# REPORT AND ACCOUNTS New London Capital plc 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2006

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C D Hill **Directors** 

I W J Patrick (Resigned 31 March 2006) (Appointed 1 August 2006) A Milton (Appointed 3 April 2006, R G Dunlop

Resigned 31 July 2006)

A J Gibson (Appointed 1 April 2007)

P Lampshire Secretary

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# **Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2006

#### Principal activity and review of business

New London Capital plc is a limited liability company whose primary purpose is to provide a means for investors to participate in underwriting at Lloyd's with limited liability and to invest in a managed portfolio of fixed interest securities. The company is an investment company as defined in section 266 of the Companies Act

The business of its direct subsidiary, New London Capital Holdings Limited, is that of a holding company for the six underwriting subsidiaries which are all corporate members of Lloyd's and a manager of capacity for third parties

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year to 31 December 2006 after taxation amounted to £1,618,000 (2005 £1,613,000) A dividend of £2,500,000 has been paid (2005 £3,000,000)

# **Directors' Report**

#### Directors and their interests

The current directors of the company are set out on page 1

The interests of the directors who held office at 31st December 2006 and their immediate family in the share capital of the ultimate holding company are disclosed in the accounts of that company

#### Provision 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 he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

#### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

By order of the board

P Lampshire Secretary

11 July 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 the directors 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 New London Capital PLC**

We have audited the financial statements of New London Capital PLC for the year ended 31 December 2006 which comprise Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, 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 4

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

#### 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 December 2006 and of its profit 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 Audit Plc** 

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor

8 Salisbury Square

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11 July 2007

# Profit and loss account

# for the year ended 31st December 2006

	Notes	2006 £000	2005 £000
Revenue			
Other interest receivable and similar income	5	2,323	2,325
Expenses		(12)	(22)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	2,311	2,303
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6	(693)	(690)
Profit for the financial year		1,618	1,613

All activities derive from continuing operations. There are no recognised gains or losses or movements in shareholder's funds other than profit for the financial year and the final dividend Accordingly, no statement of recognised gains or losses is given

The movement in shareholder's funds is shown in note 13

The notes set out on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements

# **Balance sheet**

# as at 31st December 2006

	Notes	2006 £000	2005 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments in group undertakings	8	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	9	60,334	61,213
Cash at bank and in hand		2	2
		60,336	61,215
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,335)	(3,332)
Net current assets		57,001	57,883
Net assets		57,001	57,883
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	3,000	3,000
Share premium		53,943	53,943
Capital reserve		(3,209)	(3,209)
Profit and loss account	12	3,267	4,149
Total shareholder's funds - equity	13	57,001	57,883

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf on 11 July 2007

A Milton Director

#### 31st December 2006

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost accounting rules

#### b) Cash Flow Statements

Under Financial Reporting Standard Number 1, Cash Flow Statements, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements

#### c) Investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are accounted for on an equity basis and are stated at cost less amounts written off where the directors consider there has been a permanent diminution in value

#### d) Investment income

Investment income is credited to the revenue account on the date on which it is receivable. Interest on short term loans, deposits and fixed interest securities is dealt with on an accruals basis.

Capital gains and losses of the company, realised and unrealised, are not distributable under the Articles of Association, and are accordingly transferred to non-distributable reserves

#### e) Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided on taxable profits at the rate applicable at the balance sheet date

Deferred taxation 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 exception

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 the tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

#### f) Group accounts

The Company is exempt by virtue of section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

### 31st December 2006

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging,	2006 £000	2005 £000
Auditors' remuneration for audit work	10	10

New London Capital PLC has borne the audit costs for its subsidiary undertakings

#### 3 Remuneration of Directors'

The directors received no emoluments for their services to the Company (2005 Enil)

#### 4 Staff numbers

The Company has no employees (2005 nil)

#### Other interest receivable and similar income 5

5 Office interest receivable and similar meeting		
	2006	2005
	£000	£000
Intra group income - interest	2,322	2,325
Other income	1 -	2 225
	2,323	2,325
6 Taxation on profit on ordinary activities		
	2006	2005
a) UK corporation tax·	0003	£000
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UK corporation tax at 30% (2005 30%)  Current tax on income for the period	693	690
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	093	090
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Tax on profit on ordinary activities	693	690
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the current period:		
	2006	2005
	0003	£000
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Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2,311	2,303
Current tax @ 30% (2005 30%)	693	690
Effects of		
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	-
Total current tax charge	693	690
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#### 31st December 2006

7	Dividends		
		2006	2005
			£000
Divid	dends paid	2,500	3,000

#### 8 Investments in group undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings

The company has the following active subsidiaries all of which operate in the United Kingdom, are incorporated in Great Britain and are registered in England and Wales

		Proportion of ordinary shares held by	
Subsidiary	Principal activity	The Company	subsidiaries of the company
New London Capital Holdings Limited	Holding Company	100%	·
NLC Name No 1 Limited	Corporate Member		100%
NLC Name No 2 Limited	Corporate Member		100%
NLC Name No 3 Limited	Corporate Member		100%
NLC Name No 4 Limited	Corporate Member		100%
NLC Name No 5 Limited	Corporate Member		100%
NLC Name No 7 Limited	Corporate Member		100%

Group accounts are not prepared as the company is a subsidiary undertaking of Highway Insurance Holdings Plc - see note 14

On 18th March 1999 the New London Capital group disposed of its shareholding in NLC Name No. 6 Limited for a nominal consideration

#### 9 Debtors

	2006	2005
	0003	0003
Amounts due from group undertakings	60,332	61,209
Other debtors	•	2
Deferred tax	2	2
	60,334	61,213

Ail deferred tax relates to accelerated capital allowances

#### 10 Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	2006 £000	2005 £000
Amount due to group undertakings Corporation tax	2,642 693	2,642 690
	3,335	3,332

## 31st December 2006

11 Called up share capital		<del>- *</del>
	2006 £000_	2005 £000
Authorised 85,700,000 Ordinary shares of 5 pence each	4,285	4,285
Allotted, issued and fully paid 60,000,000 Ordinary shares of 5 pence each	3,000	3,000
12 Profit and loss account		
	2006 £000	2005 £000
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January Retained profit for the year Dividends Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	4,149 1,618 (2,500) 3,267	5,536 1,613 (3,000) 4,149
13 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds	5,207	4,149
	2007	2005
	2006 £000	2005 £000
Shareholder's funds at 1 <sup>st</sup> January Profit for the year Dividends	57,883 1,618 (2,500)	59,270 1,613 (3,000)
Shareholder's funds at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	57,001	57,883

#### 14 Ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party of the company is Highway Insurance Holdings Pic, a company registered in England and Wales (Registered no 2998217) Copies of the accounts of Highway Insurance Holdings PLC can be obtained from its registered office at Highway House, 171 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4EJ