Company Number: 1048050

# BALNAGOWN CASTLE PROPERTIES LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st December 2008

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

Directors:

D.S. Crawford

M. Collins

Secretary:

A. Morgan

Registered Office:

55 Park Lane

London WIY 3DB

**Company Number:** 

1048050

**Reporting Accountants:** 

A.W Gray & Butler Chartered Accountants 10 Knockbreck Street

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Ross-shire IV19 1BJ

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2008. The Directors' Report and Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Special Provisions of Part V11of the Companies Act relating to small companies.

# PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the Company is the management of estate properties in Scotland together with farming activities and the management of native woodlands and a visitor centre. The results for the year ended 31st December 2008 set out on page 6.

#### PROPOSED DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

#### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Charitable donations of £ nil were made during the year (2007 - £ nil).

#### **DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

The Directors who held office during the year ended 31st December 2008 are as follows:-

D.S. Crawford M. Collins

None of the Directors held any beneficial interest in the shares of the Company or any other Group Companies during the period.

#### REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS

A resolution to reappoint A.W. Gray & Butler as reporting accountants will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Company Secretary

## **ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF**

#### **BALNAGOWN CASTLE PROPERTIES LIMITED**

You consider that the company is exempt from an audit for the year ended 31st December 2008. You have acknowledged on the balance sheet your responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and for preparing records which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its profit or loss for the financial year.

In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared the accounts which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records of the company and on the basis of information and explanations you have given to us.

We have not carried out an audit or any other review, and consequently we do not express any opinion on these accounts.

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A.W. Gray & Butler Chartered Accountants

10 Knockbreck Street TAIN Ross-shire IV19 1BJ

#### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- \* make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- \* state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- \* prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They 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.

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31st December 2008

	Note	2008	2007
		£	£
TURNOVER	2	1,961,458	1,765,530
Cost of Sales		1,485,662	1,551,848
GROSS PROFIT		475,796	213,682
Administration Costs Interest receivable	3	971,982 (513)	432,157 (828)
PROFIT / (LOSS) - on Ordinary activities before taxation	4	(495,673)	(217,647)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	0	0
PROFIT / (LOSS) - on Ordinary activities after taxation	12	(495,673)	(217,647)

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these accounts.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the result for the above two financial years.

#### **BALANCE SHEET at 31st December 2008**

	note		2008		2007
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Assets	8		249,493		274,366
CURRENT ASSETS Stock Debtors Cash in bank and on hand	9 10	422,062 777,776 466,112	-	461,673 831,829 95,652	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11 _	1,665,950 4,970,928	-	1,389,154 4,223,332	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	(3,304,978)	_	(2,834,178)
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILI	TIES		(3,055,485)		(2,559,812)
NET LIABILITIES		-	(3,055,485)	- -	(2,559,812)
Represented by:-					
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Accumulated losses	13 12	-	100 (3,055,585) (3,055,485)	-	100 (2,559,912) (2,559,812)
		=		=	

For the year ended December 31 2008, the company was entitled to exemption under section 249a(1) of the Companies Act 1985. No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249b(2). The directors acknowledge their responsibility for: i) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and ii) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 2014 October 2009

D.S. Crawford
Director

Company Registration No. 1048050

The notes on pages 8 - 13 form part of these accounts.

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

#### 1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's accounts:-

#### a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules and on a going concern basis having regard to a written assurance given by the Holding Company that it will make adequate finance facilities available to support continued operations.

#### b) Going Concern basis / Holding Company loans

The Holding Company loan (see note 11) carries an interest rate of 7.715% from April 1 2008. The Holding Company have intimated that no demand will be made for repayment of the loan in the foreseeable future. The financial statements are therefore prepared on the going concern basis as the Company holds sufficient reserves to meet any liabilities due.

#### c) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on the cost of fixed assets in order to write them off by equal instalments over their estimated useful lives as follows:-

Motor vehicles 4 years
Plant and equipment 6.7 years

#### d) Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on all timing differences.

#### e) Cashflow Statements

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption available to small companies.

#### f) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

2.	TURNOVER		£	
	Turnover represents amounts invoiced by the Company in reprovided during the year, excluding value added tax.	espect of goods sold a	nd services	
3.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	2008 £	2007 £	
	On bank accounts	513	828	
4.	LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR			
	Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation is stated	after charging the follo	wing:-	
		2008 £	2007 £	
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Directors' emoluments (see note 6) Reporting Accountants' fees	80,642 0 2,000	77,971 0 1,000	
		82,642	78,971	
5.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
	The tax charge is calculated as follows:-	2008 £	2007 £	
	Provision for year	0	0	
6.	EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS			
	Excluding pension contributions, the emoluments of the Chairman was £ nil (2007: nil) and the highest paid Director £ nil (2007: nil). The emoluments of all the Directors were within the following			
	range:-	2008 £	2007 £	
	£0 - £5,000	2	2	

# **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

# 7. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

The average nuber of persons employed by the Company including Directors analysed by category, was as follows:-

	2008 £	2007 £
Administration and management Other	6 48	6 42
	54	48
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons	were as follows:-	
	2008 £	2007 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	864,247 75,198 33,209	667,062 59,815 22,736
	972,654	749,613

# **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

8. TANGIBLE ASSETS			
	Plant and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Cost at 1st January 2008 Additions in year Disposals in year	821,872 55,770	74,259	896,131 55,770 0
Cost at 31st December 2008	877,642	74,259	951,901
Depreciation at 1st January 2008 Charge for the year Depreciation written back on disposals	554,876 77,810	66,890 2,832	621,766 80,642 0
Depreciation at 31st December 2008	632,686	69,722	702,408
Net book value at 31st December 2008	244,956	4,537	249,493
Net book value at 31st December 2007	266,996	7,369	274,365
9. STOCK			
	2008 £		2007 £
Livestock Quota Feed, Fertiliser, Chemicals Brochures, leaflets, labels & pictures Shop products & restaurant produce	252,293 29,123 29,175 5,750 105,721 422,062	_	274,973 39,123 38,374 5,750 103,453 461,673
10. DEBTORS	2008 £		2007 £
Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	88,611 610,302 78,863	_	191,437 530,741 109,651
	777,776	_	831,829

# **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

# 11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2008 £	2007 £
Trade Creditors	298,650	353,458
Taxes and social security	61,764	21,064
Accruals and deferred income	124,617	80,099
Amounts owed to Group Companies	4,485,897	3,768,711
	4,970,928	4,223,332
12. MOVEMENTS ON SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
	2008 £	2007 £
Profit / (Loss) for the year	(495,673)	(217,647)
Opening Shareholders' Funds	(2,559,912)	(2,342,265)
Closing Shareholders' Funds	(3,055,585)	(2,559,912)
13. SHARE CAPITAL		
	2008 £	2007 £
Authorised:		
100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
Allotted, called up and fully paid:	100	100
14. PROVISIONS FOR DEFERRED TAX	2008 £	2007 £
Deferred capital allowances	0	0

No provision is required for deferred taxation as tax written down values of assets exceed financial statement values. No deferred tax asset is recognised as tax losses carried forward mean such assets are unlikely to be recoverable in the foreseeable future.

#### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

# 15. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY AND PARENT UNDERTAKING OF LARGER GROUP OF WHICH THE COMPANY IS A MEMBER

The ultimate Holding Company is TANE FOUNT S.A., a Company incorporated in Liechtenstein. The shares continue to be under the control and held for the benefit of the Fayed family.

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Tane Fount S.A. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Bocardo S.A., a Company incorporated in Liechtenstein. The accounts of neither Company are available to the public.

#### 16. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Turnover includes £510,616 (2007: £425,481) of management charges receivable from related parties, Ross Estates Company and Bocardo S.A. The charges relate to the management of property on the estate. It also includes sales of £66,200 ( 2007: £32,115) to Harrods Ltd.

#### 17.PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees with Sun Alliance Assurance Company. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in a fund which is independently administered. At balance sheet date, unpaid contributions to the fund were  $\pounds$  nil ( 2007:  $\pounds$  nil).