Registered number: 02552021

# **VISIONFOCUS LIMITED**

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Directors** 

N Benning-Prince

D J Clarke (resigned 1 December 2016) R C Dowley

E A Gretton

Dr C M Wendt (appointed 1 December 2016)

**Company secretary** 

W F Rogers

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Hanson House 14 Castle Hill Maidenhead SL6 4JJ

Independent auditor

Ernst & Young LLP The Paragon Counterslip Bristol BS1 6BX

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## STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### **Business review**

The Company is a group investment holding company.

During the year the Company partially reversed the impairment against its investment in subsidiary undertakings.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's results arise from transactions with fellow group undertakings in the group headed by HeidelbergCement AG. The Directors are therefore of the opinion that, the Company is not directly exposed to significant risks and uncertainties, however, by the very nature of its activities the Company is indirectly exposed to similar risks and uncertainties to those faced by other group undertakings. Details of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the group headed by HeidelbergCement AG are disclosed in the financial statements of that Company.

This report was approved by the board on 8 August 2017 and signed on its behalf.

R-G-Dowley

Director

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £303,520,000 (2015 - £nil (unaudited)).

The Directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend (2015 - £nil (unaudited)).

## **Future developments**

The Directors anticipate that the Company will continue as a group investment holding company for the foreseeable future.

## Going concern

The Company has limited activity and has limited cash flows outside of the HeidelbergCement AG ("HCAG") group. The recoverability of its assets is dependent on the financial position of the HCAG group.

The Directors, having assessed the responses of the management of HCAG to their enquiries, have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the HCAG group to continue as a going concern.

On the basis of their assessment of the Company's financial position and relevant enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

#### **Directors**

The Directors who served during the year were:

N Benning-Prince
D J Clarke (resigned 1 December 2016)
R C Dowley
E A Gretton
Dr C M Wendt (appointed 1 December 2016)

#### **Directors' indemnity**

A fellow group undertaking has indemnified, by means of directors' and officers' liability insurance, one or more Directors of the Company against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in section 234 of the Companies Act. Such qualifying third party indemnity provision was in force during the year and is in force as at the date of approving the Directors' Report.

The articles of association also provide for the Directors to be indemnified by the Company subject to the provisions of the Companies Act.

## Disclosure of information to auditor

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

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- the 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 auditor is aware of that information.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## **Auditor**

Ernst & Young LLP, having confirmed their willingness to act, were appointed as auditor of the Company.

This report was approved by the board on 8 August 2017 and signed on its behalf.

R C Dowley

Director

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

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 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. 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 for the company's financial statements 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 AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VISIONFOCUS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Visionfocus Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016, which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 12. The relevant financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

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 Auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Strategic report and the Directors' report 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 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 2016 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; 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, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, 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 those financial statements and such reports have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VISIONFOCUS LIMITED (CONTINUED)

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report or Directors' report.

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.

Jane Barwell (Senior statutory auditor)

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for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

The Paragon Counterslip Bristol BS1 6BX

10 August 2017

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note	2016 £000	Unaudited 2015 £000
Exceptional items	7	303,520	-
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		303,520	
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
Profit for the financial year		303,520	-
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		303,520	-

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Note		2016 £000		Unaudited 2015 £000
Fixed assets					
Investments	8		665,765		362,245
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,868)		(1,868)	
Net current liabilities		<del></del>	(1,868)		(1,868)
Net assets		- -	663,897		360,377
Capital and reserves		_			
Called up share capital	10				-
Share premium account			689,377		689,377
Profit and loss account			(25,480)		(329,000)
Shareholders' funds		-	663,897		360,377

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 8/August 2017.

R C Dowley Director

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000
At 1 January 2015 (unaudited)	-	689,377	(329,000)	360,377
At 1 January 2016 (unaudited)	-	689,377	(329,000)	360,377
Comprehensive income for the year Profit for the year	-	-	303,520	303,520
At 31 December 2016		689,377	(25,480)	663,897

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

# 1. Statement of compliance with FRS102

Visionfocus Limited ("the Company") is a limited company incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is disclosed in the company information.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The Company's financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is also the Company's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds (£'000) except where otherwise indicated.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have, unless otherwise stated, been consistently applied to all periods presented.

## 2. Accounting policies

## 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The Company is itself a subsidiary company and is exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006. These financial statements therefore present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

The cost and impairment of fixed asset investments as at 1 January 2016 has been restated to show the correct allocation between cost and impairment. The cost had previously been shown net of provision for impairment.

## 2.2 Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland:

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.41(b), 11.41(c), 11.41(e), 11.41(f), 11.42, 11.44 to 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A; and
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

# 2.3 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Company's ultimate parent undertaking, which indirectly owns the Company's entire share capital, has committed to continue to support the Company for the foreseeable future, in order that it can meet its liabilities as they fall due.

# 2.4 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.5 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance Sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### 2.6 Current and deferred taxation

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates and laws that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is recognised on all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, with the following exception:

- When the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss.

However, for taxable temporary differences associated with investment in subsidiaries, branches and associates, and interests in joint ventures, a deferred tax liability shall be recognised.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carried forward tax credits or tax losses can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the related asset is realised or liability is settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset, only if a legally enforcement right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities, the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxation authority and that authority permits the company to make a single net payment.

Income tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income if it relates to items that are charged or credited to other comprehensive income. Similarly, income tax is charged or credited directly to equity if it relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity. Otherwise income tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

## 2.7 Exceptional items

Exceptional items are transactions that fall within the ordinary activities of the Company but are presented separately due to their size or incidence.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

# 3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

## Impairment of investments

The Company reviews investments in subsidiaries for impairment if there are any indications that the carrying values may not be recoverable. The carrying value of the investment is compared to the recoverable amount and where a deficiency exists, an impairment charge is considered by management.

The recoverable amount represents the net assets of the investment at the time of the review or where applicable is represented by an estimate of future cash flows expected to arise from the investment. A suitable discount rate is applied to the future cash flows in order to calculate the present value.

Reversals of impairments are recognised where there is a favourable change in the economic assumptions in the period since the provision was made.

## 4. Auditor's remuneration

Fees for audit and non-audit services have been borne by other group undertakings. It is not practicable to ascertain what proportion of such fees relates to the Company.

#### 5. Staff costs

The Directors of the Company are also directors of a number of the group's fellow subsidiaries. The Directors received total remuneration of £918,000 (2015 - £1,003,000), which was paid by various fellow subsidiaries. The Directors do not believe that it is practicable to apportion this amount between their services as Directors of the Company and their services as directors of fellow subsidiary companies.

# 6. Taxation

	2016 £000	Unaudited 2015 £000
Current tax		
Current tax on profits for the year	-	-
Total current tax	_	-

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## 6. Taxation (continued)

# Reconciliation of the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2015 - the same as) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 - 20.25%). The differences are explained below:

	2016 £000	Unaudited 2015 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	303,520	<u>-</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 - 20.25%)  Effects of:	60,704	-
Non-taxable reversal of impairment	(60,704)	-
Total tax charge for the year		-

# Change in corporation tax rate

The main rate of corporation tax reduces from 20% to 19% on 1 April 2017 and then to 17% on 1 April 2020.

# 7. Exceptional items

	2016 £000	Unaudited 2015 £000
Release of impairment in value of fixed asset investments	303,520	<u>-</u>

The partial release of impairment against the Company's investment in its subsidiary, Hanson FP Holdings BV, has been made to reflect the improvement in the underlying net assets.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## 8. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary company £000
Cost or valuation	
At 1 January 2016 (unaudited and as previously stated)	362,245
Prior year adjustment	329,000
At 1 January 2016 (as restated)	691,245
At 31 December 2016	691,245
Impairment	
At 1 January 2016 (unaudited and as previously stated)	• -
Prior year adjustment	329,000
At 1 January 2016 (as restated)	329,000
Reversal of impairment losses	(303,520)
At 31 December 2016	25,480
Net book value	
At 31 December 2016	665,765
At 31 December 2015 (unaudited)	362,245

The cost and impairment of fixed asset investments as at 1 January 2016 has been restated to show the correct allocation between cost and impairment. The cost had previously been shown net of provision for impairment.

The partial release of impairment against the Company's investment in its subsidiary, Hanson FP Holdings BV, has been made to reflect the improvement in the underlying net assets.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

# 8. Fixed asset investments (continued)

# Direct subsidiary undertaking

The investment in which the Company directly held any class of share capital is as follows:

Name	Country of Class of incorporation shares	Holding	Principal activity
Hanson FP Holdings B.V.	The Netherlands Ordinary	100 %	Investment holding company

## Indirect subsidiary and associated undertakings

The investments in which the Company indirectly held any class of share capital are as follows:

	Country of	Class of		
Name	incorporation	shares	Holding	Principal activity
	England and		_	,
Beforeblend Limited	Wales	'A' Ordinary	100 %	Dormant
	England and	-		
Hanson America Holdings (1) Limited	Wales	'A' Ordinary	83 %	Dormant
- · · ·	England and	•		
Hanson America Holdings (3) Limited	Wales	'A' Ordinary	42 %	Dormant

The registered office of the investments incorporated in England and Wales is Hanson House, 14 Castle Hill, Maidenhead, SL6 4JJ.

The registered office of Hanson FP Holdings B.V. is Pettelaarpark 30, 's-Hertogenbosch, 5216 PD, The Netherlands.

# 9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

		Unaudited
	2016	2015
	£000	£000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,868	1,868

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

## 10. Share capital

Shares classified as equity	2016 £	Unaudited 2015 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
23,600 ordinary shares of £0.01 each	236	236

## 11. Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 33.1A of FRS102 not to disclose transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries in the group headed by HeidelbergCement AG. Balances outstanding at 31 December with related parties, are as follows:

		Unaudited
	2016	2015
•	0003	£000
Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertakings	1,868	1,868

# 12. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Hanson Holdings (2) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is HeidelbergCement AG, a company registered in Germany. The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by HeidelbergCement AG. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of HeidelbergCement AG may be obtained from Berliner Strasse 6, D 69120 Heidelberg, Germany.