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Report and Financial Statements

Year ended

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010

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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 2010

The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010

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 £1,255,000 (2009 – £1,196,000) and a loss after tax of £6,121,000 (2009 – £339,000 profit)

The M6 Routine, Operation and Maintenance contract continues and has contributed lower gross profits during 2010. In addition, in 2010, the Company incurred a £6,172,000 loss in respect of legal claims paid out on a previously completed contract.

No dividend was paid during the year (2009 – £nil) The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend

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, for the year ended 31 December 2010. The Company is a member of the Inter-Urban and Central divisions of the Group.

Directors

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

M Ewell

A L Nelson

K Holder

(appointed 4 March 2010)

R G Bradbury

(resigned 31 January 2010)

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 2010 (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 '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. In recognition of our diverse workforce, the Group has introduced a number of other channels of communication this year, including new on-line channels to increase two-way feedback. The Group has made significant changes and updates to its intranet site, AmeyWorld, which is now 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 1 day (2009 - 2 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 2010 (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 pehalf of the Board

Mel Ewel
Director

27 April 2011

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 2010 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 2010 and of its loss 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

BRO LLP

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

27 April 2011

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127)

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2010

	Note	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Turnover	2	1,255	1,196
Cost of sales		(1,206)_	(862)
Gross profit		49	334
Exceptional expense	5	(6,172)	
Operating (loss) profit	5	(6,123)	334
Net interest receivable	6	2	5
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before tax		(6,121)	339
Tax on (loss) profit on ordinary activities	7	 -	
(Loss) profit after tax and retained for the financial year	11	(6,121)	339

All transactions related to continuing operations

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

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

Balance sheet at 31 December 2010

	Note	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Current assets			
Debtors	8	22,031	21,870
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(19,200)	(12,918)
Net current assets		2,831	8,952
Net assets		2,831	8,952
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	60,452	60,452
Profit and loss account	11	(57,621)	(51,500)
Equity shareholders' funds	12	2,831	8,952

The financial statements on pages 6 to 14 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 27 April 2011 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 2010

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 or 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 £92 million maturing on 2 April 2012 and other committed credit facilities of £40 million maturing between April 2011 and December 2011

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 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 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 2010 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pension costs - defined benefit scheme

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 scheme

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

2 Turnover

Turnover and (loss) 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)

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Staff costs consist of		
Wages and salaries	574	421
Social security costs	59	48
Other pension costs	13	11
Total staff costs	646	480

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.

The average number of employees during the year was as follows	2010 Number	2009 Number
Contract based employees	11	12

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 (continued)

4 Directors

Remuneration in respect of Directors, and, for 2009, of the highest paid Director, was as follows

	2010	2009
	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	168	246
Accrued pension entitlement at 31 December	<u>-</u>	24

In addition to the emoluments for 2009 disclosed above, compensation for loss of office totalling £263,609 was paid during the year

In respect of the Directors included above, two Directors (2009 – one) participated in defined benefit pension schemes and no Director (2009 – none) participated in money purchase pension schemes during the year

Details of the remuneration of the other Directors, who are also directors of the Company's intermediate parent undertaking, Amey UK plc, are disclosed in that company's financial statements

5 Operating (loss) profit

The operating (loss) profit is stated after charging	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Hire of plant and machinery on operating leases	234	222
Settlement of legal claim	6,172	

In 2010, the Company incurred a £6,172,000 loss in respect of legal claims paid out on a previously completed contract

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

6 Net interest receivable

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Other interest receivable and similar income	2	5

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 (continued)

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7	Tax on (loss) profit on ordinary activities			
		2010 £'000		2009 £'000
	Current tax			
	UK corporation tax at 28% (2009 – 28%)			
	The tax assessed for the year is different from the standard rate differences are explained below	of corporation t	ax in the	UK The
	ı	2010		2009
		£'000		£'000
	(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before tax	(6,121)		339
	(Loss) profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% ($2009-28\%$)	(1,714)		95
	Effects of			
	Brought forward losses utilised	-		(93)
	Group relief surrendered (received)	1,714_		(2)
	Current tax charge for year			-
	The estimated value of the potential deferred tax asset not recognise was in respect of unutilised tax losses of £5,653,000 (2009 – £5,736 £nil (2009 – £540,000), measured at an expected standard tax rate of	5,000) and other to	ming diffe	
	A deferred tax asset has not been recognised as the Company d foreseeable future	oes not anticipate	e paying t	ax in the
8	Debtors			
		2010 £'000		2009 £'000
	Amounts falling due within one year	a 000		2000
	-			

Total debtors

Amounts owed by group undertakings

22,031

22,031

21,870 21,870

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 (continued)

9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2010	2009
		£'000	£'000
	Bank overdraft	9,223	2,834
	Trade creditors	2	2,031
	Amounts due to fellow group undertakings	9,267	9,267
	Accruals and deferred income	708	815
	Total creditors	19,200	12,918
	Total Cleditors	19,200	12,910
10	Share capital		
		2010	2009
		£'000	£'000
	Issued, called up and fully paid	2 000	2000
	60,452,002 Ordinary shares of £1 each	60,452	60,452
	60,432,002 Ordinary shares of £1 each	00,432	00,432
11	Profit and loss account		
			£'000
	At 1 January		(51,500)
	Loss retained for the financial year		(6,121)
	At 31 December		(57,621)
12	Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds		
		***	2000
		2010 £'000	2009 £'000
		£ 000	I UUU
	(Loss) profit retained for the financial year	(6,121)	339
	Equity shareholders' funds at 1 January	8,952	8,613
	Equity shareholders' funds at 31 December	2,831	8,952

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010 (continued)

13 Pensions

Defined Benefit Scheme

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 it as a defined contribution scheme, the pension costs charged against operating profit are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period

The net deficit in the schemes in which the Amey Group participates amounted to £63,786,000 at the balance sheet date (2009 - £143,550,000) 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 2010 or at 31 December 2009

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 2010 or at 31 December 2009

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 2010 (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, SA, 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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