Registration number: 965517

**Public Relations Consultants Association Limited** 

(A company limited by guarantee)

**Directors' Report and Financial Statements** 

for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

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# Public Relations Consultants Association Limited Company Information

**Directors** Matthew Neale

Claire Walker
Francis Ingham
Guy Woodcock
Rachel Bell
Donna Zurcher
Sally Costerton
Colin Byrne
Steffan Williams
Richard Millar
Edward Williams
Gavin Devine

Elizabeth Lewis Jones Sarah Scholefield Jim Donaldson Denise Kaufman

Company secretary Francis Ingham

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**Auditors** Manningtons

Chartered Accountants

39 High Street

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## Public Relations Consultants Association Limited Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

#### Directors of the company

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

Matthew Neale

Alison Clarke - Chairman (resigned 9 July 2015)

Claire Walker

Crispin Manners (resigned 9 July 2015)

Francis Ingham

Guy Woodcock

Rachel Bell

David Gallagher (resigned 9 July 2015)

Donna Zurcher

Sally Costerton

Colin Byrne

Steffan Williams

Richard Millar

**Edward Williams** 

Gavin Devine

Elizabeth Lewis Jones

The following directors were appointed after the year end:

Sarah Scholefield (appointed 9 July 2015)

Jim Donaldson (appointed 1 May 2015)

Denise Kaufman (appointed 9 July 2015)

#### Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and which they know the auditor is unaware of.

#### **Small company provisions**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 25 September 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Francis Ingham Company secretary

### Public Relations Consultants Association Limited Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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 apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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 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.

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Public Relations Consultants Association Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Public Relations Consultants Association Limited for the year ended 31 March 2015, set out on pages 6 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (Effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

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 Statement of Directors' Responsibilities (set out on page 3), 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 (APB'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 Annual Report and Financial Statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on the 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 March 2015 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities; 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 Public Relations Consultants Association Limited

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#### 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Directors' Report and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

David Ames (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Manningtons, Statutory Auditor

39 High Street Battle

East Sussex

**TN33 0EE** 

Date: 7/10/15

# Public Relations Consultants Association Limited Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Turnover		2,505,220	2,130,993
Cost of sales		(949,484)	(842,091)
Gross profit		1,555,736	1,288,902
Administrative expenses		(1,574,644)	(1,267,351)
Operating (loss)/profit	2	(18,908)	21,551
Other interest receivable and similar income		1,377	5,141
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(17,531)	26,692
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	4	(2,344)	(3,693)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	9	(19,875)	22,999

#### **Public Relations Consultants Association Limited**

### (Registration number: 965517)

#### **Balance Sheet at 31 March 2015**

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	5	120,440	45,420
Current assets		•	
Debtors	6	1,318,647	914,527
Cash at bank and in hand		427,253	730,555
		1,745,900	1,645,082
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,397,549)	(1,201,836)
Net current assets		348,351	443,246
Net assets		468,791	488,666
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account	9	468,791	488,666
Non-equity funds		468,791	488,666

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective 2008).

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 25 September 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

Francis Ingham Director

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents amounts chargeable, net of value added tax, in respect of membership subscriptions and the provision of training, events and other services.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

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Leasehold properties Fixtures, fittings and equipment

#### Depreciation method and rate

Straight line over the life of the lease

25% Straight Line

### Hire purchase and leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### **Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are recognised in the profit and loss account in the period in which they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

#### 2 Operating (loss)/profit

Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:

		2015 £	2014 £
	Auditor's remuneration - The audit of the company's annual accounts	5,823	4,702
	Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	61	-
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	29,004	14,460
3	Directors' remuneration		
	The directors' remuneration for the year was as follows:		
		2015 £	2014 £
	Remuneration (including money purchase pension scheme contributions)	183,456	170,952

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	During the year the number of directors who were receiving	g benefits and sha	are incentives was as	follows:
			2015 No.	2014 No.
	Accruing benefits under money purchase pension scheme		1	1
4	Taxation			
	Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities		2015 £	2014 £
	Current tax			
	Corporation tax charge		2,344	3,693
5	Tangible fixed assets			
		Short leasehold land and buildings £	Fixtures and fittings	Total £
	Cost or valuation At 1 April 2014 Additions	52,467 70,979	178,115 33,107	230,582 104,086
	Disposals	(52,467)	(27,957)	(80,424)
	At 31 March 2015	70,979	183,265	254,244
	Depreciation At 1 April 2014 Charge for the year Eliminated on disposals	52,467 9,233 (52,467)	132,695 19,771 (27,895)	185,162 29,004 (80,362)
	At 31 March 2015	9,233	124,571	133,804
	Net book value			
	At 31 March 2015	61,746	58,694	120,440
	At 31 March 2014	-	45,420	45,420

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#### 6 Debtors

	2015 £	2014 £
Trade debtors	1,166,503	818,686
Other debtors	152,144	95,841
	1,318,647	914,527
7 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
	2015 £	2014 £
Trade creditors	171,936	132,883
Corporation tax	2,344	3,719
Other taxes and social security	274,012	246,860
Other creditors	949,257	818,374
	1,397,549	1,201,836

#### 8 Company status

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £5 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

#### 9 Reserves

	Profit and	
	loss account £	Total £
At 1 April 2014	488,666	488,666
Loss for the year	(19,875)	(19,875)
At 31 March 2015	468,791	468,791

#### 10 Pension schemes

#### Defined contribution pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £15,046 (2014 - £15,162).

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#### 11 Commitments

#### **Operating lease commitments**

As at 31 March 2015 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows: Operating leases which expire:

	2015 £	2014 £
Within one year	20,844	54,375

#### 12 Related party transactions

#### Other related party transactions

During the year the company made the following related party transactions:

#### **Firefly Communications Group**

(The director, Clare Walker, is an accredited trainer for PRCA and also owns the above company)

Firefly Communications Group was paid a total of £5,147 (2014 - £3,390) during the year for provision of courses. Firefly Communications Group was also a member of PRCA at a cost of £7,080 (2014 - £6,360). At the balance sheet date the amount due from Firefly Communications Group was £3,630 (2014 - £4,770).