

REGISTERED NO: 1789274

LONMIN FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Annual Report
and Accounts

2005

Registered office:

4 Grosvenor Place
LONDON SW1X 7YL



LONMIN FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors of Lonmin Finance Public Limited Company submit their Report together with the audited Accounts for the year ended 30 September 2005.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The Company's principal activity is to lend to Lonmin Plc funds which have been borrowed in the market. The Company currently has no loans and has therefore not traded during the year.

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The result before dividends for the year was £Nil (2004: £Nil). The Directors do not propose the payment of any dividends in respect of the year under review.

GOING CONCERN

The Directors consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and that it is therefore appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The Directors have satisfied themselves that the Company is in a sound financial position and that sufficient facilities will be available from its parent company, to meet the Company's foreseeable cash requirements.

CREDITOR PAYMENT POLICY

It is the Company's policy:

- to settle the terms of payment with its suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction
- to ensure that its suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment
- to endeavour to abide by the terms of payment

Trade creditors at 30 September 2005 represent Nil days purchases as there are no trade creditors.

DIRECTORATE

The present Board of the Company, who served throughout the year, is set out below.

B A MILLS
J N ROBINSON
R C BELLHOUSE

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

According to the Company's Register of Directors' Interests, the following interests have been disclosed in the share capital of Lonmin Plc:

	LONMIN PLC - Ordinary Shares US\$1 each						
	Shares		Number of shares under option				30.9.05 Shares of US\$1 each
	Share of US\$1 each 1.10.04	Shares of US\$1 each 30.9.05	1.10.04 Shares of US\$1 each	Granted US\$1 each	Exercised	Lapsed	
R C BELLHOUSE	500	1,960	24,236	11,318	-	1,886	33,668

The share interests of Mr B A Mills and Mr J N Robinson are not disclosable by this Company, as it is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lonmin Plc, of which they are also Directors and consequently their share interests will be disclosed by that company.

AUDITORS

A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board


FOR THE SECRETARIES
THE AFRICAN INVESTMENT TRUST, LIMITED

19 APRIL 2006

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30 SEPTEMBER 2005

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:

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iii) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (iv) 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

LONMIN FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
30 SEPTEMBER 2005

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
LONMIN FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 6.

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 auditor's 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 are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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 if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if 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 transactions with the Company is not disclosed.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards 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.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 September 2005 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG Audit Plc

KPMG Audit Plc
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
London

25 April 2006

LONMIN FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

During the financial year and the preceding financial year the Company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure.
Consequently, during those years the Company made neither a profit nor a loss.

The attached notes on page 6 form part of these Accounts.

The Company has made no acquisitions nor discontinued any operations within the meaning of Financial Reporting Standard 3 during either 2005 or 2004. Therefore the result on ordinary activities is derived entirely from continuing operations.

The Company has no recognized gains or losses other than the result for the years ended 30 September 2005 and 2004. Therefore, no statement of recognized gains or losses is given.

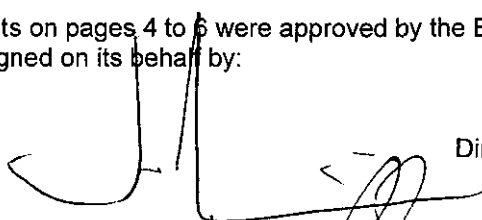
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BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 2005

	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
		£000	£000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	2	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	3	2,000	2,000
Profit and loss account	4	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
EQUITY INTERESTS		<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

The Accounts on pages 4 to 6 were approved by the Board of Directors on 19 APRIL 2006 and were signed on its behalf by:

 Director J. N. ROBINSON

 Director B. A. MILLS

LONMIN FINANCE PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

30 SEPTEMBER 2005

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking.

The Company is controlled by Lonmin Plc and is exempt from disclosing related party transactions with it and other group undertakings under Financial Reporting Standard 8 as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking included within the consolidated financial statements which are publicly available.

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
	<u>£000</u>	<u>£000</u>
<u>2. DEBTORS</u>		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Amounts owed by ultimate parent company	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

3. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

AUTHORISED, ISSUED AND FULLY PAID		
2,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>

4. RESERVES

	<u>Profit and</u>
	<u>Loss Account</u>
At 30 September 2004	-
Retained result	-
At 30 September 2005	<u>-</u>

5. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The Company's ultimate parent Company is Lonmin Plc, a company registered in England and Wales.

The parent undertaking of the only group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up, and of which the Company is a member, is Lonmin Plc.

Copies of the consolidated accounts of Lonmin Plc can be obtained from The Secretary, Lonmin Plc, 4 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7YL or from the Registrar of Companies, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff CF4 3UZ.