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WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017.

1. Principal Activities

The activities of the company continued to be the hire of trains, locomotive power and rolling stocks.

2. Dividends and Results for the Year

The results for the year ended 31 March 2017 are shown in the profit and loss account on page 6. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

3. Directors

The directors who served during the year, together with their interests in shares of the company, are as follows:

	£1 Ordinary Shares		
	31 March 2017	<u> 1 April 2016</u>	
W David Smith	0	0	
Christine Smith	0	0	
Patricia Marshall	0	0	
Peter Babbage	0	0	
Richard Smith (Appointed 28/3/17)	0	. 0	

4. Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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 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 of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- (a). select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b). make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c). state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d). 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.

WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT

5. Statement of Disclosure of Information to Auditors

The directors of the company who held office at the date of approval of this Annual Report each confirm that:

- (a). so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information, information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report, of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- (b). they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

6. Auditors

The auditors, Walter Dawson & Son, having expressed their willingness to continue in office, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 15 December 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

W David Smith DIRECTOR

WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2017.

1 Business Review

The reputation of the company as the UK's leading specialist train operating company continues.

The turnover gain in previous years was due primarily to West Coast's main competitors in the charter sector, reducing their trains services, resulting in a rise in one day charter bookings for West Coast, together with increased passenger numbers on its scheduled train services. 'The Jacobite' service between Fort William and Mallaig in the Scottish Highlands has had another good year, with the second service continuing on the timetable over the peak summer period. The 'Spa Express' running between Carnforth and Scarborough have also performed well.

West Coast also benefits greatly from the hiring out of its train crew to other charter sector operators.

The level of trading activity has put huge demand on the company's stocks of operating locomotives and coaching stocks, and as such, these have had to be hired in from other sources at considerable cost. The directors are continually looking at opportunities to expand the asset pools, to reduce reliance on hire from third parties, and in so doing, improve profitability.

There are a number of opportunities open to the directors to increase its services further during 2017 particularly in regard to the charter services market. The directors are confident that the company will remain profitable over the coming years.

The report was approved by the Board of Directors on 15 December 2017 and signed on its behalf

W David Smith	DIRECTOR
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of West Coast Railway Company Limited for the year ended 31 March 2017 on pages 6 to 18. 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), incuding FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland."

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 Auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 1, 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 Directors' Report and Strategic Report 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:

- (a) give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- (b) have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- (c) have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED

Opinions on Other Matters Prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- (a) 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; and
- (b) the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

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:

- (a) adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- (b) the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- (c) certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

(d) we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Graham Atkinson FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Walter Dawson & Son, Statutory Auditor.

Chartered Accountants

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15 December 2017

WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

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. <u>N</u>	<u>ote</u>	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER	2		10,662,677		10,289,982
Cost of Sales			(8,237,218)		(8,334,741)
GROSS PROFIT			2,425,459		1,955,241
Distribution Costs		904,046		862,934	
Administrative Expenses	_	1,050,035	(1,954,081)	1,250,961	(2,113,895)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	•		471,378		(158,654)
Interest Receivable and Similar Income	е		18,228		10,223
Interest Payable and Similar Charges	6		(349)	•	(1,416)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	_		400.055		(140.045)
	7		489,257		(149,847)
Tax on Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities	8		(106,430)		(10,621)
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR			382,827		(160,468)

All of the activities undertaken by the company were continuing activities.

WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

		<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>)16</u>
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	_		-01.006		225 122
Tangible Assets	9		791,906		896,428
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	1,621,129		2,632,325	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		2,568,815	_	802,852	
		4,189,944		3,435,177	
CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due		(2.105.051)		(2.025.440)	
Within One Year	11	(3,106,964)	-	(2,827,449)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			1,082,980		607,728
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			•		
LIABILITIES			1,874,886		1,504,156
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES					
Deferred Taxation	12		(85,636)		(97,733)
		•	1,789,250		1,406,423
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called Up Share Capital	13		100		100
Profit and Loss Account			1,789,150		1,406,323
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			1,789,250		1,406,423
STARCHOLDERS I ONDS		:	1,707,200		1,100,123

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 15 December 2017 and signed on their behalf by:

W David Smith DIRECTOR

WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	Share	Profit and Loss	
	Capital	Account	Total Equity
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 April 2015	100	1,566,791	1,566,891
Profit/(Loss) for the Year	-	(160,468)	(160,468)
Dividends	-	-	-
Balance at 1 April 2016	100	1,406,323	1,406,423
Profit/(Loss) for the Year	-	382,827	382,827
Dividends	-	-	-
Balance at 31 March 2017	100	1,789,150	1,789,250

<u>WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED</u> <u>STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017</u>

	2017	2016
	£	£
CASH INFLOWS FROM		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Profit/(Loss) for the Financial Year	382,827	(160,468)
Adjustments For:		
Depreciation of Tangible Assets	138,833	138,810
(Profit)/Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(4,304)	(53,560)
Interest Paid	349	1,416
Rental Income	(15,009)	(10,223)
Taxation	106,430	10,621
Decrease in Debtors	1,011,196	87,836
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	171,679	(209,775)
CASH FROM OPERATIONS	1,792,001	(195,343)
Interest Paid	(349)	(1,416)
Taxation Paid	(10,691)	-
NET CASH GENERATED FROM	- 11 	 -
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,780,961	(196,759)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING		
ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from Sale of Tangible Assets	8,100	53,560
Purchases of Tangible Assets	(38,107)	(44,757)
Rental Income	15,009	10,223
NET CASH FROM INVESTING	(1.4.000)	10.025
<u>ACTIVITIES</u>	(14,998)	19,026

WEST COAST RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

	2017	2016
	£	£
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1,765,963	(177,733)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at		•
the Beginning of the Year	802,852	980,585
Cash and Cash Equivalents at		
the End of the Year	2,568,815	802,852
COMPONENTS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
	2569.915	002.052
Cash at Bank and in Hand	2,568,815	802,852
	2,568,815	802,852

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

West Coast Railway Company Limited is a private company limited by shares domiciled in England and Wales, registration number 03066109. The principal place of business is off Jesson Way, Cragbank, Carnforth, Lancashire LA5 9UR.

2. COMPLIANCE WITH ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102. There are no material departures from that standard.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency is sterling.

The particular accounting policies adopted are as follows:

(a). Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on a straight line or reducing balance basis over the expected useful lives of each category of tangible fixed assets:

Locomotives and Rolling Stocks

Freehold Buildings

2% per annum on cost

25% per annum on written down value

Motor Vehicles

5% per annum on written down value

Fixtures and Fittings

20% per annum on written down value

Long Leasehold Buildings

2% per annum on cost

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(b). Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the leases.

(c). Finance Costs of Debt

The finance costs of debt, including interest and issue costs, are allocated to each period over the term of the debt and charged to the profit and loss account at a constant rate on the outstanding amount.

(d). Income Recognition

Income is recognised when goods have been delivered to customers such that the risks and rewards of ownership have transferred to them.

(e). Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes.

Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences.

4. TURNOVER

The company's turnover represents the value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services provided to customers during the year.

5. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

2017	2016
£	$\overline{\mathfrak{t}}$
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	£

6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILA CHARGES Interest on Bank Overdrafts	AR_	2017 £ 349 349		2016 £ 1,416
7. PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY AC BEFORE TAXATION Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities	CTIVITIES	2017 £		2016 £
before Taxation is After Charging: Depreciation Loss/(Profit) on Sale of Fixed Assets Auditor's Remuneration:	·	138,833 (4,304)	·	138,810 (53,560)
Audit Work Taxation Other Services		6,250		5,250
8. TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDI	NARY ACTIVI	<u>TIES</u>		
	<u>20</u>	<u>)17</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>
	£	£	£	£
Current Tax: UK Corporation Tax on the Profit/(Loss) for the Year Adjustments in Respect of Prior	119,091		11,255	
Years	(564)	118,527		11,255
<u>Deferred Taxation:</u> Origination and Reversal of Timing Differences	(12,097)		(634)	
	,	(12,097) 106,430		(634) 10,621

8. TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

The tax assessed for the year is higher (2016: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2016: 20%). The differences are explained as follows:

	2017	2016
Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities before Tax	£ 489,257	£ (149,847)
Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities Multiplied by Standard Rate of Corporation Tax in the UK of 20% (2016: 20%)	97,851	(29,969)
Effects of:		
Depreciation for Year in Excess of Capital Allowances	(4,482)	11,302
Expenses not Deductible for Tax Purposes	13,061	29,288
Tax Charge for Year	106,430	10,621

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long				
	Leasehold			Plant,	
	and Freehold		Locomotives	Machinery,	
	Land and	Motor	and Rolling	Fixtures and	
	Buildings	Vehicles	Stock	Fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost:					
At 1 April 2016	166,126	18,245	1,576,947	192,637	1,953,955
Additions	-	-	-	38,107	38,107
Disposals	-	-	(4,746)		(4,746)
At 31 March 2017	166,126	18,245	1,572,201	230,744	1,987,316
	-				
Depreciation:					
At 1 April 2016	36,839	16,289	880,865	123,534	1,057,527
Disposals	-	-	(950)	-	(950)
Charge for Year	2,948	489	108,900	26,496	138,833
At 31 March 2017	39,787	16,778	988,815	150,030	1,195,410
	-				
Net Book Value:					
At 31 March 2017	126,339_	1,467	583,386	80,714	791,906
At 31 March 2016	129,287	1,956	696,082	69,103	896,428

Included in freehold land and buildings is £18,720 (2016: £18,720) relating to land which is not depreciated.

10. DEBTORS		•
10. DEBTORS	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade Debtors	882,326	736,314
Amount Owed by Group Companies	444,712	1,130,379
Other Debtors	266,500	756,069
Prepayments and Accrued Income	27,591	9,563
	1,621,129	2,632,325
11. CREDITORS: Amounts Falling Due Within	2017	2016
One Year	£	£
Trade Creditors	541,170	1,205,046
Amount Owed to Group Company	800,233	647,747
Amount Owed to Related Party	1,097,875	754,675
Other Taxes and Social Security	37,761	•
Corporation Tax	119,091	11,255
Other Creditors	500,000	-
Accruals and Deferred Income	10,834	208,726
	3,106,964	2,827,449
12. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	2017	2016
Provision for Deferred Taxation:	£	£
At 1 April 2016	97,733	98,367
Amount Transferred to or from the		
Profit and Loss Account in the Year	(12,097)	(634)
At 31 March 2017	85,636	97,733
A provision for deferred taxation has been made i amount provided is made up as follows:		
	2017 £	2016
Accelerated Capital Allowances	85,636	97,733
<u>Less</u> : Unrelieved Tax Losses	-	-
	85,636	97,733

13. <u>CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL</u>	<u>Allotted and</u> <u>Fully Paid</u>	
	£	£
	Equity Shares:	
100 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	100	100_

14. LEASING COMMITMENTS

The company had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as detailed below:

	2017	2016
Operating Leases Which Expire:	£	£
Within One Year	-	19,032
Between One to Five Years	-	-
After More than Five Years	<u>-</u>	<u> </u>
		19,032
After More than Five Years		19,03

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mr. David W Smith through his control over the share capital of the ultimate parent company, and together with his involvement in its day-to-day management, is deemed to be the controlling party for the purpose of Financial Reporting Standard No. 102.

The company operates through the use of locomotives and rolling stocks owned and maintained by its immediate and ultimate parent companies, Steamtown Railway Museum Limited and William Smith (Wakefield) Limited. During the year ended 31 March 2017, the company was charged £1,380,000 (2016: £1,280,000) and £NIL (2016: £20,000) respectively for the use of those assets. The company was also charged £400,000 (2016: £NIL) by Steamtown Railway Museum Limited for engineering works on locomotives owned by the company.

Mr W David Smith is also a director and shareholder of Scottish Highland Railway Company Limited, who also supply West Coast Railway Company Limited with the use of rolling stocks. The company was charged £311,000 (2016: £161,000) respectively for the use of those assets.

Mrs Patricia Marshall is also a director and 100% shareholder in Cransfield Rail Services Limited. During the year ended 31 March 2017 West Coast Railway Company Limited was charged £23,466 (2016: £37,556) for her services.

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

Carnforth Railway Restoration and Engineering Services Limited, also a subsidiary of Steamtown Railway Museum Limited, incurs the payroll costs for the group and then recharges these to the relevant company. During the year ended 31 March 2017, West Coast Railway Company Limited was charged £3,410,000 (2016: £3,000,000) in relation to payroll costs.

Mr W David Smith is employed by William Smith (Wakefield) Ltd who provide his services to act as managing director of West Coast Railway Company Limited. During the year ended 31 March 2017, William Smith (Wakefield) Limited charged the company £90,000 (2016: £72,000) for his services.

William Smith (Wakefield) Limited supplied West Coast Railway Company Limited with coal to a value of £216,869 (2016: £176,918).

Debtors includes the following amounts owed by group companies:

Name	2017	2016
	£	£
Steamtown Railway Museum Limited	413,350	803,774
William Smith (Wakefield) Limited	31,362	326,605
	444,712	1,130,379

Creditors falling due within one year includes the following amounts owed to group and related companies:

Name	2017	2016
	£	£
Carnforth Railway Restoration and Engineering		
Services Limited	800,233	647,747
Scottish Highland Railway Company Limited	1,097,875	754,675
	1,898,108	1,402,422

16. IMMEDIATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate parent company is Steamtown Railway Museum Limited, a company registered and operating in England.

17. <u>ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY</u>

The ultimate parent company is William Smith (Wakefield) Limited, a company registered and operating in England.

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The company has guaranteed the bank borrowings of its parent company, Steamtown Railway Museums Limited.

At 31 March 2017 the bank borrowings of Steamtown Railway Museum Limited were £Nil (2016: £NIL).