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

##### 1.2 Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Company is in a position to meet its obligations as they fall due

##### 1.3 Cash flow

The Company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1

##### 1.4 Deferred taxation

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 have occurred that will result in an obligation to pay more, or right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exceptions

- Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation of fixed assets (and similar fair value adjustments), or gains on disposal of fixed assets only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made when, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax when the replacement assets are sold

- Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

##### 1.5 Provisions for liabilities

A provision is recognised when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation

Provisions for the expected costs of restoration are charged against profits when required. The effect of the time value of money is not material and therefore the provisions are not discounted

#### 2. OPERATING LOSS

	2012 £	2011 £
Auditors remuneration	-	-
Fees for audit and non-audit services provided to the Company have been borne by other group undertakings. It is not practicable to ascertain what proportion of such fees relates to the Company		

## PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### 3. STAFF COSTS

The Company has no employees other than the Directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2011 - £nil)

#### 4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2012 £	2011 £
Bank interest received	-	640

#### 5. INTEREST PAYABLE

	2012 £	2011 £
On loans from group undertakings	4,340	-

#### 6. TAXATION

	2012 £	2011 £
UK corporation tax charge on loss for the year	-	-

#### Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2011 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24.5% (2011 - 26.5%). The differences are explained below

	2012 £	2011 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(49,697)	(57,487)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24.5% (2011 - 26.5%)	(12,176)	(15,234)
<b>Effects of</b>		
Changes in provisions leading to an increase (decrease) in the tax charge	(15,989)	(28,299)
Group relief	(16,993)	(6,032)
Transfer pricing adjustments	45,158	49,565
<b>Current tax charge for the year</b>	-	-

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

Announcements were made after the balance sheet date about changes in the corporation tax rates that will have an effect on future tax charges of the Company. The change that has been announced is a reduction on 1 April 2014 from 23% to 21% and on 1 April 2015 to 20%.

## PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### 7. DEBTORS

	2012 £	2011 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	5,543,415	5,543,415
Prepayments and accrued income	8,342	188
VAT recoverable	1,497	4
	<u>5,553,254</u>	<u>5,543,607</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand

#### 8. CREDITORS

##### Amounts falling due within one year

	2012 £	2011 £
Trade creditors	19,238	12,972
Amounts owed to group undertakings	364,121	249,806
Accruals and deferred income	62,574	62,797
	<u>445,933</u>	<u>325,575</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings includes an amount of £195,331 (2011 £81,017) which attracts interest at the overnight LIBOR rate + 2.5%, the remaining amounts are interest free. All amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and repayable on demand

#### 9. PROVISIONS

	Restoration provision £
At 1 January 2012	1,789,536
Utilised in the year	(65,261)
At 31 December 2012	<u>1,724,275</u>

The restoration provision relates to the costs of restoring quarries and other sites after use, as required by legal or other constructive requirements. The restoration provision will be utilised over the period the site is restored.

The Company has a deferred tax asset amounting to £396,583 (2011 £447,384) in respect of the restoration provision, which has not been recognised, on the basis that there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recoverable. The asset would be recoverable in the event that the Company generates sufficient future taxable profits against which the release of the provision could be offset.

## PIONEER AGGREGATES (UK) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

#### 10. SHARE CAPITAL

	2012 £	2011 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

#### 11. RESERVES

	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2012	3,648,706
Loss for the year	(49,697)
At 31 December 2012	3,599,009

#### 12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2012 £	2011 £
Opening shareholders' funds	3,648,708	3,706,195
Loss for the year	(49,697)	(57,487)
Closing shareholders' funds	3,599,011	3,648,708

#### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS8 Related Party Transactions, not to disclose transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries in the group headed by HeidelbergCement AG

#### 14. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Pioneer Concrete Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is HeidelbergCement AG, a company registered in Germany. The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by HeidelbergCement AG. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of HeidelbergCement AG may be obtained from Berliner Strasse 6, D-69120 Heidelberg, Germany.