# REPORT AND ACCOUNTS New London Capital plc 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2007

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# **Directory**

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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 2007

## 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 1985

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 2007 after taxation amounted to £2,514,000 (2006 £1,618,000) A dividend of £2,500,000 has been paid (2006 £2,500,000)

## 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 2007 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

20 February 2008

# 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 2007 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 2007 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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20 February 2008

# Profit and loss account

# for the year ended 31st December 2007

	Notes	2007 £000	2006 £000
Revenue			
Income from shares in group undertakings		590	-
Other interest receivable and similar income	5	2,760	2,323
Expenses		(12)	(12)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	3,338	2,311
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6	(824)	(693)
Profit for the financial year	<del></del>	2,514	1,618

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 2007

	Notes	2007 £000	2006 £000
Fixed assets		"	
Investments in group undertakings	8	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	9	57,837	60,334
Cash at bank and in hand		2	2
		57,839	60,336
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	10	(824)	(3,335)
Net current assets		57,015	57,001
Net assets		57,015	57,001
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	3,281	3,267
Total shareholder's funds - equity	13	57,015	57,001

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf on 20 February

A Milton Director

## 31st December 2007

#### Accounting policies 1

#### 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

#### Investments c)

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 2007

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<del>-</del>	
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging,	2007 £000	2006 £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 (2006 £nil)

#### 4 Staff numbers

The Company has no employees (2006 nil)

5 Other interest receivable and similar	income	
	2007	2006
		£000
Intra group income - interest	2,760	2,322
Other income	<u>-</u>	1
	2,760	2,323
6 Taxation on profit on ordinary activity	ties	
	2007	2006
a) UK corporation tax:	0003	£000
UK corporation tax at 30% (2006 30%)		
Current tax on income for the period	824	693
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1)	-
Total current tax charge	823	693
Deferred tax charge	1	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	824	693
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the current period	:	
	2007	2006
		£000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,337	2,311
Current tax @ 30% (2006 30%) Effects of	1,001	693
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(1)	-
Income not taxed	(177)	-
Total current tax charge	823	693
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## 31st December 2007

7	Dividends		
		2007 £000	2006 £000
Divider	nds paid	2,500	2,500

## 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	
		The Company	subsidianes of the
Subsidiary	Principal activity		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**

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Amounts due from group undertakings Deferred tax	57,836 1	60,332
	57,837	60,334

All deferred tax relates to accelerated capital allowances

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

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Amount due to group undertakings	-	2,642
Corporation tax	824	693
•	824	3,335

## 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007

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11 Called up share capital		
	2007 £000	2006 £000
Authorised	4.00	4.005
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		
	2007	2006
	0002	£000
Balance at 1st January	3,267	4,149
Retained profit for the year	2,514	1,618
Dividends	(2,500)	(2,500)
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	3,281	3,267
13 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's fun-	de .	
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	2007	2006
		£000
Shareholder's funds at 1 <sup>st</sup> January	57,001	57,883
Profit for the year	2,514	1,618
Dividends	(2,500)	(2,500)
Shareholder's funds at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	57,015	57,001

#### 14 Ultimate parent undertaking

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party of the company is Highway Insurance Holdings Plc, 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