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Directors and advisors for the year ended 31 July 2014

Directors

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Company Secretary

A J McRoberts

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Strategic report for the year ended 31 July 2014

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 July 2014.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was the provision of debt recovery and related services to the credit industry.

Review of business

The level of business during the year and the financial position at 31 July 2014 was satisfactory.

The company ceased trading on 31 July 2014.

Risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The key business risks affecting the company are considered to be competition within the market and the additional cost of ensuring ongoing compliance. The directors attempt to mitigate these risks by maintaining close relationships with clients, industry bodies and where appropriate regulators. New risks when identified are recorded centrally and discussed at regular internal Risk Committee meetings.

Key performance indicators

Given the nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using financial KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

The Strategic report was approved by the Board of directors on 19 December 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

A J McRoberts

Company Secretary

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2014

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 July 2014.

Future developments

The company ceased trading on 31 July 2014.

Results and dividends

The directors have declared no dividends (2013: £nil).

The profit for the financial year of £26,818 (2013: £33,005) was transferred to reserves.

Creditor payment policy

The costs of the company are incurred via a recharge from a related company and the creditor with that company is held in the balance sheet.

Financial risk management

The company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include the effects of changes in price risk, credit risk and interest rate risk.

Given the size of the company, the directors have not delegated the responsibility of monitoring financial risk management to a sub-committee of the Board. The policies set by the Board of directors are implemented by the company's finance department. The department monitors circumstances to determine where it would be appropriate to use financial instruments to manage financial risks.

Price risk

The company is exposed to minimal price risk as a result of its operations. Therefore, the directors consider that the costs of managing exposure to price risk exceed any potential benefits. The directors will continue to monitor the appropriateness of this policy. The company has no exposure to equity securities price risk as it holds no listed or other equity investments.

Credit risk

The company has implemented policies that require appropriate credit checks on potential customers before sales are made.

Directors

The directors who held office during the financial year and up to the date of signing the financial statements are listed on page 1 of these financial statements.

Qualifying third party and pension scheme indemnity provisions

The directors benefited from qualifying third party indemnity provision in place during the year and to the date of this report.

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 July 2014 (continued)

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, 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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 judgements 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; 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 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.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- (a) so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- (b) each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The Directors' report was approved by the Board of directors on 19 December 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

A J McRoberts

Company Secretary

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Home Collection Services Limited

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion the financial statements, defined below:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 2014 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.

This opinion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of this report.

What we have audited

The financial statements, which are prepared by Home Collection Services Limited, comprise:

- the Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2014;
- the Profit and Loss Account for the year then ended;
- the accounting policies; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual report and financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

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 for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

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Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 4, 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 ISAs (UK & Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

Martin Heath (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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Liverpool

19 December 2014

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 July 2014

	Note	2014	2013
Turnover	 1	3,385,733	£ 4,166,872
Administrative expenses	2	(3,352,211)	(4,125,616)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		33,522	41,256
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	(6,704)	(8,251)
Profit for the financial year	7	26,818	33,005

The above results relate to discontinued operations.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profit and loss account above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 31 July 2014

		Note	2014 £	2013 £
Current assets				
Debtors	.#	4	134,454	109,183
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		5	(6,704)	(8,251)
Net current assets			127,750	100,932
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital		6	. 2	2
Profit and loss account		7	127,748	100,930
Total shareholders' funds		8	127,750	100,932

The financial statements on pages 8 to 14 were approved by the Board of directors on 19 December 2014 and were signed on its behalf by:

N G McRoberts Director

The accounting policies and notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Accounting policies for the year ended 31 July 2014

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Turnover and administrative expenses

The turnover for the company is derived from a management fee receivable from a fellow subsidiary Moorcroft Debt Recovery Limited.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date, where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised as recoverable only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits against which to recover carried forward tax losses and from which the future reversal of underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis.

Cash flow

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary company of a group headed by Moorcroft Group Public Limited Company, and is included in the consolidated financial statements of that company, which are publicly available. Consequently, the company has taken advantage of the exemption within FRS 1(revised 1996) 'Cash flow statements' from preparing a cash flow statement.

Current taxation

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2014

1 Turnover

The turnover for the company is derived from a management fee receivable from a fellow subsidiary Moorcroft Debt Recovery Limited. All income is derived within the UK.

2 Administrative expenses

The parent company, Moorcroft Group Public Limited Company, holds all the fixed assets used by the company, pays all wages and salaries, audit fees and a proportion of other operating expenses. These costs are then recharged by means of an annual management charge. The directors did not receive any emoluments for their services to the company (2013: £nil). There are no employees of the company (2013: nil).

The audit fee of the company is borne by Moorcroft Group Public Limited Company, the total audit fee disclosed in those financial statements is £40,600 (2013: £39,500).

3 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2014	2013
	£	£
Current tax	*	
UK corporation tax on profits of the year	6,704	8,251
Adjustments in respect to prior years	-	-
Total current tax	6,704	8,251
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	-
Total tax on profit on ordinary activities	6,704	8,251

The actual tax charge equals (2013: equals) the standard rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation:

	2014	2013
·	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	33,522	41,256
Tax on profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2013: 20%)	6,704	8,251
Adjustments in respect to prior years	-	-
Tax at marginal rates	-	-
Current tax charge	6,704	8,251

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3 Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

Factors affecting current and future tax charges

The Finance Act 2013 was substantively enacted on 2 July 2013 and included legislation to reduce the main rate of corporation tax from 23% to 21% from 1 April 2014, and to further reduce to 20% from 1 April 2015.

There is no deferred tax recognised or unrecognised (2013 £nil).

4 Debtors

	2014	2013
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Amounts owed by holding company	2	2
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries	134,452	109,181
	134,454	109,183
5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2014	2013
	£	£
Corporation tax	6,704	8,251
	6,704	8,251

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6 Called up share capital

	2014 £	2013 £
Authorised		
100,000 (2013:100,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
Allotted, and fully paid		
2 (2013: 2) ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

7 Profit and loss account

At 31 July 2014	127,748
Retained profit for the financial year	26,818
At 1 August 2013	100,930

8 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2014 £	2013 £
Profit for the financial year	26,818	33,005
Net addition to shareholders' funds	26,818	33,005
Opening shareholders' funds	100,932	67,927
Closing shareholders' funds	127,750	100,932

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9 Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The directors regard Moorcroft Group Public Limited Company, a company registered in England and Wales, as the immediate and ultimate parent company. According to the register kept by the company, Moorcroft Group Public Limited Company had a 100% interest in the equity capital of Home Collection Services Limited at 31 July 2014. Moorcroft Group Public Limited Company is the smallest and largest group to consolidate the financial statements of the company and their financial statements are available at Moorcroft House, 2 Spring Gardens, Stockport, Cheshire, SK1 4AA

N G McRoberts is the controlling party of Moorcroft Group Public Limited Company by virtue of his controlling interest in that company's equity capital and therefore the ultimate controlling party of Home Collection Services Limited.

10 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 3(c) from the provisions of FRS8, 'Related Party Disclosures', on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of a group headed by Moorcroft Group Public Limited Company, whose financial statements are publicly available.