# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 FOR THE SOCIETY OF HOMEOPATHS LIMITED

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# COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

**DIRECTORS:** A Kirk

S Nunn
P Haggie
R Jeutter
J Thomas
D Goodwin
J Hunn
C Jurdon

SECRETARY: A Kirk

REGISTERED OFFICE: 11 Brookfield

Duncan Close Moulton Park Northampton NN3 6WL

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 01392004 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS: DNG Dove Naish

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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BANKERS: The Co-operative Bank

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2008.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activities of the Society continued to be:

- a) to develop and maintain high standards for the practice of homeopathy
- b) to develop and maintain for public use a Register of Homeopaths who practice to the standards required by the Society and abide by the Society's code of Ethics and Practice
- c) to protect the public's freedom to have homeopathic treatment now and in the future
- d) to promote public awareness of homeopathy and to encourage its responsible use in the home
- e) to promote and encourage the establishment of education and training homeopathy.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2008 to the date of this report.

A Kirk

S Nunn

P Haggie

R Jeutter

J Thomas

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

E Tombs-Heirman - resigned 11 April 2008

D Goodwin - appointed 11 April 2008

J Hunn - appointed 11 April 2008

C Jurdon - appointed 11 April 2008

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing 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). The financial statements are required by law to 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 then 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 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.



## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

#### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 234ZA of the Companies Act 1985) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, DNG Dove Naish, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

SIGNED BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS:

A Kirk - Secretary

Date: 20/02/09

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF HOMEOPATHS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of The Society of Homeopaths Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 on pages six to twelve. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein and the requirements of the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out on page two.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of APB Ethical Standards including APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available to Small Entities, in the circumstances set out in note twelve to the financial statements.



## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY OF HOMEOPATHS LIMITED

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements.

DNG Dove Naish Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Eagle House 28 Billing Road Northampton Northamptonshire NN1 5AJ

Date: 17 February 2009

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
TURNOVER		858,092	887,174
Administrative expenses		803,860	838,999
OPERATING PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2	54,232	48,175
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	4,114	3,330
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	₹	<u>50,118</u>	44,845

#### BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2008

		2008	<b>}</b>	2007	
EIVED ACCETO	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investments	4 5		4,431 10		6,104 10
			4,441		6,114
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	6	239,524 233,747		90,931 353,646	
		473,271		444,577	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	7	82,163		105,260	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			391,108		339,317
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			395,549		345,431
RESERVES Profit and loss account	9		395,549		345,431
·			395,549		345,431

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on Office of Directors on

S Nunn - Director

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007).

#### Exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about The Society of Homeopaths Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of services, excluding value added tax.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings

- 33% on cost,

25% on cost and

15% on reducing balance

#### Deferred tax

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences.

#### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### **Pension costs**

The company makes contributions to a group personal pension plan for the employees. Contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

#### 2. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2008	2007
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	1,775	3,861
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	213	-
Auditors' remuneration	3,526	2,585
Pension costs	12,167	12,195
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Directors' emoluments and other benefits etc	26,590	23,516

2007

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At 31 December 2008

At 31 December 2007

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

3.	TAXATION		-
	Analysis of the tax charge The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:	2008	2007
		£	£
	Current tax: UK corporation tax	4,114	3,330
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>4,114</u>	3,330
	The Society has mutual trading status and corporation tax is only chargeab derived from bank deposits.	le on invest	ment income
4.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
			Fixtures and fittings £
	COST At 1 January 2008 Additions Disposals		137,296 315 (101,706)
	At 31 December 2008		35,905
	DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2008 Charge for year Eliminated on disposal		131,192 1,775 (101,493)
	At 31 December 2008		31,474
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2008		4,431
	At 31 December 2007		6,104
5.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	ι	Shares in group ındertakings
	COST		£
	COST At 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008		10
	NET BOOK VALUE		40

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

#### 5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

The Society of Homeopaths Trading C	ompany Limited		
Nature of business: Sale of publications and publicity material			
	%		
Class of shares:	holding		
Ordinary	100.00		

	2008	2007	
	£	£	
Aggregate capital and reserves	(8,347)	(10,022)	
Profit for the year	1,675	2,851	

Nature of business: Provision of education, training &	~ /
Class of shares: Ordinary	% <b>holding</b> 100.00

2008	2007
£	£
19,631	15,643
3,988	443
	£ 19,631 3,988

2008

239,524

2007

90,931

#### 6. **DEBTORS**

Aggregate amounts

	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	4,858	2,650
Provision for doubtful debts	(223)	· -
Amounts owed by group undertakings	189,642	6,697
Other debtors	1,107	· -
Prepayments and accrued income	44,140	_35,832
	239,524	45,179
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		AE 750
Amounts owed by group undertakings		45,752

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

7.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2008	2007
	Trade creditors Tax Other creditors Prepaid subscriptions Agnes Thom Bequest Accruals and deferred income	£ 8,880 4,114 203 48,809 5,230 14,927	£ 15 3,330 195 80,292 6,908 14,520
		82,163	105,260
8.	OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS		
	The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within on	e year:	
		2008 £	2007 £
	Expiring: Between one and five years In more than five years	28,200 	28,200
		28,200	28,200
9.	RESERVES		Profit
			and loss account £
	At 1 January 2008 Profit for the year		345,431 50,118
	At 31 December 2008		395,549

#### 10. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

All of the directors paid the registered member subscription fee at a rate of £508 for 2008. The directors pay the same fees as charged to all other registered members of the Society.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

#### 11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company was under the control of its board of directors, who are listed in the directors report throughout the current and previous year.

During the year the company undertook the following transactions with its subsidiary undertakings:

	Trading Company	HETRA
Charge for use of facilities	£1,600	£0
Recharge of administrative costs	£2,946	£9,977
Balance owed to/(from) subsidiary at 31 December 2008	£(66,000)	£(123,642)

During the year the company transferred £151,000 to its subsidiary companies to be put on deposit for investment purposes.

#### 12. APB ETHICAL STANDARD - PROVISIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL ENTITIES

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

#### 13. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

The company is limited by guarantee and as such does not have a share capital.



#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008		2007	
<del>-</del>	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Insured membership fees	707,282		720,407	
Student and subscriber fees	17,284		22,959	
Recognition, moderation and				
examination fees	27,428		37,791	
Sales and advertising	22,963		25,773	
Registration fees	50,532		51,728	
Bank interest (gross)	19,823		16,859	
Office facilities and services	10,780		11,657	
Sponsorship	2,000			
		858,092		887,174
Expenditure				
Equipment expenses	7,803		5,564	
Premises expenses	48,672		50,297	
Membership (including insurance)	125,031		135,369	
Company expenses	25,910		47,178	
Directors' salaries	26,590		23,516	
Personnel	364,162		332,703	
Pensions	12,167		12,195	
Consultants fees	91,243		124,783	
Society meetings and travel	20,640		24,267	
Other meetings and travel	-		209	
Communications	43,063		42,367	
Publications	27,548		22,840	
Public relations	-		122	
Legal and professional	16		6,199	
Auditors' remuneration	3,526		2,585	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,775		3,861	
Profit/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	213		-	
Bad debts	223			
		798,582		834,055
		59,510		53,119
Finance costs				
Bank charges		5,278		4,944
NET PROFIT		<u>54,232</u>		48,175

