

Company registration number 1961766



Alliance UniChem PWS JV Limited
Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2012

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Directors' report

for the year ended 31 March 2012

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012

Principal activities

The Company's principal activity during the year was that of a holding company within the Alliance Boots GmbH group ('Group')

Business review

The Company's retained profit for the financial year was £2,521,000 (2011 £2,005,000)

There have been no significant events since the balance sheet date which should be considered for a proper understanding of these financial statements

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's Directors monitor the overall risk profile of the Company. In addition, the Directors are responsible for determining clear policies as to what the Company considers to be acceptable levels of risk. These policies seek to enable people throughout the Company to use their expertise to identify risks that could undermine performance and to devise ways of bringing them within acceptable levels. Where the Directors identify risks that are not acceptable, they develop action plans to mitigate them with clear allocation of responsibilities and timescales for completion and ensure that progress towards implementing these plans is monitored and reported upon.

There are no additional business risks for the Company necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business other than the financial risks detailed below.

Going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and position, are set out in this report.

After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Directors

The following served as Directors during the year:

J Kallend
K Peach
S Roberts

The Alliance Boots Group places Directors' and Officers' insurance centrally and provides coverage for Directors' and Officers' liability exposure.

Political and charitable donations

No political or charitable donations were made during the current or prior year.

Financial instruments

The Company is exposed to currency, credit and interest rate risk. The Group's treasury function manages these risks at a Group level in accordance with Group's Treasury Policy including the use of financial instruments for the purpose of managing these risks. Group risks are discussed in the Group's Annual Review, which does not form part of this report.

Auditors

Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors were deemed to be reappointed and KPMG Audit Plc will therefore continue in office.

Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

By order of the Board



Steve Roberts
Director

29th June 2012

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Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' report and the financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2012

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 UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 period

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and
- 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 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



Independent auditors' report

to the members of Alliance UniChem PWS JV Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Alliance UniChem PWS JV Limited for the year ended 31 March 2012 set out on pages 4 to 8. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK 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 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

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' report and the financial statements set out on page 2, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, 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 period 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.

Richard Pinckard (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants
15 Canada Square
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29th June 2012

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Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 March 2012

	Notes	2012 £000	2011 £000
Operating result	2	-	-
Investment income	3	2,500	2,000
Interest receivable and similar income	4	28	7
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		2,528	2,007
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(7)	(2)
Profit for the financial year		2,521	2,005

There were no recognised gains and losses for the current and preceding financial years other than the profit of £2,521,000 (2011 £2,005,000) shown above. Accordingly, no statement of recognised gains and losses is presented.

The amounts presented for the current and preceding financial years are derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of the Company's financial statements.

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Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2012

	Notes	2012 £000	2011 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	6	343	343
Current assets			
Debtors	7	11,213	8,720
Current liabilities			
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	8	(3)	(31)
Net current assets		11,210	8,689
Net assets		11,553	9,032
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	9, 10	10	10
Share premium account	10	333	333
Profit and loss account	10	11,210	8,689
Shareholders' funds		11,553	9,032

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of the Company's financial statements

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 29th June 2012 and were signed on its behalf by



Stephen Roberts
Director

Alliance UniChem PWS JV Limited

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2012

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and under the historical cost convention

AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited ('AB AHL'), the ultimate parent undertaking of Alliance UniChem PWS JV Limited, includes the Company's assets, liabilities and results in its own publicly-available consolidated financial statements. Under FRS 1 (Revised 1996), 'Cash flow statements', the Company is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement

The Company's voting rights are wholly controlled within the Group and, consequently, the Company is exempt under FRS 8, 'Related party Disclosures', from disclosing transactions with entities that are part of the Group or investees of the Group qualifying as related parties

The Company is exempt under section 401 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements and deliver them to the Registrar of Companies. The financial statements therefore present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group

Interest receivable and similar income

Interest receivable and similar income comprises interest receivable on funds invested, calculated using the effective interest rate, fair value movements on applicable derivative financial instruments and net exchange movements related to funds invested

Investments

Investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment

Impairment of assets

The Company's fixed assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether events or changes in circumstances exist that indicate that their carrying amount may not be recoverable. If such an indication exists, the fixed asset's recoverable amount is estimated. The recoverable amount is the higher of a fixed asset's net realisable value and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount

Taxation

Current taxation

Current tax is recognised at the amount expected to be paid or recovered for the period based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not there will be suitable taxable profits against which the underlying timing differences can reverse. Deferred tax liabilities are not recognised in respect of corporation tax on chargeable gains arising on the disposal of assets where that gain is expected to be deferred indefinitely

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis at the average rates expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences are expected to reverse using the tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

Share capital

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is a contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Accordingly, a financial instrument is treated as equity if

- there is no contractual obligation to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or liabilities on terms that may be unfavourable, and
- the instrument is a non-derivative that contains no contractual obligation to deliver a variable number of shares or is a derivative that will be settled only by the Group exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other assets for a fixed number of the Company's own equity instruments

Equity instruments are recorded as share capital and share premium, as applicable, net of tax-effected share issue costs. To the extent that this definition is not met the proceeds of any issue are classified as a financial liability

2 Operating profit

The fee for the audit of these financial statements was borne by a fellow group undertaking. The amount allocated that would have been incurred is £1,000 (2011: £1,500)

The Directors have not received any remuneration for their services to the Company either during the current year or prior year. There were no employees during the year (2011: nil)

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 March 2012

3 Investment income

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Dividends received from Unidrug Distribution Group Limited	2,500	2,000

4 Interest receivable and similar income

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Interest receivable from group undertakings	28	7

5 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

An analysis of the tax charge for the year is presented as follows

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Current tax		
<i>United Kingdom ('UK') corporation tax</i>		
Corporation tax on income for the year at 26% (2011 28%)	(7)	(2)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(7)	(2)

The current tax charge for the financial year is lower than (2011 lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax of 26% (2011 28%) The differences are explained below

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2,528	2 007
Current tax at 26% (2011 28%)	(657)	(562)
Effects of		
Dividends from UK associated undertakings, not taxable	650	560
Total current tax charge	(7)	(2)

Factors affecting future tax charges

During the year to 31 March 2012, the UK Government substantively enacted a reduction in the Corporation Tax rate to 24%, effective from 1 April 2012 It was also announced that the rate would reduce by 1% over each of the next two years to 22% These further changes to the tax rate have not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and, therefore, are not included in these financial statements

6 Fixed asset investments

	Investments £000
Cost	
At 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012	343

Investments represent a 50% holding in Unidrug Distribution Group Limited, a wholesaler of pharmaceutical goods which is incorporated in Great Britain

7 Debtors

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Amounts owed by group companies	11,213	8,720
	11,213	8,720

8 Creditors amounts falling due within one year

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Corporation tax payable	3	31

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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9 Called up share capital

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
10,100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10	10

10 Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total £000
At 1 April 2010	10	333	6,684	7,027
Profit for the financial year	-	-	2,005	2,005
At 1 April 2011	10	333	8,689	9,032
Profit for the financial year	-	-	2,521	2,521
At 31 March 2012	10	333	11,210	11,553

11 Ultimate parent undertaking

At 31 March 2012 the Company's immediate parent company was Alloga S A and its ultimate parent company and controlling party was AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited. AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited is also the parent undertaking of the largest group in which the Company is consolidated.

AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited is incorporated in Gibraltar, and its registered office is 57/63 Line Wall Road, Gibraltar. AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited is jointly controlled by Alliance Santé Participations S A, and certain funds advised by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co L P S Pessina, and O Barra, who are directors of Alliance Boots GmbH, are also directors of Alliance Santé Participations S A, which is ultimately owned by a family trust.

The smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Alliance Boots GmbH, a company incorporated in Switzerland. The consolidated financial statements of this group are available from the Alliance Boots website at www.allianceboots.com.