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**ELM TREE FARM LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT  
AND ACCOUNTS**

**31 MARCH 2007**

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## **ELM TREE FARM LIMITED**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

The directors submit their report, together with the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2007

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those accounts the directors are required to

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

The directors are responsible for keeping 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 accounts 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.

#### **REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS**

The company carries on arable farming operations at Elm Tree Farm, Stoney Houghton and associated lands. No changes in this activity have taken place during the year.

Turnover for the year was £439,820 (2006 - £479,789) and there was an operating loss of £40,199 (2006 - loss of £16,897). In the directors' opinion, the company has again finished the year well equipped to meet the challenges ahead.

#### **RESULTS**

The loss for the year after taxation was £29,085 (2006 - loss of £9,159) as detailed in the profit and loss account. The directors recommend that no dividend should be paid in respect of the year.

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### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)**

#### **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

The following were directors of the company throughout the year ended 31 March 2007

Duke of Devonshire  
Duchess of Devonshire  
Dowager Duchess of Devonshire  
N J Wood

None of the directors have an interest in the shares of Elm Tree Farm Limited

The Dowager Duchess of Devonshire and the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire have an interest in the shares of the holding company in whose Directors' Report those interests are stated

Mr N J Wood was appointed as a director on 28 April 2006

Mr N J Wood, having been appointed as a director since the last annual general meeting, retires in accordance with the articles of association and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election

In accordance with the company's articles of association the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers herself for re-election

#### **HOLDING COMPANY**

The whole of the allotted share capital is held by Chatsworth Holdings Limited, a company in which The Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement have a 91.55% interest

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

The management and directors keep alternative crops under review in order to achieve a good profit and to meet market demands whilst complying with best agricultural practice. Any good opportunities to extend the company's farming activities will be examined carefully and will be taken up if they are in the company's best interests

By Order of the Board

R S HILL  
Secretary

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Company No 1206244

20 December 2007

**ELM TREE FARM LIMITED**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007**

	Notes	2007	2006
<b>TURNOVER</b>		439,820	479,789
Cost of sales		(384,737)	(401,538)
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<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		55,083	78,251
Administrative expenses		(95,282)	(95,148)
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<b>OPERATING (LOSS)</b>	2	(40,199)	(16,897)
Interest receivable		4,321	5,000
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<b>(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		(35,878)	(11,897)
Tax on (loss) on ordinary activities	3	6,793	2,738
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<b>(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION</b>		(29,085)	(9,159)
Dividend		-	-
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<b>AMOUNT TRANSFERRED (FROM) RESERVES</b>	12	<b>£(29,085)</b>	<b>£(9,159)</b>
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There were no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year

The above results all arose from continuing operations

**ELM TREE FARM LIMITED**

**BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2007**

	Notes	2007	2006
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	186,654	197,086
Investment		15	15
		<u>186,669</u>	<u>197,101</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	7	132,292	123,122
Debtors	8	58,559	116,455
Cash at bank and in hand		299,854	260,571
		<u>490,705</u>	<u>500,148</u>
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	9	(169,258)	(160,327)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>321,447</u>	<u>339,821</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>508,116</u>	<u>536,922</u>
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES</b>			
Deferred taxation	10	(16,848)	(16,569)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>£491,268</u></u>	<u><u>£520,353</u></u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	11	72,000	72,000
Profit and loss account	12	419,268	448,353
<b>EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	13	<u><u>£491,268</u></u>	<u><u>£520,353</u></u>

**AUDIT EXEMPTION STATEMENT**

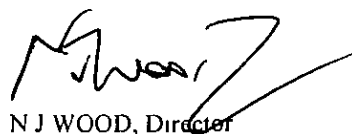
For the year ended 31 March 2007 the company was entitled to the exemption under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for

- (a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221, and
- (b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and 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

Approved by the Board on 20 December 2007 and signed on its behalf by

  
N J WOOD, Director

## ELM TREE FARM LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2007

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards

(b) Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided by the straight line method so as to reduce assets to their estimated realisable value over their useful lives. The lives attributed to assets are

	Number of years
Short leasehold buildings	15
Corn drying and storage installation	15
Farm plant and equipment	3 to 10
Tractors, combine harvesters and vehicles	4 to 7

(c) Stocks

Crops in store, growing crops and stocks of feed, fertilisers, chemicals and stores are stated at the lower of cost, including direct and indirect production costs, and estimated realisable value

(d) Deferred taxation

Apart from any liability arising from short-term timing differences, deferred taxation is only provided where the deferral is not expected to continue in the foreseeable future

(e) Set-aside and arable area payments

Set-aside and arable area payments are brought into the profit and loss account in the period in which credit is taken for the sale of the related crops

(f) Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available for small companies and has therefore not included a cash flow statement in the accounts

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2007 (continued)**

**2 OPERATING (LOSS) 2007 2006**

is stated after the following amounts

Staff costs The average number of persons employed during the year in addition to the directors was 4 (2006 - 4)

Wages and salaries	£120,855	£123,530
Social security costs	£11,273	£11,329
Other pension costs	£363	£525
Depreciation	£46,952	£50,275
(Profit) on sale of tangible assets	£(5,999)	£0
Set aside and arable area payments receivable	£(12,168)	£(13,981)
Single farm payment	£(77,823)	£(83,000)

Staff costs include £49,209 (2006 - £45,400) paid to 3 directors in respect of their services to the company

**3 TAX ON (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES 2007 2006**

The (credit)/charge for taxation for the year is as follows

UK corporation tax at 19% (2006 - 19%)	(7,102)	278
Under provision in prior years	0	155
Transfer (from)/to deferred taxation	279	(3,201)
Amount payable for group relief	30	30
	<b>£(6,793)</b>	<b>£(2,738)</b>

The charge to corporation tax in 2007 was reduced by losses transferred from the holding company for a consideration of 100%

## ELM TREE FARM LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2007 (continued)

#### 4 HOLDING COMPANY

Chatsworth Holdings Limited, a company registered in England, owned the whole of the company's allotted share capital throughout the year

The Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement hold 91.55% of the allotted share capital of Chatsworth Holdings Limited

#### 5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the company entered into various transactions with the Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement, who, as mentioned in Note 4, hold 91.55% of the allotted share capital of the company's parent company

The company has sold produce to the Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement during the year amounting to £7,930 (2006 - £15,231)

The company's farmland is owned by the Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement and in the year under review the company paid rent amounting to £56,438 (2006 - £56,438)

The Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement provide management services to Elm Tree Farm Limited and a fee is charged to the company representing the fair value of this service. During the year under review this amounted to £28,255 (2006 - £27,300)

#### 6 TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Short leasehold buildings	Corn drying and storage installation	Tractors, vehicles and implements	Total
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 April 2006	92,077	95,620	641,414	829,111
Additions	0	0	36,522	36,522
Disposals	0	0	(19,400)	(19,400)
<b>At 31 March 2007</b>	<b>92,077</b>	<b>95,620</b>	<b>658,536</b>	<b>846,233</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 April 2006	67,252	95,619	469,154	632,025
Charge for the period	2,159	0	31,394	33,553
Disposals	0	0	(5,999)	(5,999)
<b>At 31 March 2007</b>	<b>69,411</b>	<b>95,619</b>	<b>494,549</b>	<b>659,579</b>
<b>NET BOOK AMOUNT AT 31 March 2007</b>	<b>£22,666</b>	<b>£1</b>	<b>£163,987</b>	<b>£186,654</b>
<b>31 March 2006</b>	<b>£24,825</b>	<b>£1</b>	<b>£172,260</b>	<b>£197,085</b>



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<b>7 STOCKS</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Raw materials and consumables	41,386	32,498
Work in progress - growing crops	90,906	90,624
Crops in store	0	0
	<u><b>£132,292</b></u>	<u><b>£123,122</b></u>
 <b>8 DEBTORS</b>	 <b>2007</b>	 <b>2006</b>
Trade debtors	41,895	104,875
Other debtors	16,664	11,580
	<u><b>£58,559</b></u>	<u><b>£116,455</b></u>
 <b>9 CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)</b>	 <b>2007</b>	 <b>2006</b>
Trade creditors	47,680	44,358
Amount owed to Trustees of the Chatsworth Settlement	65,656	64,272
Amount owed to a group undertaking	60	30
Other creditors	54,434	50,074
Taxation and social security	1,428	1,593
	<u><b>£169,258</b></u>	<u><b>£160,327</b></u>
 <b>10 DEFERRED TAXATION</b>	 <b>2007</b>	 <b>2006</b>
Balance at 1 April 2005	16,569	19,770
Transfer (to)/from profit and loss account	279	(3,201)
	<u><b>£16,848</b></u>	<u><b>£16,569</b></u>

These amounts represent fixed asset related timing differences

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 MARCH 2007 (continued)**

<b>11 SHARE CAPITAL</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Authorised		
100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<b>£100,000</b>	<b>£100,000</b>
Allotted and fully paid		
72,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<b>£72,000</b>	<b>£72,000</b>
<b>12 RESERVES</b>	<b>Profit and Loss Account</b>	
At 1 April 2006	448,353	
Retained (loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	(29,085)	
At 31 March 2007	<b>£419,268</b>	
<b>13 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
(Loss) for the period	(29,085)	(9,159)
Opening shareholders' funds	520,353	529,512
Closing shareholders' funds	<b>£491,268</b>	<b>£520,353</b>

**14 COMPANY STATUS**

The company is a close company as defined by the Taxes Acts