Speaking Books Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2008.

Business review

The company has been dormant as defined in section 249AA of the Companies Act 1985 throughout the current and preceding period. It is anticipated that the company will remain dormant for the foreseeable future. Key performance indicators are not considered necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the company. There are no risks or uncertainties facing the company including those within the contact of the use of financial instruments.

On 15 April 2008, the accounting reference date was changed to 30 September to align with the new accounting reference date of the Chrysalis Group. The current financial period comprises the 13 months to 30 September 2008 and the comparative period is 12 months to 31 August 2007.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the period under review(2007:£nil).

Director and director's interests

Directors during the period are detailed below:

C N Wright

A J Mollett

(appointed 30 October 2007)

N R Fenton

(resigned 31 October 2007)

M D Connole

(resigned 31 January 2008)

At 30 September 2008, C N Wright and A J Mollett were also directors of Chrysalis PLC, the ultimate parent company, and their share interests are disclosed in the directors' report of that company.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 250(3) of the Companies Act 1985, the company qualifies as a dormant company and has resolved that auditors shall not be appointed.

By order of the Board

A J Mollett

Company Secretary

Chrysalis Building Bramley Road London W10 6SP

24 July 2009

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which 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 those 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 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.

Balance sheet

as at 30 September 2008

	Note	30 September 2008	31 August 2007 £
Current assets Debtors	3	1,000	1,000
Net assets		1,000	1,000
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	4	1,000	1,000
Shareholders' funds		.1,000	1,000

The directors:

- a) confirm that the company was entitled to exemption under subsection (1) of section 249AA of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to have its accounts for the financial period ended 30 September 2008 audited.
- b) confirm that members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for that financial period in accordance with subsection (2) of section 249B of that Act.
- c) acknowledge their responsibilities for:
 - i. ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and
 - ii. preparing accounts which give true and fair view of the state of affairs as at the end of the financial period and its profit and loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of section 226 of that Act, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of that Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of directors on 24 July 2009 and were signed on its behalf by:

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A J Mollett Director

The notes on pages 4 and 5 form part of these financial statements.

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements except as noted below.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Cash flow statement

The company is exempt under the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard I (revised 1996) to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that its parent undertaking, Chrysalis PLC, includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as Chrysalis PLC has informed the company that it will not call on the repayment of the amount owed in the foreseeable future.

2 Directors' and employees' remuneration

The directors of the company received no remuneration for services during the period. The company did not have any other employees and as a result incurred no staff costs.

3 Debtors

Debitors	30 September 2008 £	31 August 2007 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,000	1,000
	1,000	1,000
		

Notes (continued)

4 Authorised share ca	pital
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	30 September 2008 £	31 August 2007 £
Authorised:		
490 "A" ordinary shares of £1 each	490	490
510 "B" ordinary shares of £1 each	510	510
	1,000	1,000