Registered number: 01978237

# INTERLINK EXPRESS PLC

# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017



# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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DL Adams

D Smith

C Shiels (resigned 31 March 2016)

DL Adams Company secretary

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# STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

#### Introduction

The Company is a holding company for its operating subsidiary in the UK. Its subsidiary undertaking is engaged in the provision of transport related services, which include parcel distribution and logistics management.

#### **Business review**

The Company has continued to operate as a non-trading holding company for its operating subsidiary undertaking in the UK. There have not been any significant changes in the Company's activities in the year under review. The directors are not aware, as at the date of this report, of any major changes in the Company's principal activities in the next year.

# Principal risks and uncertainties

The Directors are not aware of any significant risks to the continued success of its trading subsidiary DPD Local UK Ltd (formerly Interlink Express Parcels Limited).

This report was approved by the board on 19 June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

**DL Adams** Director

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 1 January 2017.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £25,000,000 (2016: £30,000,000).

Dividends of £1.54 per ordinary share (2015: £1.85) amounting to £25,000,000 (2015: £30,000,000) were paid in the year.

**Directors** 

The Directors who served during the year were:

D McDonald

DL Adams

D Smith

C Shiels (resigned 31 March 2016)

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, KPMG LLP, were appointed as auditors for the statutory financial statements on 20 December 2016 and will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 489 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 19 June 2017 and signed on its behalf.

**DL** Adams Director

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. Under Company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give 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 accounting 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;
- 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF INTERLINK EXPRESS PLC

We have audited the financial statements of Interlink Express PLC for the year ended 1 January 2017, set out on pages 6 to 13. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2006 and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement on page 3, 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.

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.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

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 1 January 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom 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 Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year is consistent with the Financial Statements. Based solely on the work required to be undertaken in the course of the audit of the Financial Statements and from reading the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report:

- we have not identified material misstatements in those reports, and
- in our opinion, those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF INTERLINK EXPRESS PLC (CONTINUED)

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.

**Darren Turner (Senior Statutory Auditor)** 

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor 19 June 2017

Chartered Accountants One Snowhill Snow Hill Queensway Birmingham West Midlands B4 6GH

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

Note	1 January 2017 £000	3 January 2016 £000
5	25,000	30,000
	25,000	30,000
•	25,000	30,000
	, _	2017 Note £000 5 25,000 25,000

There was no other comprehensive income.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

# INTERLINK EXPRESS PLC REGISTERED NUMBER: 01978237

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 1 JANUARY 2017

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		Note	1 January 2017 £000	3 January 2016 £000
Fixed assets				
Investments		6	1,252	1,252
			1,252	1,252
Current assets		•		
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		· 7	2,038	2,038
			2,038	2,038
Total assets less current liabilities	-		3,290	3,290
			•	
Net assets		·	3,290	3,290
Capital and reserves				
Called up share cápital		8	812	812
Share premium account		9	1,976	1,976
Revaluation reserve		9	502	502
			3,290	3,290
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on the 19 June 2017.

D/ Adams
Director

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

	• •	•		•	•
	Called up share capital	Share premium account	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 4 January 2016	812	1,976	502	-	3,290
Comprehensive income for the year					
Profit for the year	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•	•	25,000	25,000
Total comprehensive income for	: .			<del></del>	
the year	••	<del>-</del>	•	25,000	25,000
Dividends: Equity capital	-	•		(25,000)	(25,000)
At 1 January 2017	812	1,976	502	<del></del> ·	3,290
	STATEMENT O	E CHANGES IN	V EQUITY		

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 3 JANUARY 2016

At 5 January 2015	Called up share capital £000 812	Share premium account £000	Revaluation reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000 3,290
Comprehensive income for the					
year Profit for the year	•	_		30,000	30,000
Total comprehensive income for			•		
the year Dividends: Equity capital	- -	<del>-</del>	- -	30,000 (30,000)	30,000 (30,000)
At 3 January 2016	812	1,976	502		3,290
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The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

#### 1. Accounting policies

# 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

Interlink Express Plc (the "Company") is a public company incorporated, domiciled and registered in England in the UK. The registered number is 01978237 and the registered address is Roebuck Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands, B66 1BY.

# 1.2 Financial reporting standard 101 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- the requirements of paragraphs 45(b) and 46-52 of IFRS 2 Share based payment
- the requirements of paragraphs 62, B64(d), B64(e), B64(g), B64(h), B64(j) to B64(m), B64(n)(ii), B64(o)(ii), B64(p), B64(q)(ii), B66 and B67 of IFRS 3 Business Combinations
- the requirements of paragraph 33(c) of IFRS 5 Non Current Assets Held For Sale and Discontinued Operations
- the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures
- the requirements of paragraphs 91-99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement
- the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 'Presentation of Financial Statements' to present comparative information in respect of:
  - paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
  - paragraph 73(e) of IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment;
  - paragraph 118(e) of IAS 38 Intangible Assets;
  - paragraphs 76 and 79(d) of IAS 40 Investment Property; and
  - paragraph 50 of IAS 41 Agriculture
- the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 16, 38A, 38B, 38C, 38D, 40A, 40B, 40C, 40D, 111 and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows
- the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures
- the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member
- the requirements of paragraphs 134(d)-134(f) and 135(c)-135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets.

For certain disclosure exemptions listed above, the equivalent disclosures are included in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent.

# 1.3 Going concern

The directors have reasonable expectation that the Company is likely to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and therefore these financial statements continue to adopt the going concern basis.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.4 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

Investments in unlisted Company shares, whose market value can be reliably determined, are remeasured to market value at each balance sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the Income statement for the period. Where market value cannot be reliably determined, such investments are stated at historic cost less impairment.

Investments in listed company shares are remeasured to market value at each Statement of Financial Position date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss for the period.

#### 1.5 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

#### 1.6 Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting. Dividends on shares recognised as liabilities are recognised as expenses and classified within interest payable.

#### 1.7 Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainties

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the directors to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results in the future could differ from those estimates. In this regards, the Directors believe there are no critical accounting policies where judgements or estimations have been necessarily applied.

# 2. Operating profit

Auditors' remuneration is borne by the parent company.

During the year, no Director received any emoluments (2015: £nil).

#### 3. Employees

The Company has no employees other than the Directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2015: £nil).

#### 4. Taxation

All Income is exempt income and there is therefore no current tax on profits for either year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

5.	Dividends		
		1 January 2017 £000	3 January 2016 £000
	Dividends paid on Ordinary share capital	25,000	30,000
		25,000	30,000
6.	Fixed asset investments		
			Investments in subsidiary companies £000
	Cost or valuation At 4 January 2016		1,252
•	At 1 January 2017	·	1,252
	Net book value		
	At 1 January 2017		1,252
	At 3 January 2016		1,252

# Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding Principal activity
DPD Local UK Ltd (formerly Interlink Express Parcels Limited)	United Kingdom	Ordinary	100 % Transport related services

The registered office address of the above subsidiary is the same as the parent detailed in company information.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

# 7. Debtors

		1 January 2017 £000	3 January 2016 £000
Debtors due within one year		 •	
Amounts owed by group undertakings	· · .	2,038	2,038
		2,038	2,038

There is no contractual agreement relating to amounts owed by group undetakings, which is deemed repayable on demand and has been reclassified as a current debtor in the year ended 3 January 2016.

# 8. Share capital

	1 January 2017 £000	3 January 2016 £000
Shares classified as equity		
Authorised	•	
20,000,000 Ordinary shares of £0.05 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
16,250,000 Ordinary shares of £0.05 each	812	812

#### 9. Reserves

# Share premium

The Share premium was valued at £1,976,000 as at 1 January 2017 and 3 January 2016.

# Revaluation reserve

The Revaluation reserve was valued at £502,000 as at 1 January 2017 and 3 January 2016.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JANUARY 2017

# 10. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company is wholly owned by DPDgroup UK Ltd, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The smallest group for which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Geopost SA, a company incorporated in France.

The largest group for which the results of the Company are consolidated is headed by La Poste, the ultimate parent company, a company incorporated in France. The consolidated financial statements of these groups are available to the public and maybe obtained from the registered offices as follows:

La Poste 4 Quai du pont du Jour, 92777, Boulogne-Billancourt, CEDEX, France