Company Registration Number 2666866

**Avonside Group Holdings Limited** 

**Financial Statements** 

**31 December 2007** 

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# The Directors' Report

#### Year ended 31 December 2007

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

#### Principal activities

The company is an investments holding company, providing management services

#### Directors

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

Mrs D M Walker Mr J J Walker

#### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

Registered office Churchill House Regent Road Stoke on Trent Staffordshire ST1 3RQ Signed on behalf of the directors

Mr J J Walker Director

Approved by the directors on 24 October 2008

## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

#### Year ended 31 December 2007

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 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 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 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 that 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 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 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

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholder

#### Year ended 31 December 2007

We have audited the financial statements of Avonside Group Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 on pages 5 to 13, which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007) and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 7 to 8

This report is made solely to the company's shareholder, 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 shareholder 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 shareholder as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

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.

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 irregulanty or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

# Independent Auditor's Report to the Shareholder (continued)

#### Year ended 31 December 2007

#### Opinion

In our opinion

the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 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

CLB Coopers

Chartered Accountants

& Registered Auditors

Fleet House New Road Lancaster LA1 1EZ

24 October 2008

# **Profit and Loss Account**

# Year ended 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Turnover		95,958	56,178
Other operating income		2,131	4,071
		98,089	60,249
Operating costs. Staff costs Other operating charges Operating profit	1	55,818 26,773 15,498	29,134 30,104 1,011
Interest receivable Amounts written off investments	3	66,825 (11,321,409)	65,890 (38,314)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(11,239,086)	28,587
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	4	_	5,857
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(11,239,086)	22,730

The accounting policies and notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements

## **Balance Sheet**

## 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	15,500	15,500
Investments	7	_	11,221,409
		15,500	11,236,909
Current assets			
Debtors	8	441,998	2,142,765
Cash at bank		1,534,212	1,488,775
		1,976,210	3,631,540
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,733,340)	(7,993)
Net current assets		242,870	3,623,547
Total assets less current liabilities		258,370	14,860,456
Capital and reserves			
Called-up equity share capital	11	10,175,447	10,175,447
Share premium account	12	630,797	630,797
Other reserves		708,750	708,750
Profit and loss account	13	(11,256,624)	3,345,462
Shareholder's funds	14	258,370	14,860,456

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007)

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 24 October 2008, and are signed on their behalf by

Mr J J Waiker

The accounting policies and notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

## **Accounting Policies**

#### Year ended 31 December 2007

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007)

#### Consolidation

In the opinion of the directors, the company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

#### Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year

In respect of contracts for on-going services, turnover represents the value of work done in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced

#### **Fixed Assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Equipment

10 to 25% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold land

#### Investments

Investments are included at cost less amounts written off

#### **Pension Costs**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

### Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Year ended 31 December 2007

#### **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

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold.

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

## **Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

1	Operating profit		
	Operating profit is stated after charging		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Auditor's fees	5,500	6,000
2.	Directors' emoluments		
	The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services	rices were	
		2007 £	2006 £
	Aggregate emoluments Value of company pension contributions to money purchase	36,000	15,000
	schemes	15,000	11,116
		51,000	<u>26,116</u>
	The number of directors who accrued benefits under company follows	pension scher	nes was as
		2007 No	2006 No
	Money purchase schemes	_1	_1
3	Amounts written off investments		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Amount written off investments	11,321,409	38,314
4	Taxation on ordinary activities		
	Analysis of charge in the year		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	<u>-</u>	5,857
5.	Dividends		
	Equity dividends	2007 £	2006 £
	Paid	2 252 000	04.000
	Equity dividends on ordinary shares	3,363,000	24,000

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

6	Tangible fixed assets			
		Freehold land & buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007	15,500	45,725	61,225
	Depreciation At 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007		(45,725)	(45,725)
	Net book value At 31 December 2007 At 31 December 2006	15,500		15,500
7.	Investments	15,500		15,500
		Shares ın group undertakıngs ı	Other nvestments	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost At 1 January 2007 Additions	21,801,240 -	337,314 100,000	22,138,554 100,000
	At 31 December 2007	21,801,240	437,314	22,238,554
	Amounts written off At 1 January 2007 Written off in year	10,617,001 11,184,239	300,144 137,170	10,917,145 11,321,409
	At 31 December 2007	21,801,240	437,314	22,238,554
	Net book value At 31 December 2007		-	
	At 31 December 2006	11,184,239	37,170	11,221,409

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

# Year ended 31 December 2007

7	Invest	tment	S (continued)
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The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of the companies listed below, all of which are incorporated in England

	The principal activity of Parry Homes Limited is property developing are dormant	nent All othe	er companies
	are domain	2007 £	2006 £
	Aggregate capital and reserves Parry Homes Limited Avonside Holdings Limited	_	(4,895,699)
	Avonside Houses Limited Avonside Group Holdings Trustees Limited	339,900 1	339,900 1
	Avonside Trustees Limited Avonside Country Homes Limited Finchwold Limited	2 (98,192) (18,260)	2 (98,192) (18,260)
	J E Parry (Rossett) Limited Joshua & Tom Taylor Limited	2	2
	Profit/(loss) for the year		
	Parry Homes Limited	(746)	10,323
8.	Debtors		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	415,366 22,355 4,277	2,066,598 71,900 4,267
	repayments and accruca meetic	441,998	2,142,765
	The debtors above include the following amounts falling due after i	more than one	e year
		2007 £	2006 £
	Other debtors	_	2,725
9.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Amounts owed to group undertakings Other taxation and social security Other creditors	1,698,776 9,925 24,639	1,967 6,024
		1,733,340	7,993

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### Year ended 31 December 2007

## 10 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 8 from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary whose accounts are consolidated into group accounts which are publicly available from the parent company

## 11 Share capital

## Authorised share capital:

56,000,000 Ordinary shares of £0 25	each		2007 £ 14,000,000	2006 £ 14,000,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
	200	07	200	06
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary shares of £0 25 each	40,701,789	10,175,447	40,701,789	10,175,447

## 12. Share premium account

There was no movement on the share premium account during the financial year

#### 13 Profit and loss account

	2007	2006
	£	£
Balance brought forward	3,345,462	3,346,732
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	(11,239,086)	22,730
Equity dividends	(3,363,000)	(24,000)
Balance carried forward	(11,256,624)	3,345,462

#### 14. Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds

	2007	2006
	£	£
(Loss)/Profit for the financial year	(11,239,086)	22,730
Equity dividends	(3,363,000)	(24,000)
Net reduction to shareholder's funds	(14,602,086)	(1,270)
Opening shareholder's funds	14,860,456	14,861,726
Closing shareholder's funds	258,370	14,860,456

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### Year ended 31 December 2007

## 15 Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent company is Avonside Group Limited, a company incorporated in England

The ultimate controlling party is J J Walker by virtue of his majority shareholding in the ultimate parent company

Copies of the group accounts can be obtained from the company's registered office at Churchill House, Regent Road, Stoke on Trent, Staffordshire, ST1 3RQ

# AVONSIDE GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED Management Information Year ended 31 December 2007

The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the independent auditor's report on pages 3 to 4

# **Detailed Profit and Loss Account**

	2007 £	2006 £
Turnover	95,958	56,178
Dividends receivable	2,131	4,071
Operating costs	98,089	60,249
Staff costs Other operating charges	55,818 26,773	29,134 30,104
	82,591	59,238
Operating profit Interest receivable and similar income	15,498 66,825	1,011 65,890
	82,323	66,901
Amounts written off investments	(11,321,409)	(38,314)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities	(11,239,086)	28,587

# Notes to the Detailed Profit and Loss Account

	2007 £	2006 £
Staff costs	~	_
Directors		
Directors salaries	36,000	15,000
Directors pension contributions	15,000	11,116
Directors NIC	4,818	3,018
	55,818	29,134
Other operating charges		
Establishment expenses Insurance	5,294	5,325
General expenses		
Travel and subsistence	10,972	9,351
Telephone	901	2,072
Office expenses	460	1,554
Computer expenses	1,526	1,621
Printing, stationery and postage	327	492
Staff training	254	786
Sundry expenses	103	1,501
Subscriptions	402	321
Entertaining	289	617
Legal and professional fees	566 5 500	280
Auditors remuneration	5,500	6,000
	21,300	24,595
Financial costs	4	101
Bank charges	179	184
	26,773	30,104
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Interest receivable and similar income	64 467	40.000
Bank interest receivable	61,407	46,360
Loan interest receivable	<u>5,418</u>	19,530
	66,825	65,890