#### Section 94 The Insolvency Act 1986

Return of Final Meeting in a Members' Voluntary Winding up Pursuant to Section 94 of the **Insolvency Act 1986** 

To the Registrar of Companies

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Name of Company

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(a) GARTMORE GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES PLC

(b) Insert full We name(s) and address(es) Of

(b) Laura Waters and Richard Setchim PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

7 More London, Riverside, London SE1 2RT

authenticated by

the written signature(s) of the liquidator(s)

(c) Delete as Give notice that a general meeting of the company was duly held on 30 March applicable 2012 pursuant to section 94 of the Insolvency Act 1986, for the purpose of (d) Insert date having an account (of which a copy is attached) laid before it showing how the (e) The copy winding up of the company has been conducted and the property of the account must be company has been disposed of and no quorum was present at the meeting,

Signed

Date 30/03/2012.

Presenter's name. Laura Waters address and

reference PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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#### To all Shareholders

30 March 2012

Dear Sir/Madam

Gartmore Growth Opportunities Plc<sup>1</sup> – in members' voluntary liquidation (the "Company") Progress Report as required by s92A of the Insolvency Act 1986 Final Report to members as required by s94 of the Insolvency Act 1986

I refer to my appointment as joint liquidator of the Company on 10 December 2010

In accordance with section 94 Insolvency Act 1986, I am required to provide you with a final report on the conduct and outcome of the liquidation which was presented at the meeting. This report is for the period 10 December 2010 to 30 March 2012 and also serves as a progress report for the period 10 December 2011 to 30 March 2012 to the extent required by Section 92A of the Insolvency Act 1986.

We are also required to provide certain information concerning the Company and the Liquidators, this information is attached at appendix A

We set out an abstract of the Liquidators' receipts and payments for the Liquidation at appendix B

# Joint liquidators' Progress Report and Final Report to shareholders

# 1. Final cash distribution to all shareholders

A final cash distribution to all ordinary shareholders was declared and paid on 10 February 2012 of 0 200296 pence per ordinary share Details of the first distribution to ordinary shareholders are set out in section 2 below

The final cash distribution was made in accordance with the proposals for the reconstruction of the Company detailed in the circular to shareholders dated 11 November 2010 Please note that in accordance with the circular no payment of less than £5 shall be made to an ordinary shareholder, such amounts shall be donated to Steps Charity Worldwide (Charity number 1094343 in England and Wales)

In addition, a first and final cash distribution was declared and paid to holder of the management shares of £8,975. In accordance with the Articles, any surplus is divided amongst the ordinary shareholders and management shareholder pro rata according to the nominal capital paid up on their holdings of ordinary shares and management shares, provided that the management shares only receive an amount up to the nominal capital paid up. The management shares issued and paid up total £12,500.

Laura Waters and Richard Setchim have been appointed Joint Liquidators. Both are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as Insolvency Practitioners by the Institute of Insolvency Practitioners in England and Wales.

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### Scheme of Reconstruction and winding up of the Company (the "Scheme")

The Company was placed into liquidation on 10 December 2010 by its shareholders when Laura Waters and Richard Setchim were appointed joint liquidators in order to implement the Scheme pursuant to \$110 of the Insolvency Act 1986 The recommended proposals of the Scheme were detailed in the circular to shareholders dated 11 November 2010

Under the terms of the Scheme, all shareholders were able to elect to receive cash or shares in Artemis Alpha Trust Plc (the "Rollover Vehicle") or a combination of both

Shareholders, (other than overseas holders and saving scheme participants), who held shares in the Gartmore SAVEit Savings Scheme, who failed to make an election were deemed to have elected for shares in the Rollover Vehicle, in respect of their entire holding in the Company

Overseas holders and saving scheme participants who held shares in the Gartmore ISAit Savings Scheme who failed to make an election were deemed to have elected to receive cash in respect of their entire holding in the Company

Accordingly, on the date of liquidation the joint liquidators transferred cash and securities to the Rollover Vehicle in consideration for the issue of shares in the Rollover Vehicle to ordinary shareholders or paid a cash distribution to ordinary shareholders, in accordance with ordinary shareholders' elections

Details of the property transferred and the amount distributed to shareholders under the Scheme are detailed in the receipts and payments account attached at appendix B

# 3. Progress of the Liquidation

I attach at Appendix B a summary of the Liquidators' receipts and payments covering the period from 10 December 2010 to 30 March 2012 which includes details of all the assets realised

The declaration of solvency sworn by the directors of the Company prior to liquidation shows as at 25 November 2010 assets of £53,015,794 and liabilities of £4,422,055 Further details are set out at appendix B

The following securities were non transferrable at the date of liquidation and therefore remained in the company and were valued at nil

Name of security	Number of shares		
Lennox Holding Plc – in liquidation	1,020,135		
Third Advance Value Realisations - in liquidation	1,006		
Panceltica Holdings Limited – in liquidation	159,289		
Minster warrants	144,230		
Alizyme Plc – in liquidation	2,349,203		

All the above securities have been abandoned as they have not been capable of achieving any realisable value and there is no cost benefit to keeping the liquidation open



# Gartmore GO Dealing Limited - in members' voluntary liquidation (the "Subsidiary")

The Subsidiary was placed into members' voluntary liquidation on 8 November 2010 During the liquidation, the liquidators of the Subsidiary made a distribution to the Company as sole shareholder of £16,806 33, representing £8,403 16 per ordinary share. The final meeting of the Subsidiary was held on 22 November 2011 and it is shown as pending dissolution at Companies House for 25 February 2012. The Company and the Subsidiary were subject to group relief which took some time to resolve and receive clearance from HM Revenue & Customs

# VAT litigation and contingent VAT asset

The European Court of Justice ("ECJ") has ruled that investment trusts are capable of being "special investment funds" and therefore exempt from paying VAT on investment management fees. After consideration of the ECJ judgment, HM Revenue and Customs ("HMRC") have accepted that investment management services supplied to investment trusts are exempt.

While the Company was an active investment trust the Board engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and PricewaterhouseCoopers Legal LLP VAT specialists to advise on pursuing a claim for restitution against HMRC to recover amounts of irrecoverable VAT suffered by the Company A claim was submitted to court to protect the Company's position and to enable the Company to stand behind the main litigation which is being led by other investment trusts. However, with the decision to liquidate the Company, the Board decided it was preferable to return as much value to shareholders as possible rather than retain funds in respect of pursuing a contingent VAT asset. Accordingly, as insufficient funds are available to keep the liquidation open pending the outcome of the litigation the liquidators have withdrawn the Company from court proceedings.

In order for the court proceedings to be withdrawn agreement had to be reached with HMRC as to costs. The joint liquidators negotiated a settlement with HMRC whereby the Company paid £1,000 to HMRC to settle a costs claim and withdraw from the action.

### Creditors

All known creditors' claims have been settled in full

Please note that since the final cash distribution was declared and paid to all ordinary shareholders, the Company received a valid claim from an unknown creditor. The claim was settled out of the funds held by the Company prior to the final meeting.

#### Tax

During the period of the liquidation withholding tax of £6,574 38 was recovered from the Irish Tax Authority

All pre and post liquidation tax computations have been submitted and clearance has been received from HM Revenue & Customs to close the liquidation





### **Management Shares**

As detailed in section 1, the Company has management shares in issue. There has been a slight discrepancy in the Company's records as to the holder of the management shares being Gartmore Investment Limited or its parent company, Gartmore Investment Management Limited. This has required some investigative work and the joint liquidators requested the owners to confirm in writing the holder of the management shares in order to pay the distribution on the management shares to Gartmore Investment Management Limited.

# 4. Liquidators' Remuneration

At the General Meeting held on 10 December 2010 a resolution was passed to enable the Joint Liquidators to draw their remuneration on a time cost basis. Our current hourly charge out rates for 2011/2012 are set out below

Grade	Liquidation team	Tax department
Support Staff	£110	£120
Associate	£221	£165
Senior Associate	£257	£390
Manager	£415	£520
Senior Manager	£494	£820
Director	£641	£940
Partner	£730	£1,025

The time costs for the first year of liquidation, being 10 December 2010 to 9 December 2011 total £59,108 (excluding VAT) and represent 188 39 hours

The time costs for the period 10 December 2011 to 30 March 2012 total £23,108 (excluding VAT) and represent 76 53 hours

In total, the time costs for the liquidation total £82,339 (excluding VAT) and represent 264 92 hours.

Against these time costs, we have invoiced £79,187 (including VAT) to 30 March 2012, being the closure of the liquidation

A breakdown for the liquidation by grade and work type is provided below

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	Yartner	Director	Senior Manager	Manager	Senior Associate	Associate	Support	Total
Work Type	Н	H	н	11	H	"	H "	11
Accounting and treasury		n 58		0 10	7 25	170		9 63
Administration and filing	L				0 47	1 00	-	1 47
Closure provedures	0 10	0.83	7 65		7 10			15 68
Creditors / liabilities		1 08	2 35		0 25			3 68
Distributions			0 25		9 95	070	1	10 90
nvestments k shareholdings			310					3 10
lob plen					0 75			0.75
Other assets			0 15		195			2 10
Persodie review			O 45		1 38		i — —	1 83
Registrer / investor liaison					0 30			0 30
Review / monitoring TAV			210					2 10
Shaping & strategy	1				0 40			0.40
Statutory and other compliance	0 10		4 15		19 26	0.40		23 91
fax & tax dept lucison	1				0.68			0 68
Total time costs for the period to December 2011 to 30 March 2012	0 10	2 49	20 20	0 10	49 74	3.80		76 53
Total time costs brought forward to 9 December 2011	0.70	11 59	45 87	350	75.09	5104	v 60	188 39
Total time costs for the liquidation:	0 90	14 08	66 07	3 60	124 83	54 84	0.60	264 92

Total	
Time costs	Average
incurred	hontiy
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( BP	GBP
2,652 23	275.41
341 79	232.51
5,359 68	941 82
1 656 58	450 16
2,807 60	257 58
1,187 30	383 00
192 75	257 00
558 60	266 00
527 01	287 98
77 10	257 00
804 30	383 00
102 80	257 00
6,665.07	278 76
174.76	257 00
23,107 57	30194
59 231.32	314 41
82,338 89	310 61



We have invoiced disbursements of £1,933 (including VAT) A breakdown of these disbursements is provided at Note 4 on the attached receipts and payments accounts

Members of the Company with at least 5% of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote at general meetings of the Company or any member with the permission of the court may make a request in writing to the liquidator for further information about remuneration or expenses set out in this report, within 21 days of receipt of this report in accordance with Rule 4 49E of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended)

In certain circumstances, members are also entitled to claim by way of court application that the liquidators' remuneration and expenses are excessive. Such applications need to be made within 8 weeks of receipt of this report in accordance with Rule 4 148(C) of the Insolvency Rules 1986 (as amended).

A copy of the text of "A creditors' guide to liquidators' fees", which also applies to members in a members' voluntary liquidation, issued by the Association of Business Recovery Professionals can be provided on request

### 5. Final meeting of the Company

The final meeting of the Company was held today where this report was presented

# 6. Further information

If you have any queries regarding your shareholding or the final cash distribution, please telephone Equiniti on 0871 384 2030 (Calls cost 8p per minute plus network extras) Lines are open Monday to Friday, 8 30am - 5 30pm From outside the UK please call +44 (0) 121 415 7047

I trust this letter has provided you with sufficient information—If, after reading it you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Debra Gibbs at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on 020 7804 2766

Yours faithfully

Laura Waters Joint Liquidator

**Enclosures** 

Notice of Final Meeting of members Appendix A Information about the Company and Liquidators Appendix B Receipts & Payments Account



Appendix A

Company name: Gartmore Growth Opportunities Plc

Registered office address: Gartmore House

8 Fenchurch Place London EC3M 4PB

Registered number: 02600028

Names of liquidators: Laura Waters & Richard Setchim

**Office holder numbers:** 9477 & 6710

Address of liquidators: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

7 More London Riverside

London SE1 2RT

Date of appointment of liquidators: 10 December 2010

Changes of liquidator: None

**Basis of remuneration** by reference to the time properly given by the

liquidators and their staff in attending to the matters arising in the winding up pursuant to a

resolution passed by the members on 10

December 2010

Liquidators' contact details: The Joint Liquidators

Gartmore Growth Opportunities Plc - in

members' voluntary liquidation C/o PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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# Gartmore Growth Opportunities plc - in members' voluntary liquidation Joint Liquidators' Summary Receipts and Payments Account (Note 1)

Declaration of solvency estimated realisable values 25 November 2010		10 December 2011	10 December 2010 to	Cumulative 10 December 2010 to
(Note 2)		30 March 2012	9 December 2011	30 March 2012
£	Receipts	£	£	£
	Balance at Bank	-	1 065 787 49	1 065 787 49
	Marketable securibes		48 770 572 79	48 770 572 79
	Trade debtors		-017001210	
151 521 55	Accrued income		310 811 32	310 811 32
	Distribution received from subsidiary		16 806 33	16 806 33
_	Irish WHT receipt		6 574 38	6 574 38
-	Refunds		1 855 78	1,855 78
-	Unclaimed dividends over 12 years	5 706 96		5 706 96
	•			
53 015 794 00	_Total	570696	60 172 408.09	50 178 115 05
	Payments			
	Estimated costs of the liquidation and other expenses			-
3 580 108 00	Unsecured creditors (Bitts payable, accrued expenses dividends payable and other			
	Fee paid to HMRC to withdraw from litigation		1 000 00	1 000 00
	HSBC Securities - administration services		20 168 43	20 168 43
	International Financial Data Services Limited		7 474 90 38 193 13	7 474 90 49 673 13
	Registrar fees	11 480 00	3 453 60	3 453 60
	Custodian fees		52 875 00	52 875 00
	PwC Pre liquidation advice and assistance Gartmore Growth Opportunities Plc PwC Pre liquidation advice and assistance Gartmore GO Dealing Limited		5 875 00	5 875 00
	PwC Office holders fees	27 336 13	51 851 24	79 187 37
	PwC Office holders Category 1 disbursements (note 4)	118 35	1 814 40	1 932 75
	Irish Legal fees	71000	3 808 63	3 808 63
	Bank charges	50 74	89 98	140 72
	Precision IR	••••	582 93	582 93
	Unbanked cheques at date of appointment		2 255 18	2 255 18
	Edison Investment Research Limited	3 525 00	-	3 525 00
4 522 055 00	Total	42 510 22	189 442 42	231 952 64
48 493 739 00	- Surplus available to shareholders			49 946 162 41
46 *93 739 00	201 http://www.co.en.en.en.en.en.en.en.en.en.en.en.en.en.			49 340 102 41
	Distributions to holders of Ordinary shares of 0 025p each			
	First and final in specie distribution to shareholders electing for Artemis Alpha Trust Pic Transfer of cash and securities (note 3)	-	36 829,253 33	36 829 253 33
	First cash distribution to Cash Electors (Cash adjusted FAV)		12 433 909 81	12 433 909 81
	5% Cash Exit Fund payable to Artemis Alpha Trust Plc	-		654 416 36
	less rounding	•		0 99
	Final cash distribution to all Ordinary shareholders <b>©</b> 0 200296 pence per share	18 669 71		18 669 71
	De minimis payment to STEPS registered charity 1094343 (England & Wales)	937.21		937 21
	50 000 Management shares of £1 00 each (paid up to £0 25)	8 975 00	-	8 975 00
	Total distributed to shareholders	28 581 92	49,263 163 14	49 946 162 41

# Closing balance

Note 1 All payments are shown gross of VAT where they relate to taxable services/supplies.

Note 2 Estimated realisable value of assets and liabilities as at 25 November 2010 as per declaration of solvency sworn on 29 November 2010 by the directors of the Company

Note 3. The basis of the valuation of the Company's assets for the purposes of the Scheme is set out in Part III paragraph 5 of the circular to shareholders dated 11 November 2010. Requests for further information may be made to the liquidators using the contact details in Section 7 of the attached progress and final report.

Note 4. Equidators Category One disbursements of £1 932.74 were incurred as follows.

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Category One Disbursements	
Statutory advertising	662 62
Statutory bonding	820 00
Company searches	23 00
Courier	30 00
Travel	10 0
HM Land Registry	40 0
Charge to pay unclaimed dividends to Insolvency Services Account	25 0
Total including VAT	1 932 7