## Registration number 1156173

### **GREATER LONDON HIRE LIMITED**

Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 30 April 2011

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### Company information

Directors

Robert Scott BA

I Ross Gibbons CA,

Dominic Anthony

Neil Michaeloudis ACA

John M Scott

Cara Hurley Zoe Powers Deceased

Chairman(Non-executive)

Secretary

Neil Michaeloudis ACA

Company number

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## Directors' report for the year ended 30 April 2011

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

#### Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of the company is as car, bike and van delivery services

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The company's objectives are to expand its activities but without putting at risk its profitability or liquidity Full regard is made to external market conditions and the directors regularly review its procedures in order to safeguard these objectives

#### Directors

The directors who served during the year are as stated below

John M Scott Died May 2011
Robert Scott BA
I Ross Gibbons CA, Non - executive chairman
Dominic Anthony
Neil Michaeloudis ACA
Cara Hurley
Zoe Powers

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- 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.

In so far as the directors are aware

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and

## Directors' report for the year ended 30 April 2011

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- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

#### **Auditors**

Venitt & Greaves are deemed to be reappointed in accordance with Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the Board on 22 November and signed on its behalf by

Neil Michaeloudis ACA Secretary

Robert Scott BA

Director

## Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of GREATER LONDON HIRE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of GREATER LONDON HIRE LIMITED for the year ended 30 April 2011 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes. 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 auditors' 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

#### 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

#### 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 30 April 2011 and of its profit 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

#### 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 and the directors' report in accordance with the small companies regime

## Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of GREATER LONDON HIRE LIMITED

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Malcolm Venitt (senior statutory auditor) ACA

For and on behalf of Venitt & Greaves

**Chartered Accountants and** 

**Registered Auditors** 

115 Craven Park Road London N15 6BL

# Profit and loss account for the year ended 30 April 2011

		2011	2010
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	2	9,243,469	8,726,169
Cost of sales		(5,297,750)	(4,923,922)
Gross profit		3,945,719	3,802,247
Administrative expenses		(3,685,913)	(3,601,280)
Operating profit	3	259,806	200,967
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(38,635)	(41,994)
Profit on ordinary		<del></del>	·
activities before taxation		221,171	158,973
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
Profit for the year	15	221,171	158,973
Retained profit brought forward		1,265,647	1,156,674
Reserve Movements		(60,000)	(50,000)
Retained profit carried forward		1,426,818	1,265,647
Statement of total recognised gai Profit on ordinary	ns and losses		
activities after taxation		221,171	158,973
Unrealised movement on revaluation	on of property	40,391	40,391
Total recognised gains since last	annual report	261,562	199,364

## Balance sheet as at 30 April 2011

		20	11	2010		
	Notes	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets	8		382,511		83,517	
Tangible assets	9		993,081		1,084,377	
Investments	10		100		100	
			1,375,692		1,167,994	
Current assets						
Debtors	11	2,255,771		1,864,252		
Cash at bank and in hand		2,132		5,716		
		2,257,903		1,869,968		
Creditors: amounts falling						
due within one year	12	(1,921,709)		(1,365,285)		
Net current assets			336,194		504,683	
Total assets less current liabilities			1,711,886		1,672,677	
Creditors: amounts falling due						
after more than one year	13		(236,657)		(358,619)	
Net assets			1,475,229		1,314,058	
Capital and reserves						
Called up share capital	14		8,020		8,020	
Revaluation reserve	15		40,391		40,391	
Profit and loss account	15		1,426,818		1,265,647	
Shareholders' funds			1,475,229		1,314,058	

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 22nd November 2011 and signed on its behalf by

Robert Scott BA

Director

Registration number 1156173

## Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 April 2011

	201	11	2010	
	£	£	£	£
Operating profit	259,806		200,967	
Reconciliation to cash generated from operations				
Depreciation	514,709		564,707	
(Increase) in trade debtors	(390,253)		141,919	
(Increase) in other debtors	94,743		(102,995)	
Increase in trade creditors	66,102		(65,668)	
Increase in other creditors	84,101		145,352	
		629,208		884,282
Cash from other sources				
Issue of shares for cash	-		15	
Proceeds from sales of tangible fixed assets	51,047		17,785	
		51,047		17,800
Application of cash				r
Interest paid	(38,635)		(41,994)	
Dividends paid	(60,000)		(50,000)	
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	(393,150)		(125,342)	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(380,467)		(522,845)	
		(872,252)		(740,181)
Net increase in cash in the year Cash at bank and in hand less		(191,997)		161,901
overdrafts at beginning of year		(138,680)		(300,581)
Cash at bank and in hand less				
overdrafts at end of year		(330,677)		(138,680)
Consisting of		<del></del>		=====
Consisting of Cash at bank and in hand		2 122		5 71 6
Overdrafts		2,132		5,716
Overdiants		(332,809)		(144,396)
		(330,677)		(138,680)

## Major non-cash transactions: finance leases

During the year the company entered into finance lease arrangements in respect of assets with a total capital value at the inception of the leases of £204,988

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets

#### 1.2. Changes in accounting policy

In preparing the financial statements for the current year, the company has adopted the following Financial Reporting Standards

#### 1.3. Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year and derives from the provision of goods falling within the company's ordinary activities

#### 1.4. Goodwill

Acquired goodwill is written off in equal annual instalments over its estimated useful economic life of 5 years

#### 1.5. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows

Leasehold properties

Straight line over the life of the lease

Plant and machinery

variable 10% - 25% straight line basis

Motor vehicles

- 40% written down value basis

#### 1.6. Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

#### 1.7. Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value

#### 1.8. Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year

The regular cost of providing retirement pensions and related benefits is charged to the profit and loss account over the employees' service lives on the basis of a constant percentage of earnings

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

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#### 1.9. 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 at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exceptions

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement 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 where, 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 only where the replacement assets are sold,

Provision is made for deferred tax that would arise on remittance of the retained earnings of overseas subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, dividends have been accrued as receivable,

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is 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 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

#### 2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK

		2011 £	2010 £
3.	Operating profit	2011 £	2010 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging	~	
	Depreciation and other amounts written off intangible assets	94,201	41,825
	Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	418,157	514,856
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	2,351	8,026
	Auditors' remuneration (Note 4)	2,000	2,000
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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

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4.	Auditors' remuneration		
		2011 £	2010 £
	Auditors' remuneration - audit of the financial statements	2,200	2,000
5.	Employees		
	Number of employees	2011	2010
	The average monthly numbers of employees		
	(including the directors) during the year were		
	Directors	6	4
	Adminstration	8	8
	Production	95	73
		109	85
			====
	Employment costs	2011	2010
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	2,486,976	2,373,714
	Pension costs-other operating charge	38,244	35,173
		2,525,220	2,408,887
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5.1.	Directors' remuneration	2011	2010
2121		£	£
	Remuneration and other emoluments	478,575	469,382
	Pension contributions	4,791	3,600
		483,366	472,982
		<del></del>	====
		Number	Number
	Number of directors to whom retirement benefits		
	are accruing under a money purchase scheme	5	5
	Highest paid director	£	£
	Amounts included above Emoluments and other benefits	255,327	237,401

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

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#### 6. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the directors. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and amounted to £38,244 (2010 - £35,173).

### 7. Dividends

### Dividends paid and proposed on equity shares

	2011 £	2010 £
Paid during the year	_	_
Equity dividends on Ordinary shares	60,000	50,000
	60,000	50,000

### 8. Intangible fixed assets

	Goodwill £	Total £
Cost	<b>∞</b>	~
At 1 May 2010	125,342	125,342
Additions	393,150	393,150
At 30 April 2011	518,492	518,492
Amortisation	<del></del>	
At 1 May 2010	41,825	41,825
Charge for year	94,156	94,156
At 30 April 2011	135,981	135,981
Net book values		
At 30 April 2011	382,511	382,511
At 30 April 2010	83,517	83,517

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

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9.	Tangible fixed assets	Short leasehold	Long leasehold	Plant and	Motor	
		property	property	machinery	vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	Cost/revaluation					
	At 1 May 2010	94,525	195,581	448,251	1,490,223	2,228,580
	Additions	-	-	35,100	345,369	380,469
	Disposals	-	-	(129,460)	(198,183)	(327,643)
	At 30 April 2011	94,525	195,581	353,891	1,637,409	2,281,406
	Depreciation				***	
	At 1 May 2010	46,014	23,685	323,694	750,812	1,144,205
	Revaluation	-	(14,644	) -	(10,517)	(25,161)
	On disposals	-	-	(119,819)	(154,426)	(274,245)
	Charge for the year	7,156	1,540	51,167	383,663	443,526
	At 30 April 2011	53,170	10,581	255,042	969,532	1,288,325
	Net book values				-	
	At 30 April 2011	41,355	185,000	98,849	667,877	993,081
	At 30 April 2010	48,511	171,896	124,557	739,411	1,084,377

Long Leasehold property was revalued by Last & Mazin, an independent firm of chartered surveyors, on an open market existing use basis at £185,000 as at 30th April 2011 Nat West Bank Plc has legal charge over the longlease

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows

	20	2010		
Asset description	Net book value £	Depreciation charge	•	
Motor vehicles	667,877	373,147	739,411	441,425

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

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10.	Fixed asset investments		Subsic underta shai £	ıkings	Total £
	Cost				
	At 1 May 2010 At 30 April 2011			100	100
	Net book values At 30 April 2011		-	100	100
	At 30 April 2010		=	100	100
11.	Debtors	2011 £	2010 £		
	Trade debtors	1,505,742	1,115,489		
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	531,976	427,405		
	Other debtors	37,588	44,884		
	Prepayments and accrued income	180,465	276,474		
		2,255,771	1,864,252		
	Amount owed by group undertaking is unsecured,	interest free an	d have no fix	ed date of r	epayment
	Amounts falling due after more than one year and	ıncluded ın debi	tors are		
	Amounts owed by group undertaking			400,000	400,000
				400,000	400,000

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

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12.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2011 £	2010 £
	Bank overdraft	332,809	144,396
	Net obligations under finance leases		
	and hire purchase contracts	332,762	316,292
	Trade creditors	238,179	172,077
	Corporation tax	755	755
	Other taxes and social security costs	315,496	235,351
	Directors' accounts	1,501	1,674
	Other creditors	176,200	171,451
	Accruals and deferred income	524,007	323,289
		1,921,709	1,365,285
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The bank overdraft are secured by a fixed and floating charge, repayable on demand, over company's property at 44/48 Waterside, Wharf Road, London N1 7UX London, and an inter company cross guarantee, with its subsidiary Chase Cars & Couriers Ltd, by the The NatWest Bank Plc

13.	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2011 £	2010 £
	Net obligations under finance leases	227.752	259 (10
	and hire purchase contracts	236,657	358,619

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2011

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14.	Share capital		2011 £	2010 £
	Authorised			
	8,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		8,000	8,000
	100 Ordinary A non voting shares of £1 each		100	100
			8,100	8,100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		<del></del>	
	8,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		8,000	8,000
	20 Ordinary A non voting shares of £1 each		20	20
			8,020	8,020
	Equity Shares			
	8,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		8,000	8,000
	20 Ordinary A non voting shares of £1 each		20	20
			8,020 =====	8,020
			Profit	
15.	Reserves	Revaluation	and loss	
		reserve	account	Total
		£	£	£
	At 1 May 2010	-	1,265,647	1,265,647
	Revaluation of property	40,391		40,391
	Profit for the year		221,171	221,171
	Equity Dividends		(60,000)	(60,000)
	At 30 April 2011	40,391	1,426,818	1,467,209

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

## Detailed trading profit and loss account and expenses schedule for the year ended 30 April 2011

	2011		20	2010	
	£	£	£	£	
Sales		0.040.460		0.50< 1.00	
Sales		9,243,469		8,726,169	
		9,243,469		8,726,169	
Cost of sales	5 207 750		4 022 022		
Direct costs	5,297,750		4,923,922		
		(5,297,750)		(4,923,922)	
Gross profit		3,945,719		3,802,247	
Administrative expenses		3,7 (3,717		5,002,247	
Wages and salaries	2,008,401		1,904,332		
Directors' remuneration	478,575		469,382		
Directors' pension costs	4,791		3,600		
Staff pension costs	33,453		31,573		
Rent and rates	103,930		104,027		
Insurance	31,797		23,620		
Equipment and aerial expenses	23,367		23,020		
Light and heat	18,897				
Canteen and cleaning	29,046		17,125		
Repairs and maintenance			30,952		
•	30,705		22,407		
Printing, postage and stationery	22,969		38,864		
Advertising -sales and general	82,018		67,141		
Advertising -recruitment	38,779		29,603		
Telephone and fax charges	41,079		39,561		
Computer maintenance and supplies	47,298		45,611		
Leasing charges	9,678		4,519		
Motor expenses	5,437		9,764		
Travelling and subsistance	11,994		12,759		
Legal and professional	26,837		21,002		
Sales consultancy fees	50,915		50,995		
Accountancy	10,750		8,000		
Audit fees	2,000		2,000		
Bank charges	22,665		19,497		
Bad debts	1,876		27,477		
General expenses & Staff welfare	33,947		29,498		
Depreciation on intangible assets	94,201		41,825		
Amortisation on leasehold	(6,157)		8,354		
Depreciation on plant and machinery	51,167		65,077		
Depreciation on motor vehicles	373,147		441,425		
Profits/losses on disposal of tangible assets	2,351		8,026		
		3,685,913	<del></del>	3,601,280	
Operating profit		259,806		200,967	

## Detailed trading profit and loss account and expenses schedule for the year ended 30 April 2011

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
Interest neveble				
Interest payable Bank interest	3,995		5,292	
HP interest and fin lease charges	34,640		36,702	
		(38,635)		(41,994)
Net profit for the year		221,171		158,973
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