# Financial Statements The Business Information Zone Limited

For the year ended 30 April 2009



**COMPANIES HOUSE** 

Company No. 2583988

### Company information

Company registration number

2583988

Registered office

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**Directors** 

B Nichols L Humphrys

**Secretary** 

L Humphrys

**Bankers** 

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**Auditor** 

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#### Report of the directors

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 April 2009.

#### **Principal activities**

The company did not trade during the year.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

G van Zwanenberg resigned 1 December 2008

**B** Nichols

L Humphrys appointed 1 December 2008

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any
  relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

During the year Grant Thornton UK LLP resigned as auditors of the Company and KPMG Audit Plc were appointed.

KPMG Audit Plc will be deemed reappointed for the next financial year in accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006 unless the company receives notice under section 488(1) of the Companies Act 2006.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

L Humphrys Secretary

29 January 2010

## Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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; or
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



#### KPMG Audit Plc

St James Square Manchester M2 6DS

## Independent auditors' report to the members of The Business Information Zone Limited

We have audited the financial statements of The Business Information Zone Limited for the year ended 30 April 2009 set out on pages 7 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK 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 auditors' 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 Directors' Responsibilities Statement 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 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 the financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/scope/uknp">www.frc.org.uk/scope/uknp</a>.

#### Emphasis of matter - Going concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not qualified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosure made in the accounting policies note to the financial statements concerning the Company's ability to continue as a going concern; in particular, that the Company is directly or indirectly reliant for working capital on group funding and group bank facilities. The ability of the group to provide funding is itself dependent upon the continued availability of adequate group bank facilities. These conditions, along with the other matters explained in the accounting policies note to the financial statements, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Company were unable to continue as a going concern.

#### 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 30 April 2009 and of the result for the year ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### 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.

## Independent auditors' report to the members of The Business Information Zone Limited (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
- 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.

Stuart Burdass (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants Manchester

29 January 2010

### Principal accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies of the company have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

The directors have reviewed the principal accounting policies and consider that they remain the most appropriate for the company.

#### **Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The Company meets its day to day working capital requirements directly or indirectly through group funding and a group banking facility, in respect of which the Company has provided a cross-guarantee.

As at the date of approval of these financial statements the ultimate parent company has given an indication that, for the foreseeable future, it will continue to make such funds available as are needed by the Company and in particular will not seek repayment of any amounts currently outstanding. In turn the Group relies on its facilities, which at 30 April 2009 consisted of bank loans of £8.3m and an overdraft facility of £3m, together with an asset finance facility of £7.2m. Therefore, in forming their conclusions regarding going concern, the directors of the Company have considered the financing position of the Group.

Subsequent to the year end, on 3 July 2009, the Group issued new shares for cash consideration of £5.5.m. This money was raised from a supportive party who has verbally indicated that additional debt funding would be made available should the Group require it. Additionally, on 1 December 2009 the Group agreed increased banking facilities with Lloyds Banking Group.

The group has prepared trading and cash flow forecasts for a period in excess of one year from the date of approval of these financial statements. The forecasts make assumptions in respect of future trading conditions and in particular the Directors' estimates of growth in the number of machines placed. The forecasts indicate that the increased banking facilities provide adequate funding for the foreseeable future. However, the facilities are made available subject to a number of covenant tests, at Group level, notably in respect of gearing, interest cover and cash flow cover. At the date of authorisation of these financial statements, the Group is forecasting a breach of the cash flow cover covenant at 31 July 2010. A breach of covenants would technically result in the bank facilities becoming repayable on demand. However, the Group intend either to raise additional equity capital and / or to renegotiate the covenant in advance of any breach.

The Directors of the Company have concluded that the above circumstances represent a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt upon the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore to continue realising its assets and discharging its liabilities in the normal course of business. Nevertheless, after making enquiries, and considering the uncertainties described above, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, they continue to adopt a going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

#### **Cash flow statement**

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small.

### Profit and loss account

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Other operating charges	1	-	-
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		_	
Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities		-	-
Result for the financial year	6		

All of the activities of the company are classed as discontinued.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

### Balance sheet

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Current assets			
Debtors	3	1,904	1,904
Total assets		1,904	1,904
Capital and reserves			
Called-up equity share capital	5	104	104
Profit and loss account	6	1,800	1,800
Shareholder's funds	7	1,904	1,904

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 29 January 2010 and are signed on their behalf by:

L Humphrys Director

Registration number: 2583988

### Notes to the financial statements

#### 1 Other operating charges

	2009	2008
	£	£
Administrative expenses		

#### 2 Directors and employees

No salaries or wages have been paid to employees, including the directors, during the year.

#### 3 Debtors

	2009	2008
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,904	1,904

#### 4 Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Sceptre Leisure plc, the company is exempt from the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard number 8 "Related Party Disclosures" to disclose transactions with other members of the group headed by Sceptre Leisure plc.

#### 5 Share capital

Authorised share capital:

				2009 £	2008 £
	10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each			10,000	10,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:				
		2009		2008	
		No	£	No	£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	104	104	104	104
6	Profit and loss account				
				2009	2008
				£	£
	Balance brought forward			1,800	1,800
	Result for the financial year			_	-
	Balance carried forward			1,800	1,800

#### 7 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds

	2009 £	2008 £
Result for the financial year Opening shareholder's funds	_ 1,904	- 1,904
Closing shareholder's funds	1,904	1,904

#### 8 Capital commitments

The company had no capital commitments at 30 April 2009 or 30 April 2008.

#### 9 Contingent liabilities

The company has given a cross guarantee in respect of bank borrowings of fellow group undertakings. The group bank borrowings at 30 April 2009 were £10,596,849 (2008: £11,216,894).

#### 10 Ultimate parent company

The directors consider that the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling related party of this company is Sceptre Leisure plc by virtue of its 100% share holding in the company.

The largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts have been drawn up is that headed by Sceptre Leisure plc.