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# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2007

## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

## DIRECTORS

Robert H Stuart Anthony J Thompson

## SECRETARY

Temple Secretarial Limited

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

16 Old Bailey London EC4M 7EG

## BANKERS

C Hoare & Co 37 Fleet Street London EC4P 4DQ

# SOLICITORS

Withers LLP 16 Old Bailey London EC4M 7EG

## **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche LLP Chartered Accountants Cambridge

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

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

The 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

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activity is property investment in the United Kingdom

#### REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The company has made a profit of £627,340 (2006 - loss of £320,593) Contracts were exchanged on 30 November 2007 for the sale of the long leasehold property Contractual completion was on 28 February 2008. This will have an impact on the rental income in the future

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

Adrian J Pink (resigned 12 February 2007) Anthony J Thompson Robert H Stuart (appointed 12 February 2007)

#### AUDITORS

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- so far as the director is aware, there are no relevant audit information (as defined in the Companies Act 1985) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the director has taken all steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information (as defined) and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

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

Defotte & Touche LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

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

Director

30 October 2008

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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). 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and

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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 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 irregulanties.

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

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SODESM PROPERTY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Sodesm Property Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 which compuse the profit and loss account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the note of historical cost profits and losses, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 19 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 financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SODESM PROPERTY LIMITED (continued)

#### Opinion

#### In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom 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
- $\Box$  the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Cambridge, United Kingdom

31 October 2008

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2007

		2007	2006
	Note	£	£
Turnover	2	325,398	311,797
Administrative expenses		(311,433)	(283,236)
OPERATING PROFIT	4	13,965	28,561
Interest receivable and similar income	5	535	156,008
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(385,326)	(505,014)
Exceptional item	7	1,922,108	· · · · ·
		1,537,317	(349,006)
PROFIT (LOSS) ON ORDINARY			
ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1,551,282	(320,445)
Tax on profit (loss) on ordinary activities	8	(923,942)	(148)
PROFIT (LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL			
YEAR	15	627,340	(320,593)
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All activities derive from continuing operations

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES Year ended 31 December 2007

	2007 £	2006 £
Retained loss for the financial year Unrealised surplus on revaluation of property	627,340	(320,593) 1,863,749
Total gains recognised for the year	627,340	1,543,156

# NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES Year ended 31 December 2007

	2007	2006
	£	£
Reported profit (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	1,551,282	(320,445)
Realisation of valuation gains of previous periods	4,130,694	-
Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge of the year calculated on the revalued amount	-	46,264
Historical cost profit (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	5,681,976	(274,181)
Historical cost profit (loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	4,758,034	(274,329)

# BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
FIXED ASSETS		•	_
Tangible assets	9		7,000,000
Investments	10	558,843	558,843
		558,843	7,558,843
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors		<del></del>	<del> </del>
Due within one year	11	9,494,608	5,657
Due in more than one year	11	-	104,350
Cash at bank and in hand		32,967	202,688
		9,527,575	312,695
CREDITORS amounts falling due within			
one year	12	(7,210,594)	(208,749)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,316,981	103,946
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,875,824	7,662,789
CREDITORS amounts falling due after			
more than one year	13	<u> </u>	(5,414,305)
NET ASSETS		2,875,824	2,248,484
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	14	2	2
Profit and loss account	15	2,875,822	(1,882,212)
Revaluation reserve	15	-	4,130,694
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16	2,875,824	2,248,484

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Director

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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2007

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of leasehold property (see Tangible Fixed Assets below)

#### Cash flow statement

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Power Corporation of Canada and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Power Corporation of Canada which are publicly available Consequently the company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 "Cash Flow Statements"

#### Going concern

The company's ultimate parent company has undertaken to provide the company with necessary financial support and accordingly the directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets (except for the long leasehold property) are recognised at cost, less amounts written off over their expected useful lives

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard No 15, long leasehold property is revalued every 5 years by an independent valuer. Interim valuations are carried out in the third year after the full valuation and in intervening years where it is likely that there has been a material change in value. Revaluation surpluses are transferred to a revaluation reserve and amounts transferred to the profit and loss account in equal instalments over the life of the asset in relation to the revaluation element of the annual depreciation charge.

Revaluation losses are recognised in the revaluation reserve until the carrying amount falls to depreciated historical cost, with the balance being recognised directly in the profit and loss account

Profits and losses on disposal of land and buildings represent the difference between the net proceeds and the net carrying value at the date of sale. Sales are accounted for when there is an exchange of unconditional contracts.

Depreciation is provided on cost or valuation in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows

Long leasehold property

2% per annum

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

25% per annum

#### Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment in value

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2007

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Taxation

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences, which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences anse from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### Leases

Rentals are charged to profit and loss in equal annual amounts over the lease term

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover comprises revenue from provision of property and services relating to Sodesm International Limited. The turnover, all of which arises in the United Kingdom, is attributable to the company's principal activity. Turnover is recognised when the economic risks and rewards are transferred to Sodesm International Limited.

#### 3. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

None of the directors received any emoluments for their services to the company in this year or the preceding financial year

	2007	2006
	£	£
Staff costs during the year		
Wages and salaries	27,622	26,869
Social security costs	13,215	14,751
	40,837	41,620
	No	No
Average number of persons employed:		
Administration	3	3

#### 4. OPERATING PROFIT

	2007	2000
	£	£
Operating profit is after charging.		
Depreciation		
Owned assets	104,999	104,999
Auditors' remuneration	14,095	6,463

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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2007

5.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Interest receivable from group companies	535	156,008
6.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2007 £	2006 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts Interest payable to group undertakings	11,402 373,924	505,014
		385,326	505,014
7.	EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Profit on disposal of investment property	1,922,108	-
	Contracts exchanged on 30 November 2007 for the sale of Flat 4, 33 Chesham Pl Vault 17, 30/37 Chesham Place for £9,000,000 Contractual completion date was 28		
8	TAX ON PROFIT (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		2007 £	2006 £
	Current taxation United Kingdom corporation tax at 30% (2006 - 30%) Adjustment in respect of previous periods	923,942	148
	Tax on profit (loss) on ordinary activities	923,942	148

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2007

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

The standard rate of tax for the year, based on the UK standard rate of corporation tax is 30% (2006 - 30%). The actual tax charge (credit) for the current and the previous year differs from the standard tax rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation.

	2007 £	2006 £
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Profit (loss) on ordinary activities before tax	1,551,282	(320,445)
Tax on profit (loss) on ordinary activities at standard rate	465,385	(96,134)
Factors affecting charge (credit) for the year		
Permanent differences	31,500	31,500
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(59)	(79)
Utilisation of tax losses	(114,236)	•
Other timing differences in respect of revaluation	971,071	64,713
Indexation allowance	(429,719)	-
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous penods	<u> </u>	148
Total actual amount of current tax	923,942	148
Deferred tax		
The deferred taxation asset not recognised in the accounts is as follows		
	2007	2006
	£	£
Other timing differences	166	114,236

The deferred tax asset has not been recognised due to uncertainty over the availability of suitable future taxable profits

In March 2007 the UK government announced that they would introduce legislation that would reduce the corporation tax rate to 28% with effect from 1 April 2008. The legislation was substantially enacted in June 2007. The effective tax rate for any current tax charge for the year ended 31 December 2008 would be reduced accordingly.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2007

#### 9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold	Fixtures, fittings and	
	property	equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2007	7,000,000	794,324	7,794,324
Disposals	(7,000,000)	(492,272)	(7,492,272)
At 31 December 2007	<u> </u>	302,052	302,052
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2007	-	794,324	794,324
Charge in year	104,999	-	104,999
On desposals	(104,999)	(492,272)	(597,271)
At 31 December 2007		302,052	302,052
Net book value			
At 31 December 2007	-	•	-
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At 31 December 2006	7,000,000	-	7,000,000
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The long leasehold property was last revalued on 31 December 2006 by qualified professional valuers, being members of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, working for Chesterfield Chartered Surveyors, acting in the capacity of External Valuers. The property was valued on an open market basis in accordance with the RICS Appraisal and Valuation Manual

On 30 November 2007 contracts were exchanged for the sale of the above property Contractual completion date was 28 February 2008

If the long leasehold property had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention as follows:

	2007	2006
	£	£
Long leasehold property		
At cost	3,549,222	3,549,222
Aggregate depreciation	(733,154)	(679,916)
Disposals	(2,816,068)	-
Net book value based on historical cost	-	2,869,306

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2007

### 10. INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS

	Antiques £
Cost	
At 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007	587,600
Provision for impairment in value	
At 1 January 2007 and 31 December 2007	28,757
Net book value	
At 31 December 2006 and 31 December 2007	558,843

## 11. DEBTORS

	2007	2006
	£	£
Due within one year		
Amounts due from group undertakings	489,915	•
Share capital unpaid	2	2
Other debtors	9,000,000	•
Prepayments and accrued income	4,691	5,655
	9,494,608	5,657
Due in more than one year		
Amounts due from group undertakings	•	104,350
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Amounts due from group undertakings are not secured and have no set repayment terms. Interest is charged on the balance at a rate of Bank of England base rate  $\pm 1\%$ 

Other debtors relate to proceeds from the sale of the long leasehold property

## 12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2007 £	2006 £
Amounts due to group undertakings	6,063,151	-
Corporation tax payable	923,942	-
Accruals and deferred income	223,501	208,749
	7,210,594	208,749

Amounts due to group undertakings are not secured. Interest is accrued on the balance at a rate of Bank of England base rate +1% and have no set repayment terms

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2007

			2007 £	2006 £
	Amounts due to group undertakings		•	5,414,305
	Amounts due to group undertakings fall due after more than charged on the balance at a rate of Bank of England base rate +			
14	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL			
			2007 £	2006 £
	Authorised 100 ordinary shares of £1 each		100	100
	Called up, allotted and not paid 2 ordinary shares of £1 each		2	2
15.	STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN RESERVES			
		Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
	At 1 January 2007 Profit for the year	4,130,694 -	(1,882,212) 627,340	2,248,482 627,340
	Transfer between revaluation reserve and profit and loss account	(4,130,694)	4,130,694	-
	At 31 December 2007		2,875,822	2,875,822
16.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDI	ers' funds		
			2007 £	2006 £
	Profit (loss) for the financial year Other recognised gains and losses during the year		627,340	(320,593) 1,863,749
	Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds		627,340 2,248,484	1,543,156 705,328
	Closing shareholders' funds		2,875,824	2,248,484

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2007

#### 17. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The company's principal financial assets are the bank balance and the inter-company loans to a fellow subsidiary. The credit risk on the bank balance on liquid funds is limited because counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies.

#### 18 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

In the opinion of the directors, the immediate and ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Power Corporation of Canada, a company incorporated in Canada

Group accounts are available from 751 Victoria Square, Montreal H2Y 2J3, Canada

#### 19 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under section 3 (c) of FRS 8 (Related Party Transactions) not to disclose details of transactions with fellow group companies

The directors of the company, Robert H Stuart and Anthony J Thompson are partners in Withers LLP, a firm of lawyers During the year, Withers LLP charged Sodesm Property Limited £79,494 (2006 - £41,949) for management services At 31 December 2007, the amount due to Withers LLP was £33,178 (2006 - £10,000)