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# **Amey Construction Limited**

Report and Financial Statements

Year ended

31 December 2012

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## Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

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### **Directors**

M Ewell K Holder A L Nelson

## Secretary and registered office

Sherard Secretariat Services Limited, The Sherard Building, Edmund Halley Road, Oxford, OX4 4DQ

## Company number

02379472

#### **Auditors**

BDO LLP, 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU

#### Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2012

The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### Principal activities

The Company is principally engaged in the activity of civil engineering, building works and highways maintenance. There have been no changes in the Company's activities in the year under review

#### Business review and future developments

The profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 6 and shows turnover of £1,779,000 (2011 – £1,467,000) and a profit after tax of £347,000 (2011 – £1,728,000)

The M6 Routine, Operation and Maintenance contract continues but has contributed reduced gross profits during 2012. In 2011, the Company received insurance monies of £917,000 in respect of legal claims paid out on a previously completed contract. The Directors expect the current level of activity to continue in 2013.

No dividend was paid during the year (2011 - £nil)

There have been no events since the balance sheet date which materially affect the position of the Company

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's risks and key performance indicators are reported and managed on a Divisional basis. To gain a further understanding of this business, details of the Divisional reviews are contained in the Report and Financial Statements of the intermediate parent undertaking, Amey UK plc ("the Group"), for the year ended 31 December 2012. The Company is a member of the Local Government & Highways division of the Group

#### **Directors**

The Directors of the Company during the year, and up to the date of this report, were

M Ewell K Holder A L Nelson

#### **Employment policy**

Diversity

Our aim is to ensure that no job applicant, employee or former employee receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of colour, race, nationality, ethnic or national origin, religious belief, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, age or as a consequence of unlawful discrimination relating to disability

## Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### **Employment policy (continued)**

#### Disabled employees

The Group gives consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the disabled person may adequately cover the requirements of the Job Disabled persons are employed under the normal contract terms and conditions. Career development and promotion is provided wherever appropriate

## Employee engagement

It is Amey Group ("Group") policy to communicate with and involve all employees, subject to commercial and practical limitations, in all matters affecting their interests at work and to inform them of the performance of their Group. Employees are provided with information about the Group through Chief Executive Officer briefings, 'Hub', the employee magazine, 'Time to Talk', the line managers' monthly cascade briefing process, and email, all of which provide useful business updates across the business. The Group also regularly updates its intranet site, AmeyWorld, which is seen as the primary source of business information and news. Members of the Group pension schemes also receive regular reports and communications on matters relating to their pensions.

#### Payment policy and practice

The Company recognises the importance of good relationships with its suppliers and subcontractors. Although the Company does not follow a particular code or standard on payment practice, its payment policy is to

- agree payment terms in advance of any commitment being entered into,
- ensure suppliers are made aware of these terms by inclusion of the terms of payment on the order or contract, and
- make payments in accordance with the terms, wherever possible, providing that the documentation presented is complete and accurate

Trade creditors of the Company at the year end amounted to 34 days (2011 – zero days) of average supplies for the financial year

#### **Auditors**

The Company has filed an elective resolution not to hold an annual general meeting and has therefore dispensed with the requirement to reappoint auditors annually

### Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### Directors' responsibilities

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 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.

All of the current Directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the Company's auditors for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information. The Directors are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware.

On behalf of the Board

Mel Ewel
Director

25 April 2013

### Report of the independent auditors

#### Independent auditor's report to the members of Amey Construction Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Amey Construction Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. 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)

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, 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 December 2012 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

#### Report of the independent auditors (continued)

#### Independent auditor's report to the members of Amey Construction Limited (continued)

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year 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

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David Campbell (senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor
London
United Kingdom

Date 26 April 2013

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# Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Turnover	2	1,779	1,467
Cost of sales	_	(1,433)	(659)
Gross profit		346	808
Exceptional income	5 _	<u> </u>	917
Operating profit	5	346	1,725
Net interest receivable	6 _	2	3_
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		348	1,728
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7 _	(1)	
Profit after tax and retained for the financial year	11 _	347	1,728

All transactions related to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the financial years

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements

## Balance sheet at 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Current assets			
Debtors	8	32,101	14,240
Cash at bank and in hand		<u> </u>	323
Total current assets		32,101	14,563
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(27,195)	(10,004)
Net current assets		4,906	4,559
Net assets		4,906	4,559
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	60,452	60,452
Profit and loss account	11	(55,546)	(55,893)
Equity shareholders' funds	12	4,906	4,559

The financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 25 April 2013 and signed on its behalf by

Mel Ewell Director

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements

### Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards

The following principal accounting policies have been applied consistently in the current and prior year

## Going concern

The Company is a subsidiary of Amey UK plc and its financial resources are managed on a Group basis Amey UK plc has a revolving committed syndicated credit facility of £135 million maturing on 5 August 2015 and a committed credit facility of £10 million which matures in March 2014

After making enquiries, the Directors have no reason to believe that amounts remaining to be drawn down under the existing bank loan facilities will not be forthcoming and are confident that the Group will be able to renew these medium term facilities in advance of their expiry. The Directors believe that the Group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current macro-economic market conditions.

Accordingly, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Directors therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents the value of work done by the Company during the year calculated by reference to the value of contracts closed and the movement in work in progress during the year, excluding VAT

### Amounts recoverable on contracts

Amounts recoverable on contracts represent the excess of work done including attributable profit over cumulative payments on account received Payments on account in excess of work done are included within creditors

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences where the transaction or events that give rise to an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured using rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

#### Loss making contracts

In the event that a contract is expected to be loss making, the Company recognises a provision for the estimated future losses in full and releases the provision as losses arise

## Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pension costs - defined benefit schemes

The Company participates in defined benefit schemes but is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities. It has therefore taken advantage of the provision in FRS 17 (Retirement Benefits), which allows the Company to account for them as defined contribution schemes. As a result the pension costs charged against operating profit are the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period. Any deficits or surpluses in the schemes in which the Company participates, are disclosed in note 13 to the financial statements. The Company may be required to make contributions to, or receive the benefit of, any deficits or surpluses that may arise in these schemes over time.

Pension costs - defined contribution schemes

The pension costs charged against profit represent the amount of the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period

#### 2 Turnover

Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before tax are attributable to the principal activity of civil engineering, building works and highways maintenance. All turnover arises solely within the UK

## 3 Employees (including Directors)

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Staff costs consist of		
Wages and salaries	440	370
Social security costs	45	35
Other pension costs – defined contribution schemes	10_	8
Total staff costs	495	413
The average number of employees during the year was as follows	2012 Number	2011 Number
Contract based employees	3	3

The Company had no direct employees in either of the above years. The above represents employees of Amey Services Limited, whose costs were recharged to the Company in direct support of its trade

# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

4	Directors

Remuneration of Directors in respect of services to the Company was as follows

2012	2011
£'000	£'000
280	250
64	63
	£'000 280

In respect of the Directors included above, one Director (2011 – one) participates in a defined benefit pension scheme (which has been closed to future accrual)

Details of the remuneration of the other Directors, whose services are of a non-executive nature and who are also directors of the Company's intermediate parent undertaking, Amey UK plc, are disclosed in that company's financial statements

#### 5 Operating profit

The operating profit is stated after charging (crediting)	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Hire of plant and machinery	262	182
Legal claim insurance monies received	-	(917)

In 2011, the Company received insurance monies of £917,000 in respect of legal claims paid out previously

The auditors' remuneration is borne by Amey Group Services Limited, a fellow subsidiary undertaking of the Company

#### 6 Net interest receivable

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Other interest receivable and similar income	2	3

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# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

x on profit on ordinary activities		
	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax at 24 5% (2011 – 26 5%)	1_	
The tax assessed for the year is different from the standard radifferences are explained below:	ate of corporation tax is	n the UK The
	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	348	1,728
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of		
corporation tax in the UK of 24 5% (2011 – 26 5%)	85	458
Effects of		
Utilisation of previously unrecognised assets	(84)	(457)
Group relief surrendered (received)	-	(1)
Current tax charge for year	1	-

The estimated value of the potential deferred tax asset not recognised of £925,000 (2011 – £1,091,000) was in respect of unutilised tax losses of £3,470,000 (2011 – £3,928,000) and other timing differences of £551,000 (2011 – £437,000), measured at an expected standard tax rate of 23% (2011 – 25%)

The main rate of corporation tax will reduce from 24% to 23% on 1 April 2013 in accordance with Finance Act 2012. It was also announced in the 2012 Autumn Statement that the main rate of corporation tax will reduce to 21% from 1 April 2014. In addition, the March 2013 Budget announced that the rate will further reduce to 20% in 2015. This will reduce the Company's future tax charge accordingly.

A deferred tax asset has not been recognised as the Company does not anticipate paying tax in the foreseeable future

#### 8 Debtors

	2012	2011
		£'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	32,100	14,239
Other debtors	1	1
Total debtors	32,101	14,240

# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2012 £'000	2011 £'000
	Bank overdraft	16,820	-
	Trade creditors	106	106
	Amounts due to fellow group undertakings	9,338	9,267
	Accruals and deferred income	931_	631_
	Total creditors	27,195	10,004
10	Share capital		
		2012 £'000	2011 £'000
	Issued, called up and fully paid		
	60,452,002 (2011 – 60,452,002) Ordinary shares of £1 each	60,452	60,452
11	Profit and loss account (deficit)		
			£'000
	Deficit as at 1 January		(55,893)
	Profit retained for the financial year		347_
	Deficit as at 31 December		(55,546)
12	Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds		
		2012 £'000	2011 £'000
	Profit retained for the financial year	347	1,728
	Net movement in equity shareholders' funds	347	1,728
	Equity shareholders' funds at 1 January	4,559	2,831
	Equity shareholders' funds at 31 December	4,906	4,559

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 13 Pensions

**Defined Benefit Schemes** 

The Company operates defined benefit pension schemes for the benefit of the employees. The assets of these schemes are administered by trustees in funds independent from the assets of the Company. The Company also provides post-retirement benefits other than pensions to the employees.

The Company pays contributions to defined benefit pension schemes where more than one employer participates and is therefore unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of those schemes. Taking advantage of the provision in FRS 17 (Retirement Benefits), which allows the Company to account for them as defined contribution schemes, the pension costs charged against operating profit are the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period

The net deficit in the schemes in which the Amey Group participates amounted to £84,175,000 at the balance sheet date (2011 - £89,235,000) The Company may be required to make proportionate contributions to, or receive the proportionate benefit of, any deficits or surpluses that may arise in these schemes over time Full details of Amey Group pension schemes are disclosed in the financial statements of Amey UK plc

#### 14 Financial and capital commitments

The Company had no financial or capital commitments at 31 December 2012 or at 31 December 2011

#### 15 Contingent liabilities

The Company has guaranteed certain performance bonds and borrowings of certain group undertakings

Losses, for which no provision has been made in these financial statements which might arise from litigation in the normal course of business are not expected to be material in the context of these financial statements

There were no other contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2012 or at 31 December 2011

## 16 Related party transactions

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of the group headed by Ferrovial, S A and has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 8 (Related Party Disclosures) not to disclose transactions with Ferrovial, S A or other wholly owned subsidiary undertakings within the Ferrovial, S A group

### Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (continued)

#### 17 Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by FRS 1 (Cash Flow Statements) not to prepare a cash flow statement on the basis that the Company's results are included in the consolidated financial statements of Ferrovial, S A, the Company's ultimate parent undertaking, whose financial statements are publicly available

#### 18 Ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Ferrovial, S A, a company incorporated in Spain. Copies of the group financial statements of Ferrovial, S A, which is the parent of the largest group of which the Company is a member, can be obtained from

Ferrovial, S A Principe de Vergara, 135 28002 Madrid Spain

Copies of the group financial statements of Amey UK plc, the ultimate holding company in the UK and the parent of the smallest group for which group financial statements are prepared and of which the Company is a member, can be obtained from

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