# DUFFER OF ST GEORGE LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is the wholesaling of menswear

#### Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2007

**EA** Prendergast

M P Cairns

#### Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing 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). 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 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,
- 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 the financial statements comply 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.

Small company exemption

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies

On behalf of the board

**EA** Prendergast

Director, 24/10/2008

# ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DUFFER OF ST GEORGE LIMITED

In accordance with the current engagement letter and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 1985, we have compiled the financial statements of Duffer of St George Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007, set out on pages 3 to 12 from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us

This report is made to the Company's Board of Directors, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Company's Board of Directors that we have done so, and state those matters we have agreed to state to them in this 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 Board of Directors as a body, for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute relating to members undertaking the compilation of financial statements

You have acknowledged on the balance sheet as at 31 December 2007 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 1985. You consider that the company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.

Wilson Wright & Co., Chartered Accountants,

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71 Kingsway,

London, WC2B 6ST

27/10/2008

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007	2006
Notes	£	£
2	3,327,069	4,199,042
	(1,576,981)	(2,352,962)
	1,750,088	1,846,080
	(1,838,661)	(1,869,126)
3	(88,573)	(23,046)
	(136,283)	(111,970)
11	(224,856)	(135,016)
	3	Notes £  2 3,327,069  (1,576,981)  1,750,088  (1,838,661)  (88,573)  (136,283)

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

		20	07	20	06
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	4		49,086		54,052
Tangible assets	5		30,894		92,732
Investments	6		7,755		7,755
			87,735		154,539
Current assets					
Stocks		352,944		508,591	
Debtors	7	1,070,550		1,570,809	
Cash at bank and in hand		27,745		522	
		1,451,239		2,079,922	
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year	8	(1,692,625)		(2,060,984)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(241,386)		18,938
Total assets less current liabilities			(153,651)		173,477
Creditors. amounts falling due after					
more than one year	9		(744,491)		(846,763)
			(898,142)		(673,286)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	10		100		100
Profit and loss account	11		(898,242)		(673,386)
Shareholders' funds			(898,142)		(673,286)

#### **BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

#### **AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007**

In preparing these financial statements

- (a) The directors are of the opinion that the company is entitled to the exemption from audit conferred by Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985,
- No notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985, and

(c) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007)

Approved by the Board for issue on 2410/2008

M P Cairns

Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### 1 Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2007)

#### 1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently

#### 1.3 Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which is considered appropriate due to the continued financial support of the company's bankers and the company's shareholders Additionally, the company's major shareholder has indicated his willingness to provide such financial support as is required for the company's operations for the forseeable future

#### 1.4 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

#### 1.5 Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax

#### 16 Patents

Trademark registrations are valued at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated to write off the cost in equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives, currently considered to be 10 years.

#### 1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Short leasehold land and buildings

over the unexpired term of the lease

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

15% to 20%

Motor vehicles

25%

#### 18 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value

#### 1.9 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

2	Turnover	2007	2006
		£	£
	An analysis of turnover is as follows		
	United Kingdom	2,495,301	2,875,014
	Overseas	831,768 —————	1,324,028
		3,327,069	4,199,042
3	Operating loss	2007	2006
		£	£
	Operating loss is stated after charging	0.000	7.000
	Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	8,869	7,868
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	32,305	39,587
	Directors' emoluments	278,647	326,400 15,575
	Exchange losses	58,519 ———————	15,575
4	Intangible fixed assets		Patents
			£
	Cost		222 550
	At 1 January 2007		232,550
	Additions		3,903
	At 31 December 2007		236,453
	Amortisation		AWG 150
	At 1 January 2007		178,498
	Charge for the year		8,869
	At 31 December 2007		187,367
	Net book value		
	At 31 December 2007		49,086
	At 31 December 2006		54,052

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

5	Tangible fixed assets	Short leasehold land and buildings	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				440 704
	At 1 January 2007	3,841	349,448	96,495	449,784
	Additions	-	6,613	-	6,613
	Disposals	-	<u>-</u>	(96,495)	(96,495)
	At 31 December 2007	3,841	356,061	<u>-</u>	359,902
	Depreciation				<b>-</b> -
	At 1 January 2007	3,840	307,728	45,484	357,052
	On disposals	-	-	(51,515)	(51,515)
	Charge for the year	-	17,440	6,031	23,471
	At 31 December 2007	3,840	325,168	-	329,008
	Net book value				
	At 31 December 2007	1	30,893	-	30,894
	At 31 December 2006	1	41,720	51,011	92,732

The net book value of other tangible fixed assets includes £nil (2006 - £51,011) in respect of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts. The depreciation charge in respect of such assets amounted to £6,031 (2006 - £24,124) for the year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### 6 Fixed asset investments

Shares in group undertakings

Cost

At 1 January 2007 & at 31 December 2007

7,755

In the opinon of the directors, the aggregate value of the company's investment in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amount included in the balance sheet

Name of Company	Country of Registration	Shares Held	
, ,	or Incorporation	Class	%
Group undertakings	,		
DSG Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows

	financial year were as follows		
		Capital andProfit for the reservesfinancial year	
		£	£
	DSG Limited	(503,620)	(313,965)
7	Debtors	2007	2006
		£	£
	Trade debtors	496,451	694,852
	Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	470,200	170,055
	Other debtors	8,308	133,252
	Prepayments	95,591	572,650
		1,070,550	1,570,809

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

8	Creditors. amounts falling due within one year	2007 £	2006 £
	Bank loan and overdraft (secured)	66,668	72,290
	Amount due to factors (secured)	101,869	140,158
	Trade creditors	320,394	910,890
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts	-	14,139
	Taxation and social security	254,791	296,899
	Loan from major shareholder (secured)	378,427	307,617
	Other creditors	570,476 	318,991
		1,692,625	2,060,984
9	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2007 £	2006 £
	Bank loan (secured)	36,330	102,998
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts	-	38,012
	Loan from major shareholder (secured)	455,289	411,241
	Loans from other shareholders	252,872	294,512 ————
		744,491	846,763
10	Share capital	2007	2006
	·	£	£
	Authorised		70
	70 Ordinary A shares of £1 each	70	70
	30 Ordinary B shares of £1 each	30	30
		100	100
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	Allotted, called up and fully paid 70 Ordinary A shares of £1 each	70	70
	30 Ordinary B shares of £1 each	30	30
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		100	100
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The "A" and "B" ordinary shares rank pari passu in all respects except those relating to the appointment and removal of directors

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

11	Statement of movements on profit and loss account	Profit and loss account £
	Balance at 1 January 2007 Loss for the financial year	(673,386) (224,856)
	Balance at 31 December 2007	(898,242)

#### 12 Contingent liabilities

The company has guaranteed the bank overdrafts of DSG Limited subject to a maximimum of £50,000 and has agreed to provide continued financial support for its subsidiary's ongoing operations

#### 13 Financial commitments

At 31 December 2007 the company was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases in the year to 31 December 2008

	2007	2006
	£	£
Operating leases which expire Within one year Between two and five years	37,500	- 50,000
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	37,500	50,000

#### 14 Control

The ultimate controlling party is T Heidecker

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

#### 15 Related party transactions

#### **Transactions**

During the year the following transactions were undertaken in the normal course of business

#### Sales

The company made sales of £59,466 (2006 £152,882) to DSG Limited, the company's wholly owned subsidiary

#### Loan Interest

Loan interest of £41,010 (2006 £41,945) was paid to T Heidecker £24,286 (2006 £22,059) was paid to L Prendergast, the wife of E Prendergast £9,784 (2006 £4,156) was paid to H Heidecker, the father of T Heidecker £10,755 (2006 £8,634) was paid to M Cairns

Administrative expenses include bad debt charges in respect of amounts considered irrecoverable amounting to £122,082 (2006 - £nil) from Stylebroker Limited, a company in which T Heidecker, E Pendergast and M Cairns have a significant interest, and £16,927 (2006 - £nil) from Trendsetter Limited a company in which E Pendergast and M Cairns have a significant interest

#### Guarantees

The directors have given a guarantee to Alex Lawrie Factors Limited, in respect of the company's obligations under the factoring agreement

E Prendergast has given a personal guarantee in respect of the bank loan and overdraft

#### Balances

#### Included in debtors are amounts due from:

Stylebroker Limited

£N<sub>1</sub>I (2006 £104,892)

Trendsetter Limited

£Nil (2006 £16,927)

#### Included in creditors falling due within one year are amounts due to:

T Heidecker

£378,427 (2006 £307,617)

H Heidecker

£188,922 (2006 £187,822)

L Prendergast

£20,000 (2006 £36,000)

### Included in creditors falling due after more than one year are amounts due to:

T Heidecker

£455,289 (2006 £411,241)

L Prendergast

£165,199 (2006 £204,512)

M Cairns

£87,673 (2006 £90,000)