Registered number: 00996488

## **VIEWGROVE INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

N Benning-Prince R C Dowley **Directors** 

E A Gretton

Dr C M Wendt (resigned 16 September 2021) A Quilez Somolinos (appointed 16 September 2021)

W F Rogers **Company secretary** 

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Registered office Hanson House

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **Principal activity**

The Company did not trade during the current or prior year and, therefore, the financial statements comprise the Balance Sheet and related notes only.

#### Going concern

The Company has limited activity outside of the HeidelbergCement AG ("HCAG") group and therefore its ongoing activity is dependent on the operational activity of the HCAG group.

On the basis of their assessment of the Company's financial position and relevant enquiries, the Directors have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern. The Directors have noted that the ultimate parent undertaking, HCAG, has made an assessment on the impact of the Ukraine crisis. Whilst HCAG is not able to make a reliable forecast of the impact as a result of the Ukraine crisis, its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 continue to be prepared on a going concern basis, whilst recognising that there will be volatility in energy markets ahead.

Thus the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **Directors**

The Directors who served during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

N Benning-Prince R C Dowley E A Gretton Dr C M Wendt (resigned 16 September 2021) A Quilez Somolinos (appointed 16 September 2021)

## **Directors' indemnity**

HeidelbergCement AG has indemnified, by means of directors' and officers' liability insurance, one or more 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. 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.

The articles of association also provide for the Directors to be indemnified by the Company subject to the provisions of the Companies Act.

This report was approved by the board on 16 September 2022 and signed on its behalf.

W F.Rogers Secretary

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# VIEWGROVE INVESTMENTS LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 00996488

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Current assets	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	3	4	4
Net assets	. =	4	4
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	4	4	4
Total equity	-	4	4

For the year ended 31 December 2021 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006.

Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 16 September 2022.

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R C Dowley Director

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 1. General information

Viewgrove Investments Limited ("the Company") is a limited company incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is disclosed in the Company Information.

## 2. Accounting policies

### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The Company's financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is also the Company's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest pound (£).

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have, unless otherwise stated, been consistently applied to all periods presented.

The Company is part of the HeidelbergCement AG group and is included in the consolidated financial statements of HeidelbergCement AG. The Company therefore qualifies for the reduced disclosures for subsidiaries under FRS 102 including the exemption to present a cash flow statement. The Company is also exempt under Section 33.1A of FRS 102 from disclosing related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries of the HeidelbergCement AG group.

## 2.2 Going concern

The Company has limited activity outside of the HeidelbergCement AG ("HCAG") group and therefore its on-going activity is dependent on the operational activity of the HCAG group.

On the basis of their assessment of the Company's financial position and relevant enquiries, the Directors have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern. The Directors have noted that the ultimate parent undertaking, HCAG, has made an assessment on the impact of the Ukraine crisis. Whilst HCAG is not able to make a reliable forecast of the impact as a result of the Ukraine crisis, its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 continue to be prepared on a going concern basis, whilst recognising that there will be volatility in energy markets ahead.

Thus the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 2.3 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities and loans to related parties.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance Sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.4 Classification of shares as debt or equity

An equity instrument is a contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all its liabilities. Accordingly, a financial instrument is treated as equity if:

- (i) there is no contractual obligation to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or liabilities on terms that may be unfavourable; and
- (ii) the instrument is a non-derivative that contains no contractual obligations to deliver a variable number of shares or is a derivative that will be settled only by the Company exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other assets for a fixed number of the Company's own equity instruments.

The proceeds of an issue are allocated to shareholders' equity, net of transaction costs. The carrying amount of equity is not re-measured in subsequent years.

When shares are issued that create a financial liability of the Company they are presented as a liability in the balance sheet; measured initially at fair value net of transaction costs and thereafter at amortised cost until extinguished on conversion or redemption. The corresponding dividends relating to the liability component are charged as interest expense in the profit and loss.

The Company's non-redeemable preference share has been accounted for as equity (see note 4).

#### 3. Debtors

·	2021 £	2020 £
Due within one year		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4	4
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Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

## 4. Share capital

	2021 £	2020 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
3 (2020 - 3) ordinary shares of £1 each	3	3
1 (2020 - 1) non-redeemable preference share of £1	1	1
	4	4
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 4. Share capital (continued)

The Directors have considered the accounting treatment of the £1 non-redeemable preference shares in relation to FRS102 Section 22: Liabilities and Equity, and are of the opinion that these shares are in substance an equity instrument and are accordingly disclosed as equity in the balance sheet.

Dividends on the preference shares were not paid during the year (2020 - £nil).

### Rights attached to shares

The ordinary shares and non-redeemable preference shares rank pari passu in all respects except that the rights attaching to the preference shares are as follows:

#### Dividends

The right in priority to any other class of shares or stock to be paid a cumulative dividend of £3,000,000,000, payable in sterling at such rate as the Directors may resolve to pay from time to time, subject to the maximum amount permitted by law but, upon payment having been made of such cumulative dividend, no further right to participate in dividends declared by the Company.

#### Voting

The right to receive notice of and to attend but not to vote at any general meeting of the Company save that if:

- (a) the meeting is convened for the purpose of considering the purchase by the Company of any of its own shares or a reduction of the capital of, or the winding up of, the Company; or
- (b) the proposition to be submitted to the meeting abrogates or varies or otherwise directly affects the special rights and privileges attaching to the preference shares.

Then upon a show of hands every holder of preference shares present in person shall have one vote and upon a poll every such holder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every preference share held by him.

### Return of capital

The right in priority to any payment in respect of the Company's ordinary share capital issued by the Company on a repayment of assets, whether on a winding up or reduction of capital or otherwise, to the payment of the nominal value of the preference shares but, upon such payment of the nominal value having been made, no further right to participate in the distribution of the Company's assets.

#### Special class rights

Except with the prior consent or sanction of the holders of the preference shares, no further shares ranking as to dividend or as to capital in priority to or pari passu with preference shares shall be created or issued so long as any preference shares remain in issue.

#### 5. Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 33.1A of FRS102 not to disclose transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries in the group headed by HeidelbergCement AG. Balances outstanding at 31 December with related parties, are as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts owed by indirect parent undertaking	4	. 4

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

## 6. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Hanson (FP) 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.