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**Rowlinson Constructions Limited** 

Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2007

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# Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

## Principal activity and review of the business

The company continues to operate predominantly in the social housing and speculative housing markets

In 2007, the anticipated commencement dates of certain contracts were deferred owing to delays in achieving planning approval, contributing to a sharp downturn in turnover compared with 2006

Turnover in 2008 is budgeted to return to the levels of 2005 and 2006 as secured contracts commence and progress. These contracts will provide a balance of new build and refurbishment work in the social housing sector, together with speculative housing developments.

Relationships with existing clients remain strong

The profitability of the company in 2007 was satisfactory and broadly in line with previous years. This is expected to continue in 2008.

The key financial highlights are as follows -

	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Turnover £'000	16,345	23,776	24,878	15,438	16,816
Gross profit £'000	2,873	3,461	3,627	1,865	2,534
Gross profit %	17%	15%	15%	12%	15%
Operating profit £'000	913	1,497	1,698	205	1,052
Operating profit/turnover %	6%	6%	7%	1%	6%
Number of employees	110	131	130	128	141
Operating profit per employee £'000	8	11	13	2	7

## Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 6

The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend

# Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007

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## Financial risk management objectives and policies

The company's principal financial instruments comprise bank deposits, and various items such as trade debtors, trade creditors, finance and operating lease agreements, which arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of these instruments is to finance the company's operations.

Due to the nature of the financial instruments used by the company there is no exposure to price risk. The company operates wholly within the UK and foreign exchange risk is not material

The company's approach to managing other risks applicable to the financial instruments concerned is shown below

The company's treasury management policies are designed to ensure continuity of funding. The company makes use of money market facilities, when funds are available, in order to maximise interest received

Trade debtors are managed in respect of credit and cash flow risk by policies concerning contract terms and the regular monitoring of amounts outstanding

Trade creditors liquidity risk is managed by ensuring sufficient funds are available to meet both anticipated requirements and to provide a prudent level of headroom

The company is a lessee in respect of finance and operating leased assets. The liquidity risk in respect of these is managed in the same way as trade creditors above

#### Directors

The directors who served during the year are as stated below

D J Roberts
J N Eckhard

#### **Charitable and Political Contributions**

During the year the company contributed £5,265 to charities

# Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2007

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#### Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing 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) The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make judgements 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

In so far as the directors are aware

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Hurst & Company Accountants LLP be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting

This report was approved by the Board on 31 MARCH 2008 and signed on its behalf by

A C Simpson

Secretary

## Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Rowlinson Constructions Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Rowlinson Constructions Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders 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 shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

### Respective responsibilities of directors and the auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

## Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Rowlinson Constructions Limited continued

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

### Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985,
   and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

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# Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2007

		Continuing operations	
		2007	2006
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	2	16,345,190	23,776,245
Cost of sales		(13,471,951)	(20,315,173)
Gross profit		2,873,239	3,461,072
Administrative expenses Other operating income		(1,964,015) 3,282	(2,046,051) 81,582
Operating profit	3	912,506	1,496,603
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	4 5	196,114 (11,058)	149,801 (7,013)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,097,562	1,639,391
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(340,289)	(496,885)
Profit for the year	16	757,273	1,142,506

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2007

		20	07	20	06
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		223,192		272,434
Current assets					
Stocks	10	1,593,389		1,515,580	
Debtors	11	3,096,595		4,079,726	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,875,138		3,962,855	
		10,565,122		9,558,161	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	12	(5,820,008)		(5,618,568)	
Net current assets			4,745,114	<del></del> _	3,939,593
Total assets less current					
liabilities			4,968,306		4,212,027
Creditors: amounts falling due					
after more than one year	13				(994)
Net assets			4,968,306		4,211,033
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	15		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	16		4,967,306		4,210,033
Shareholders' funds	17		4,968,306		4,211,033

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 31 MARCH 2008 and signed on its behalf by

D J Roberts

Director

J N Eckhard

Director

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

### 1. Accounting policies

## 1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board

The company has consistently applied all relevant accounting standards

### 1.2. Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

The company has taken advantage of FRS 1 and has not prepared a cashflow statement, a group cashflow statement is presented in the consolidated accounts of the parent company, Rowlinson Holdings Limited

#### 1.3. Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year

### 1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows

Leasehold properties

Straight line over the life of the lease

Plant and machinery

- 25% straight line

Fixtures, fittings

and equipment

25% straight line

Motor vehicles

- 25% straight line

### 1.5. Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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#### 1.6. Stock

Stock of land for development is included at acquisition cost or net realisable value whichever is the lower. Net realisable value for this purpose is estimated selling value less estimated selling costs.

Contract and speculative building work in progress is valued at cost or net realisable value, whichever is lower. Cost for this purpose includes all direct costs as defined below and where appropriate, attributable finance charges. Costs include direct labour and materials, work done by subcontractors, hire of plant and equipment used on contract sites, and all overheads except those relating to administration. Net realisable value for this purpose is estimated selling value less cost to completion including selling costs.

#### Amounts recoverable on contracts

Profit on long term contracts is taken as the work is carried out if the final outcome can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The profit included is calculated on a prudent basis to reflect the proportion of the work carried out at the year end, by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses. Revenues derived from variations on contracts are recognised only when they have been accepted by the customer. Full provision is made for losses on all contracts in the year in which they are first forseen.

Where the outcome can not be assessed with reasonable certainty all attributable costs are carried forward and any payments on account received are set-off against the carrying value in the balance sheet

### 1.7. Pensions

Contributions are made into the money purchase pension scheme of certain employees Contributions are charged to the profit and loss in the period in which they are incurred

#### 1.8. 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 have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exceptions

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

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

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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## 2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK

3.	Operating profit	2007 £	2006 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging		
	Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	101,922	135,436
	Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(12,786)	(746)
	Operating lease rentals		
	- Land and buildings	36,000	33,868
	- Motor vehicles	1,936	2,148
	Auditors' remuneration	15,250	10,300
	Auditors' remuneration from non-audit work	8,453	4,810
4.	Interest receivable and similar income	2007 £	2006 £
	Bank interest	195,594	147,469
	Other interest	520	2,332
		196,114	149,801
5.	Interest payable and similar charges	2007	2006
		£	£
	Other interest payable	10,507	4,730
	Hire purchase interest	551	2,283
		11,058	7,013

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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## 6. Employees

Number of employees The average monthly numbers of employees (including the directors) during the year were	2007	2006
Administration	21	20
Construction and development work	89	111
	110	131
Employment costs	2007	2006
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,111,601	3,617,246
Wages and salaries Social security costs	3,111,601 293,823	3,617,246 317,806
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The directors were paid by the parent company, Rowlinson Holdings Limited and the costs recharged to the company by way of management charges Details of their emoluments are set out in the accounts of that company

## 7. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and amounted to £41,712 (£2006 - £45,239)

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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## 8. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

Analysis of charge in period	2007 £	2006 £
Current tax		
UK corporation tax	342,037	505,012
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	-	(3,439)
	342,037	501,573
Total current tax charge	342,037	501,573
Deferred tax		
Timing differences, origination and reversal	(1,748)	(4,688)
Total deferred tax	(1,748)	(4,688)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	340,289	496,885

## Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30 per cent) The differences are explained below

	2007 £	2006 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,097,562	1,639,391
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation		
tax in the UK of 30% (31 December 2006 30%)	329,269	491,817
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	11,020	7,882
Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation	1,748	5,313
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	-	(3,439)
Current tax charge for period	342,037	501,573

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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		Long		Fixtures,		
9.	Tangible fixed assets	leasehold	Plant and	fittings and	Motor	
		property	machinery	equipment	vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	Cost					
	At 1 January 2007	104,000	191,550	182,797	485,046	963,393
	Additions	-	855	15,553	36,272	52,680
	Disposals	-	(28,250	) -	(52,873)	(81,123)
	At 31 December 2007	104,000	164,155	198,350	468,445	934,950
	Depreciation	-				
	At 1 January 2007	12,480	166,176	137,299	375,004	690,959
	On disposals	-	(28,250	) -	(52,873)	(81,123)
	Charge for the year	2,080	14,029	18,728	67,085	101,922
	At 31 December 2007	14,560	151,955	156,027	389,216	711,758
	Net book values		<del></del>			
	At 31 December 2007	89,440	12,200	42,323	79,229	223,192
	At 31 December 2006	91,520	25,374	45,498	110,042	272,434

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows

		2007		2006	
	Asset description	Net book value £	Depreciation charge £	Net book value £	Depreciation charge
	Motor vehicles	13,002	15,570 ———	28,573	25,262
10.	Stocks			2007 £	2006 £
	Work in progress			1,593,389	1,515,580

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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11.	Debtors	2007 £	2006 £
	Trade debtors	2,790,705	3,889,971
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	5,133
	Other debtors	157,917	32,612
	Prepayments and accrued income	112,824	118,609
	Deferred tax (Note 14)	35,149	33,401
		3,096,595	4,079,726
12.	Creditors: amounts falling due	2007	2006
	within one year	£	£
	Net obligations under finance leases		
	and hire purchase contracts	994	14,891
	Trade creditors	2,609,531	2,608,890
	Amounts owed to group undertaking	407,503	393,120
	Corporation tax	282,037	383,737
	Other taxes and social security costs	108,909	147,633
	Other creditors	61,053	143,155
	Accruals and deferred income	2,349,981	1,927,142
		5,820,008	5,618,568
	Hire purchase contracts are secured on the assets to which they relate		
13.	Creditors: amounts falling due	2007	2006
	after more than one year	£	£
	Net obligations under finance leases		
	and hire purchase contracts	<u>-</u>	994
	Net obligations under finance leases		
	and hire purchase contracts	004	1.4.001
	Repayable within one year Repayable between one and five years	994	14,891 994
	repusable between one and rive years		
		994	15,885

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14.	Deferred tax asset	2007 £	2006 £
	Accelerated capital allowances	35,149	33,401
	Deferred tax asset	35,149	33,401
	Asset at 1 January 2007 Deferred tax credit in profit and loss account	33,401 1,748	
	Asset at 31 December 2007(see Note 11)	35,149	
15.	Share capital	2007	2006
	-	£	£
	Authorised equity 1,000 Ordinary shares of 1 each	1,000	1,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid equity 1,000 Ordinary shares of 1 each	1,000	1,000
16.	Equity Reserves	Profit and loss account £	Total £
	At 1 January 2007	4,210,033	4,210,033
	Profit for the year	757,273	757,273
	At 31 December 2007	4,967,306	4,967,306
17.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2007 £	2006 £
	Profit for the year	757,273	1,142,506
	Opening shareholders' funds	4,211,033	3,068,527
	Closing shareholders' funds	4,968,306	4,211,033

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#### 18. Financial commitments

At 31 December 2007 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

		Land and buildings	
		2007	2006
		£	£
	Expiry date:		
	Between one and five years	70,278	58,022
19.	Capital commitments	2007	2006
	•	£	£
	Details of capital commitments at the		
	accounting date are as follows		
	Contracted for but not provided in		
	the financial statements	16,944	9,560

### 20. Contingent liabilities

At the 31 December 2007 there existed performance bonds and similar agreements entered into in the normal course of business totalling £1,417,709 (2006 £3,252,840)

### 21. Related party transactions

In preparing these financial statements the directors have taken advantage of the exemptions available under paragraph 3c of the Financial Reporting Standard 8, "Related Party Disclosures", and have not disclosed transactions with other group undertakings

### 22. Ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate parent company is Rowlinson Holdings Limited, a company registered in England

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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## 23. Controlling interest

The ultimate controlling party of the company is Mr D J Roberts by virtue of his 65% shareholding in the equity share capital of the parent company, Rowlinson Holdings Limited