# AA THE DRIVING SCHOOL AGENCY LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

#### STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their report and audited financial statements of AA The Driving School Agency Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 January 2015.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Automobile Association Developments Limited.

The principal activity of the Company is to act as an agent to collect and hold sums of money, subject to agency agreements. The Company does not trade.

The balance sheet on page 5 of the financial statements shows the Company's financial position at the year end.

For decision making and internal performance management, management's key performance metric is net assets. Net assets remained at £2 (2014: £2).

## **RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

The business has developed an embedded enterprise risk management process that facilitates the identification, assessment, escalation and mitigation of the Company's risk exposure across every aspect and activity of the business. This framework enables the business to manage risk using predefined assessment criteria to ensure residual risk levels are in line with the Board's agreed risk appetite.

The principal risks have been grouped into the following categories:

## Financial Risk

The Company is part of the AA plc group and its financial risks are managed centrally by the group Treasury team taking into account the Company's position as part of the group with due consideration being given to the impact of transactions with other group entities.

# Brand Risk

The Company recognises that the AA brand is a key differentiator and source of competitive advantage, and brand damage from low quality products or services could have an adverse impact on the Company. The AA plc group has in place policies and procedures to protect the brand at all times.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

R J SCOTT DIRECTOR 22 June 2015

Registered Office:
Fanum House
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Basingstoke
Hampshire
RG21 4EA

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2015

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

A K Boland

(Resigned 19 December 2014)

R J Scott

M F Millar (Appointed 16 December 2014)

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 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). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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 2006. 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.

## **DIVIDENDS**

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year (2014: £nil).

# **GOING CONCERN**

The Company's business activities and its exposure to financial risk are described in the strategic report on page 1.

The Company is reliant on other group companies to pay for recharged costs. The directors believe that the Company has considerable financial resources due to the available cash resources of the AA plc Group which can be drawn upon and the Company's own net asset position. As a consequence, the directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully using the risk management framework described in the Strategic Report and that the residual risks being taken by the Company are commensurate with its financial resources.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

## **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

Each current director has made enquiries of their fellow director and the Company's auditor and taken all the steps that they are obliged to take as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Relevant audit information is that information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report. So far as each director approving this report is aware, and based on the above steps, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

R J SCOTT DIRECTOR 22 June 2015

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AA THE DRIVING SCHOOL AGENCY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of AA The Driving School Agency Limited for the year ended 31 January 2015 which comprise the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report and financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 January 2015;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

# Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

John Headley (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor

East & Young LLP

London

Date: 24 June 2015

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# **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 JANUARY 2015**

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	5	5,214,857	5,412,904
<b>CREDITORS</b> (amounts falling due after more than one year)	6	(5,214,855)	(5.412,902)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2	2
NET ASSETS		2	2
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	7 8	2 2	2 2

Signed for and on behalf of the board of directors by:

R J SCOTT DIRECTOR

22 June 2015

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards as defined in the Companies Act 2006 s.464.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. A summary of the accounting policies, which have been applied on a consistent basis with the prior year, is set out below.

## b) Cash flow statement

The Directors have taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 1 (Cash flow statements) of the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as a consolidated cash flow statement has been presented in the financial statements of the parent undertaking, AA plc.

## 2 GROSS RECEIPTS

Gross pupil receipts for the year ended 31 January 2015, where the Company collects and holds sums of money subject to agency agreements, were £36 million (2014: £35 million).

## 3 AUDITOR'S RENUMERATION

The Company's auditor provided no services to the Company other than the annual audit during either of the years under review. Audit fees were £nil (2014: £nil).

## 4 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	2015 £m	2014 £m
Aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services:		
Remuneration Compensation for loss of office	0.5 0.3 0.8	3.8
The amounts paid in respect of the highest paid director were as follows:		
Remuneration	0.6	2.3

The directors are remunerated by another company that is part of the AA plc group. None of these directors received any emoluments during the year in respect of their services as a director of the Company (2014: £nil). The Company has not been recharged any amount for the emoluments of these directors (2014: £nil).

The Company had no employees throughout the year (2014: nil).

#### 5 DEBTORS

	2015 £	2014 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings	5,214,857	5,412,904

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, have no repayment terms and bear no interest.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## 6 CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)

	2015 £	2014 £
Other creditors	5,214,855	5,412,902
7 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
Allotted, called up and fully paid	2015 £	2014 £
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
8 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHA	AREHOLDER'S FUNDS	
	2015 £	2014 £
At 1 February 2014 and 31 January 2015	2	2

## 9 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption within FRS 8 (Related party disclosures) in not disclosing transactions with other entities in the Acromas group of companies which were related parties until the 26 June 2014 when AA plc listed on the stock exchange and not disclosing transactions with other entities in the AA plc group of companies after 26 June 2014.

## 10 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Automobile Association Developments Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

The parent of the smallest group to consolidate these financial statements is AA Intermediate Co Limited whose registered office is Fanum House, Basing View, Basingstoke, RG21 4EA. The ultimate parent undertaking, which is also the parent of the largest group to consolidate these financial statements, is AA plc whose registered office is at Fanum House, Basing View, Basingstoke, RG21 4EA.

Copies of the consolidated parent financial statements are available from the Company Secretary at the relevant registered office address.

## 11 ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

AA plc is the ultimate controlling party and parent undertaking.