Ringway Handling Services Limited Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2007

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for the year ended 31 March 2007

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Directors' Report

for the year ended 31 March 2007

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2007

Principal activities and review of business

The principal activity of the company during the period was the provision of airport ground handling services at Manchester Airport. The company intends to continue these activities in the foreseeable future

Results, dividends and transfer to reserves

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2006 £nil) The results for the year are presented on page 6 of these financial statements. The loss for the year after taxation of £1,085,557 (2006 £463,160) has been transferred against reserves

Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors of The Manchester Airport Group PLC manage the group's risks at a group level, rather than at an individual business unit level. For this reason, the company's directors believe that a discussion of the group's risks would not be appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of Ringway Handling Services Limited's business. The principal risks and uncertainties of The Manchester Airport Group PLC, which include those of the company, are discussed on page 21 of the group's annual report, which does not form part of this report.

Key performance indicators ("KPIs")

The company's directors believe that an analysis using key performance indicators for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of Ringway Handling Services Ltd The development, performance and position of The Manchester Airport Group PLC, which includes the company, is discussed in the review of operations (page 8) and financial review (page 15) of the group's annual report

Directors

The directors who held office during the year are given below

R Burns Group Strategy Director
R Pike Group Finance Director
G Muirhead Group Chief Executive

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

Anditors

During the year the audit services were put out to tender, KPMG LLP were appointed by the directors in September 2006 to fill a casual vacancy on the resignation of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP following the tender process. A resolution to reappoint KPMG LLP as auditors to the Company will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Directors' interests, service contracts and insurance

The directors of the company, who held office during the year, or thereafter, had no interest in the shares of the parent company or other Group companies at any time during the year

There are no directors' service contracts. The group maintains insurance for the company's directors in respect of their duties as directors.

Directors' Report (continued) for the year ended 31 March 2007

Employment policy

Ringway Handling Service Limited employment policies are regularly reviewed and updated by the Board of directors

The company is committed to giving full and careful consideration to applications for employment by disabled persons, bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the company continues and the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of a disabled person should, as far as possible, be identical to that of a person who does not suffer from a disability

Ringway Handling Services Limited continues its commitment to the development and involvement of employees which was recognised through the retention of the "Investors In People" standard

The employee relations climate remained stable with no collective grievance registered and the continuation of employee involvement in the compilation and communication of business plans for the forthcoming three year period

Whilst the company has maintained a high level of communication to employees of the factors impacting on the business, the improvement of communication remains a high management priority

The company maintained its commitment to employment policies which follow best practice, based on equal opportunities for all employees irrespective of sex, race, religion, colour, disability or marital status

Charitable and political donations

There were no charitable or political donations made by the company in the year (2006 nil)

By order of the Board

S Welsh

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Secretary

7 November 2007

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)

The financial statements are required by law to 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 judgments and 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Ringway Handling Services Limited.

We have audited the financial statements of Manchester Airports Group Plc for the year ended 31 March 2007, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Reconciliation of Movements in Equity Shareholders' Funds 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 members, 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 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

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 3

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 judgments 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

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.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Ringway Handling Services Limited (continued)

Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2007 and of its loss 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

KPMG LLP

7 November 2007

Chartered Accountants

Kingell

Registered Auditor

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 March 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Turnover		17,487,595	17,912,584
Staff costs			
Wages and salaries		(1,966,087)	(2,005,477)
Social security costs		(170,913)	(169,109)
Pension costs		158,041	115,838
		(1,978,959)	(2,058,748)
Depreciation		(351,040)	(301,666)
External charges		(16,199,667)	(15,527,945)
		(18,529,666)	(17,888,359)
Operating (Loss) / Profit	2	(1,042,071)	24,225
Interest receivable		100,000	25,000
Group interest payable		-	(268,885)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(942,071)	(219,660)
Taxation	3	(143,486)	(243,500)
Loss for financial year transferred to reserves	11	(1,085,557)	(463,160)

All the above results derive from continuing operations

There is no material difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the loss for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

for the year ended 31 March 2007

	2007 £	2006 £
Loss attributable to the shareholders	(1,085,557)	(463,160)
Actuarial gain / (loss) (Note 14)	875,000	(675,000)
Movement on deferred tax relating to actuarial (gain) / loss	(263,000)	202,500
Total recognised losses relating to the year	(473,557)	(935,660)

Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds for the year ended 31 March 2007

 2007
 2006

 £
 £

 Copening equity shareholders' deficit
 (7,012,812)
 (6,077,152)

 Loss for the financial year
 (1,085,557)
 (463,160)

 Actuarial gain / (loss) (net of deferred tax)
 612,000
 (472,500)

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2007

	Notes	2007	2006
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	1,861,080	1,875,892
Investments	5	1	1
		1,861,081	1,875,893
Current assets			
Stock	6	12,945	21,595
Debtors	7	1,451,835	3,014,146
Cash at bank		20,537	149,890
		1,485,317	3,185,631
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(6,848,024)	(7,196,079)
Net current liabilities		(5,362,707)	(4,010,448)
Total assets less current habilities		(3,501,626)	(2,134,555)
Provisions for habilities and charges	9	(204,743)	(188,257)
Net liabilities excluding pension liability		(3,706,369)	(2,322,812)
Pension liability	14	(3,780,000)	(4,690,000)
Net liabilities including pension liability		(7,486,369)	(7,012,812)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	1,000	1,000
Profit and loss account	11	(7,487,369)	(7,013,812)
Equity shareholders' deficit		(7,486,369)	(7,012,812)

The financial statements on pages 6 to 17 were approved by the Board of directors and signed on its behalf by

R Pike

7 November 2007

Statement of accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom A summary of the more important accounting policies, which, except where stated, have been applied consistently throughout the year, is set out below

Basis of accounting

The directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis due to the company's parent undertaking continuing to provide working capital support

The Financial Statements contain information about Ringway Handling Services Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertaking are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent, The Manchester Airport Group PLC, a company registered in England and Wales

Cash flow

As permitted by Financial Reporting Standard 1, the company has not presented a cash flow statement as the company is included in the group consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent undertaking, the Manchester Airport Group PLC, whose financial statements are publicly available

Turnover

Turnover is recognised as the related services are provided and represents the invoice value of services supplied by the company exclusive of value added tax

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis over the expected useful lives of the fixed assets as follows

Plant and machinery

5-25 years

Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment

5 - 10 years

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less any provisions for diminution in value. Costs incurred to acquire investments are capitalised within the cost of investment

Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value Cost is calculated on an average cost basis

Leased assets

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard ('FRS') 19, deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise, based on current tax rates and law Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements

Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted

On 21 March 2007, it was announced that the standard rate of corporation tax will change to 28% and that there will be changes to capital allowance legislation, impacting on the calculation of the deferred tax provision of the company. These changes will be introduced for taxable periods beginning on or after 1 April 2008. For the purpose of the company accounts for 31 March 2007, the standard rate of corporation tax and capital allowance legislation prior to these changes has been applied.

Related party transactions

As the company is a subsidiary undertaking, where 90% or more of its voting rights are controlled within the Manchester Airport Group, it has taken advantage of the exemption permitted by FRS 8 not to disclose any transactions or balances with entities that are part of the Manchester Airport Group

Pension costs

The Company participates in a pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company. The Company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 'Retirement benefits', accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result, the amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

Defined benefit schemes are accounted for as an asset or liability on the balance sheet. The asset or liability reflects the present value of defined benefit obligations, less the fair value of plan assets, adjusted for past service costs.

The amount reported in the profit and loss account for employee benefit costs includes past service costs, current service costs, interest costs and return on assets income. Past service costs are charged to the profit and loss account immediately and current service costs are charged to the profit and loss account for the period to which they relate. Interest costs, reflecting the unwinding of the discounted value of the scheme obligations, and return on assets, reflecting the long term expected return on scheme assets, are charged or credited to the profit and loss account for the period to which they relate

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2007

1 Employee information and directors' emoluments

The average monthly number of persons (including the directors) employed by the company during the year was

	2007 Number	2006 Number
By activity		
Administration	9	4
Baggage handling	81	93
	90	97

The remuneration paid to the directors was £nil (2006 £nil)

2 Operating profit

Operating (loss) / profit is stated after charging

	2007	2006
	£	£
Audit of these financial statements	11,000	11,000
Depreciation – owned assets	351,040	282,819

External charges mainly comprise fees for baggage and freight handling staff from the company's wholly owned subsidiary, Ringway Handling Ltd

3 Taxation

	2007	2006
C	£	£
Current taxation		
UK Corporation tax on loss for the year	-	•
Adjustment in respect of prior year	<u> </u>	
Total current tax	_	
Deferred taxation		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	12,419	140,000
Adjustment in respect of prior year	4,067	-
Pension liability	127,000	103,500
Total deferred taxation	143,486	243,500
Total tax charge for the year	143,486	243,500

3 Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting the current tax charge for the year

The tax charge for the year ended 31 March 2007 is higher (2006 higher) than the standard rate of corporation taxation in the UK of 30% A detailed reconciliation is set out in the following table 2006 2007 £ Loss on ordinary activities before taxation (942,071)(219,660)Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate in the UK of 30% (282,621)(65,898)Effects of Capital allowances in excess of depreciation (12,420)(66,208)Expenses not deductible for tax purposes 6,983 412 303,623 Group relief claimed 422,129 Short term timing difference (75,000)FRS17 adjustment (127,500)(103,500)Current tax charge for the period

Based on current capital expenditure plans, the company expects to continue to be able to claim capital allowances in excess of depreciation in future years at a similar level to the current year

4 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and Machinery £	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2006	2,649,684	62,919	2,712,603
Reclassification	(58,224)	58,224	•
Additions	323,390	12,838	336,228
At 31 March 2007	2,914,850	133,981	3,048,831
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 Aprıl 2006	774,242	62,469	836,711
Reclassification	(4,835)	4,835	-
Charge for the year	330,071	20,969	351,040
At 31 March 2007	1,099,478	88,273	1,187,751
At 31 March 2007	1,815,372	45,708	1,861,080
At 31 March 2006	1,875,442	450	1,875,892

5 Fixed asset investments

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Stock

Ringway Handling Services Limited has one subsidiary company, Ringway Handling Limited Ringway Handling Limited was incorporated in the United Kingdom and its principal activities are the employment of baggage and freight handling staff Ringway Handling Services owns 100% of this subsidiary company's ordinary shares of £1 each

	2007 £	2006 £
Consumables	12,945	21,595
	12,945	21,595
7 Debtors		
	2007 £	2006 £
Trade debtors	1,434,219	1,807,650
Amounts due from fellow group companies	1,923	1,178,174
Other debtors	15,693	28,322
	1,451,835	3,014,146
8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	2007 £	2006 £
Trade creditors	191,450	263,726
Amounts owed to fellow group companies	5,142,962	5,608,767
Amounts owed to subsidiary company	294,263	216,411
Other taxation and social security payable	39,517	66,182

9 Provisions for liabilities and charges

Deferred taxation

Accruals and deferred income

	2007	2006
	£	£
At I April	188,257	48,257
Charged to profit and loss account	16,486	140,000
At 31 March	204,743	188,257

1,179,832

6,848,024

1,040,993

7,196,079

9 Provisions for liabilities and charges (Continued)

Analysed as	2007 £	2006 £
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	204,743	188,257
Provision for deferred tax	204,743	188,257
Deferred tax asset on pension liability (note 14)	(1,620,000)	(2,010,000)
	(1,415,257)	(1,821,743)

10 Share capital

	2007	2006
Authorised	Number	Number
1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid	£	£
1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000

11 Reserves

	Profit and loss Profit and loss		
	account	account	
	2007	2006	
	£	£	
At 1 April 2006	(7,013,812)	(6,078,152)	
Net actuarial gain / (loss) for the year	612,000	(472,500)	
Loss for the year	(1,085,557)	(463,160)	
At 31 March 2007	(7,487,369)	(7,013,812)	

12 Capital commitments

There is no capital expenditure that has contracted for but not been provided for in the financial statements at the balance sheet date

13 Other financial commitments

There are no annual commitments under operating leases at the balance sheet date

14 Pension costs

Employees of the company participate in the following pension schemes

Greater Manchester Pension Fund

The fund is administered by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council The scheme is of the defined benefit type and is funded. The securities portfolio of the fund is managed by two professional investment managers and the property portfolio is managed internally. Participation is by virtue of the company's status as an "admitted body" to the Fund

The last valuation of the Fund was carried out at 31 March 2004. The purpose of the valuation was to determine the financial position of the Fund and to recommend the contribution rate to be paid by Ringway Handling Services Limited and the other participating employers.

The market value of the funds assets at 31 March 2004 amounted to £6,595 million The funding level of the scheme as measured using the actuarial method of valuation was 93%

The principal assumptions were as follows

Investment Returns - Equities - 6 7% per annum
- Bonds - 4 9% per annum
Salary Increases - 4 4% per annum
Pensions Increase/Price Inflation - 2 9% per annum

The costs of providing pensions are charged to the profit and loss account on a consistent basis over the service lives of the members. These costs are determined by an independent qualified actuary and any variations from regular costs are spread over the remaining working lifetime of the current members.

The numerical disclosures provided below are based on the most recent actuarial valuation

	2007	2006	2005
	per	per	per
	annum	annum	annum
Rate of increase in salaries	4.7%	4 6%	4 4%
Rate of increase in pension payments	3.2%	3 1%	2 9%
Discount Rate	5.4%	4 9%	5 4%
Inflation assumption	3.2%	3 1%	2 9%

The attributable share of assets in the scheme and the expected long-term rated of return as at 31 March 2007

	Rate of		Rate of		Rate of	
	return	Value	return	Value	return	Value
	2007	2007	2006	2006	2005	2005
	%	£'000	%	£'000	%	£'000
Equities	7.8%	7,750	7 4%	7,520	7 7%	6,515
Bonds	4.9%	1,850	4 6%	1,805	4 8%	1,355
Property	5.8%	1,140	5 5%	1,055	5 7%	970
Cash	4 9%	860	4 6%	1,060	4 8%	780
Total	6.9%	11,600	6 5%	11,440	6 9%	9,620

14 Pension costs (continued)

The following amounts as at 31 March 2007 were measured in accordance with FRS17

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Total market value of assets	11,600	11,340	9,620
Present value of scheme liabilities	(15,200)	(16,240)	(14,270)
Present value of unfunded liabilities	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,720)
Deficit in scheme	(5,400)	(6,700)	(6,370)
Related deferred tax asset	1,620	2,010	1,911
Net pension liability	(3,780)	(4,690)	(4,459)

The following amounts have been recognised in the performance statements in the year to 31 March 2006 under the requirements of FRS17

Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit

	2007	2007 % of	2006	2006 % of
	£'000	Payroll	£,000	Payroll
Current service cost	250	25.6%	675	18 9%
Past service cost	15	1.5%	50	1 5%
Curtailment and settlements	25	2.7%	10	0 4%
Total	290	29.8%	735	20 7%

Analysis of the amount credited to other finance income

	2007	2007 % of	2006	2006 % of
	£'000	Payroll	£'000	Payroll
Expected return on pension scheme assets	715	65.5%	1,725	51 6%
Interest on pension scheme liabilities	(615)	(56.3%)	(1,700)	(50 8%)
Net return	100	9.2%	25	0 7%

Amount recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses (STRGL)

	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Actual return less expected return on pension scheme assets	60	4,280
Experience gains / (losses) arising on the scheme liabilities	30	(55)
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of the schemes liabilities	785	(4,900)
Actuarial gain/ (loss) recognised in STRGL	875	(675)

14 Pension costs (continued)

Movement in present value of defined benefit obligations

	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Deficit at beginning of the year	(6,700)	(6,370)
Current service cost	(250)	(675)
Employer contributions	600	1,005
Contributions in respect of unfunded benefits	15	50
Past service costs	(15)	(50)
Settlements and curtailments	(25)	(10)
Net return on assets	100	25
Actuarial gains / (losses)	875	(675)
Deficit at end of the year	(5,400)	(6,700)

History of experience gains and losses

	2007 £'000	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Difference between actual and expected returns on assets	60	4,280	1,195
Percentage of scheme assets	0.6%	12 6%	4 6%
Experience gains / (losses) on liabilities	30	(55)	740
Percentage of scheme assets	0.3%	(0 1%)	2 3%
Total amount recognized in STRGL	875	(675)	1,450
Percentage of scheme liabilities	8.2%	(17%)	4 5%

Sensitivity analysis - mortality assumptions

The mortality assumptions used in performing the actuarial calculations included in these financial statements for the GMPF scheme liabilities are in line with those used in the last full actuarial valuation in 2004. Other GMPF members have used 2017 mortality tables for their 2007 valuations. If these had been used by MAG, the deficit of the scheme would have been £6.3m higher than that shown in the group's financial statements, however the impact of this would be reduced by around 50% by the assumed effect of cash commutations taken by members.

15 Ultimate parent undertaking and related party transactions

Ringway Handling Services Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Manchester Airport Aviation Services Limited, a company registered in England and Wales

The Manchester Airport Group PLC is the ultimate parent company

The financial statements of The Manchester Airport Group PLC can be obtained from the Registered Office, PO Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA