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R.B. (2) INVESTMENT COMPANY

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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R.B. (2) INVESTMENT COMPANY

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS:

**T V Castledine
S J Caterer
A C Farnell
P A Tubb**

SECRETARY:

C J Whittaker

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AUDITORS:

**Deloitte & Touche LLP
Bristol**

Registered in England and Wales.

R.B. (2) INVESTMENT COMPANY

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2006

ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

This directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies under section 246(4)(a) of the Companies Act 1985

The principal activity of the Company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of R B Investment Holdings Limited, is that of an investment company. The Company will continue to operate in the investment market.

The profit for the financial year was £1,081,000 (2005 £553,000). The directors do not recommend that a dividend be paid (2005 £nil).

The directors do not anticipate any material change in either the type or level of activities of the Company.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

The present directors and secretary, who have served throughout the year except where noted below, are listed on page 1.

From 1 October 2005 to date the following changes have taken place:

	Appointed	Resigned
Secretary		
M L Thomas		18 November 2005
C J Whittaker	18 November 2005	

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare accounts for each financial year and have elected to prepare them in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. They are responsible for preparing accounts that present fairly the financial position, financial performance, and cash flows of the Company. In preparing these accounts, 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 accounts, 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company, and to enable them to ensure that the Annual report and accounts complies 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.

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DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the directors of the Company holding office at the date of approval of this report confirm that :

- (1) so far as each of the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's Auditors are unaware, and
- (2) so far as each of the directors are aware they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of S 234ZA of the Companies Act 1985

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES

In terms of Section 309C of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), Mr A C Farnell had been granted Qualifying Third Party Indemnity Provisions by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

No director had an interest in the shares of the Company

The interests of Mr T V Castledine, Mrs S J Caterer, Mr A C Farnell and Mr P A Tubb in the share capital of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc group are disclosed in the financial statements of R B. Investment Holdings Limited

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Company's principal financial assets are bank deposits, trade and other receivables

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies

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POLICY AND PRACTICE ON PAYMENT OF CREDITORS

The Company follows the policy and practice on payment of creditors determined by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ('RBSG'), as outlined below

In the year ending 30 September 2007, RBSG will adhere to the following payment policy in respect of all suppliers. RBSG is committed to maintaining a sound commercial relationship with its suppliers. Consequently, it is RBSG's policy to negotiate and agree terms and conditions with its suppliers, which includes the giving of an undertaking to pay suppliers within 30 days of receipt of a correctly prepared invoice submitted in accordance with the terms of the contract or such other payment period as may be agreed

The proportion which the amount owed to trade creditors at 30 September 2006 bears to the amounts invoiced by suppliers during the period then ended equated to nil days proportion of 365 days (2005: nil days)

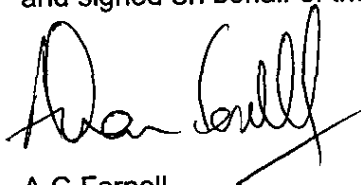
ELECTIVE RESOLUTIONS

The Company has elected to dispense with the requirement to hold annual general meetings, lay accounts before a general meeting and re-appointment of auditors annually

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A C Farnell', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

A C Farnell
Director

Date 13 April 2007

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF R B. (2) INVESTMENT COMPANY

We have audited the financial statements of R B (2) Investment Company ("the Company") for the year ended 30 September 2006 which comprise the income statement, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related Notes 1 to 15. 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 auditors' 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 annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom 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, in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements. We also 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 the other information contained in the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

Basis of audit opinion

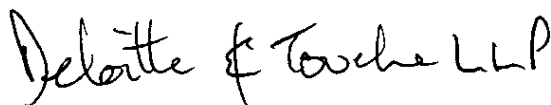
We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the 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 circumstances of the company, 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.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with those IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2006 and of its profit for the year then ended, and
- 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.



Deloitte & Touche LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Bristol, United Kingdom

19 April 2007

R B. (2) INVESTMENT COMPANY

INCOME STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 September 2006

	Note	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Interest receivable	5	<u>1,545</u>	<u>790</u>
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		1,545	790
Taxation charge on profit on ordinary activities	6	<u>(464)</u>	<u>(237)</u>
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	12	<u>1,081</u>	<u>553</u>

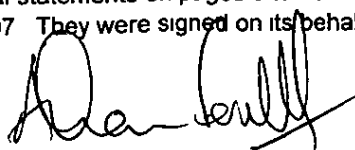
The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET as at 30 September 2006

	Note	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	7	34,703	33,961
Cash and cash equivalents	8	<u>584</u>	<u>6</u>
		<u>35,287</u>	<u>33,967</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>35,287</u></u>	<u><u>33,967</u></u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	(700)	(237)
Bank overdraft and loans	10	<u>-</u>	<u>(224)</u>
		<u>(700)</u>	<u>(461)</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>(700)</u></u>	<u><u>(461)</u></u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>34,587</u></u>	<u><u>33,506</u></u>
EQUITY			
Share capital	11	29,600	29,600
Retained earnings	12	<u>4,987</u>	<u>3,906</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u><u>34,587</u></u>	<u><u>33,506</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 13 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 13 April 2007. They were signed on its behalf by -



A C Farnell
Director

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 30 September 2006

	Note	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	13	<u>802</u>	<u>(5)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments of borrowings		<u>(224)</u>	<u>11</u>
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		<u>(224)</u>	<u>11</u>
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		578	6
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		<u><u>584</u></u>	<u><u>6</u></u>

R.B. (2) INVESTMENT COMPANY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted for use in the EU for the first time. The disclosures required by IFRS 1 concerning the transition from UK GAAP to IFRS are given in Note 15.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

b TAXATION

Provision is made for taxation at current enacted rates on taxable profits, arising in income or in equity, taking into account relief for overseas taxation where appropriate.

Deferred taxation is accounted for in full for all temporary differences between the carrying amount of an asset or liability for accounting purposes and its carrying amount for tax purposes, except in relation to overseas earnings where remittance is controlled by the Group, and goodwill.

Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered.

c TRADE RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables are measured at initial recognition fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in profit or loss when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired. The allowance recognised is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition.

d CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

e BANK BORROWINGS

Interest-bearing bank loans and overdrafts are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are accounted for on an accruals basis in the profit or loss using the effective interest rate method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

f TRADE PAYABLES

Trade payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

g BORROWING COSTS

All borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

h CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The cash flow statement has been presented using the indirect method of cash flows from operating activities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

2 IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The Company's immediate parent company is R B Investment Holdings Limited

The Company's ultimate holding company, ultimate controlling party, and the parent of the largest group into which the company is consolidated is The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc that is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland. Financial statements for The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc can be obtained from The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh, EH12 1HQ

The smallest subgroup into which the company is consolidated has as its parent company The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland. Copies of the consolidated financial statements for this subgroup can be obtained from The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh, EH12 1HQ

3 PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

The audit fee in both years was borne by Royal Bank Leasing Limited

4 STAFF COSTS

All directors and employees are employed and remunerated by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, which did not make a recharge to the company in the year

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) was nil (2005 nil)

5 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

2006	2005
£'000	£'000

Interest receivable from group undertakings	<u>1,545</u>	<u>790</u>
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6 TAXATION

2006	2005
£'000	£'000

A) ANALYSIS OF CHARGE FOR THE YEAR

Current tax charge		
- Group relief payable on profits for the year	<u>464</u>	<u>237</u>

Taxation charge on profit on ordinary activities	<u>464</u>	<u>237</u>
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B) FACTORS AFFECTING THE TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR

Profit before tax	<u>1,545</u>	<u>790</u>
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Tax on profit at the standard rate of 30% (2005 30%)	<u>464</u>	<u>237</u>
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Tax charge	<u>464</u>	<u>237</u>
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7 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

2006	2005
£'000	£'000

Amounts due from group undertakings	<u>34,703</u>	<u>33,961</u>
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The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other receivables approximates to their fair value

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8 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Short term deposits with group undertakings	584	-
Bank account with group undertakings	-	6
	<u>584</u>	<u>6</u>

The directors consider that the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates to their fair value

9 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Amounts due to group undertakings	<u>700</u>	<u>237</u>

The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other payables approximates to their fair value

10 BANK OVERDRAFT AND LOANS	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Loan amount due to group undertakings	<u>-</u>	<u>224</u>
The borrowings are repayable as follows		
On demand or within one year	-	224
Less Amounts due for settlement within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)	<u>-</u>	<u>(224)</u>
Amounts due for settlement after 12 months	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

A right of set-off exists over the Company's bank account with The Royal Bank of Scotland plc against advances made to the Company's immediate holding company and its subsidiaries

The directors consider that the carrying amount of bank overdraft and loans approximates to their fair value

11 SHARE CAPITAL	2006	2005
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
Authorised	<u>250,000,000</u>	<u>250,000,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid	<u>29,600,000</u>	<u>29,600,000</u>

The Company has one class of ordinary voting shares which carry no right to fixed income

12 RETAINED EARNINGS	£'000
Balance at 1 October 2004	3,353
Profit for the financial year	<u>553</u>
Balance at 1 October 2005	3,906
Profit for the financial year	<u>1,081</u>
Balance at 30 September 2006	<u>4,987</u>

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13 NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Profit before tax	1,545	790
Adjustments for		
Interest receivable	(1,545)	(790)
Decrease/(increase) in receivables	<u>2</u>	<u>(2)</u>
Cash generated by operations	2	(2)
Interest received/(paid)	<u>800</u>	<u>(3)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>802</u>	<u>(5)</u>

14 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period, the company entered into the following related party transactions

	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Royal Bank Leasing Limited		
Transactions during the period		
- Interest on deposit received from/(loan paid to) related party	8	(3)
- (Loans repaid)/additional borrowing from related party	<u>(224)</u>	<u>11</u>
Group relief owed to related party	(700)	(237)
Outstanding balance owed to the related party	<u>584</u>	<u>(224)</u>

R B Investment Holdings Limited

Transactions during the period		
- Interest on loan paid by related party	1,537	793
- (Loans repaid)/additional borrowing by related party	<u>(2)</u>	<u>2</u>
Outstanding balance owed by the related party	<u>34,004</u>	<u>33,724</u>

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Bank account held with related party	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>
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The amounts outstanding are unsecured and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received. No provisions have been made for doubtful debts in respect of the amounts owed by related parties. Both The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, R B Investment Holdings Limited and Royal Bank Leasing Limited are fellow subsidiaries of the ultimate holding company The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15 EXPLANATION OF TRANSITION TO IFRS

This is the first year that the Company has presented its financial statements under IFRS. The last financial statements under UK GAAP were for the year ended 30 September 2005 and the date of transition to IFRS was therefore 1 October 2005. The company in addition to complying with its legal obligation to comply with IFRS as adopted for use in the European Union, now also complies with the IFRS as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. There was no difference between UKGAAP and IFRS balances on transition to IFRS.

In the prior year under UKGAAP cash and short term deposits were included within intercompany debtors, and loans within intercompany creditors.