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# **R.B. ASSET VALUE LIMITED**

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 30 September 2012

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# **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2012**

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# **OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

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Registered in England and Wales

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2012

This directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions available to companies entitled to the small companies exemption

#### **ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW**

#### Activity

The principal activity of the company continues to be the provision of remarketing and residual value support services to the holding company, Royal Bank Leasing Limited and any of its subsidiary leasing companies, for leasing and asset finance facilities

The company is a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc which provides the company with direction and access to all central resources it needs and determines policies in all key areas such as finance, risk, human resources or environment. For this reason, the directors believe that performance indicators specific to the company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. The annual reports of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc review these matters on a group basis. Copies can be obtained from RBS Secretariat, RBS Gogarburn, Edinburgh, EH12 1HQ, the Registrar of Companies or through the group's website at rbs com.

# Review of the year

#### Business review

The company has no active leases, however, it provides remarketing and residual value support services to the holding company, Royal Bank Leasing Limited and any of its subsidiary leasing companies. The directors are satisfied with the company's performance in the year. The company will be guided by its shareholders in seeking further opportunities for growth.

#### Financial performance

The retained profit for the year was £nil (2011 £nil) The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2011 no dividend paid)

# Principal risks and uncertainties

The company is funded by facilities from Royal Bank Leasing Limited

The company's financial risk management objectives and policies regarding the use of financial instruments are set out in note 5 to these financial statements

The company seeks to minimise its exposure to external financial risks other than equity and credit risk, further information on financial risk management policies and exposures is disclosed in notes 1 and 5. It also has exposure to asset risk on the residual value of property, plant and equipment which is held in fellow group companies. In respect of the residual value positions in the companies' leases, an annual impairment review is undertaken at 31 October. This review assesses the recoverability of the residual value positions at lease end and recommends impairment as necessary. All the underlying assets on residual value leases have economic lives beyond the terms of the leases they are on, and there are no concerns as to the recoverability of the residual value amounts.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

### Going concern

The directors, having made such enquiries as they considered appropriate, have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. They considered the accounts of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc for the year ended 31 December 2012, approved on 28 February 2013, which were prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY**

The present directors and secretary, who have served throughout the year except where noted below, are listed on page 2

From 1 October 2011 to date the following changes have taken place

	Appointed	Resigned
Secretary		-
RBS Secretarial Services Limited	31 October 2012	
C J Down		31 October 2012

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

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 a directors' report and financial statements for each financial year and the directors have elected to prepare them in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as adopted by the European Union 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 at the end of the year and the profit or loss for the financial year of the company. In preparing these financial statements, under International Accounting Standard 1, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- present information, including accounting policies, in a manner that provides relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable information,
- provide additional disclosures when compliance with the specific requirements in IFRSs are insufficient to enable users to understand the impact of particular transactions, other events and conditions of the entity's financial position and performance, and
- make an assessment of the company's ability to continue as a going concern

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 to enable them to ensure that the directors' report and financial statements comply with the requirements of 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.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

# **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

Each of the directors at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

This confirmation is given and shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006

#### **AUDITOR**

Deloitte LLP has expressed its willingness to continue in office as auditor

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

S J Caterer Director

Date 28 March 2013

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF R.B. ASSET VALUE TEMPERATED

We have audited the financial statements of R B Asset Value ('the company') for the year ended 30 September 2012 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity, the cash flow statement and the related notes 1 to 11 The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS's") as adopted by the European Union

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 auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, 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 of the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. 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

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2012 and of its result for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRS's as adopted by the European Union, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF R.B. ASSET VALUE LIMITED (continued)

# 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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report

Simon Cleveland FCA (S

(Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

Bristol, United Kingdom

Date 29 march 2013

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# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME for the year ended 30 September 2012

The company received no income and incurred no expenditure during the current year or the preceding year. Consequently, during these years the company made neither a profit nor a loss

The company has no other recognised income or expenses in the current year or the preceding reporting year Accordingly no statement of comprehensive income is presented

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

# BALANCE SHEET as at 30 September 2012

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Assets			
Current assets			
Loan receivables	4	77	77
Total assets		77	77
Equity			
Share capital	6	-	_
Retained earnings		77	77
Total equity		77	77
Total liabilities and equity		77	77

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 28 March 2013 and signed on its behalf by

S J Caterer Director

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 September 2012

	Share capital £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total £'000
At 1 October 2010		77	77
At 30 September 2011 and at			
30 September 2012		77	77

Total comprehensive income for the year of £nil (2011 £nil) was wholly attributable to the owners of the company

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 30 September 2012

	Note	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		77	77
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	7 _	77	77

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Accounting policies

#### a) Presentation of accounts

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis (see the Directors' Report) and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB as adopted by the European Union (EU) (together "IFRS")

The accounts are prepared on the historical cost basis

The company's financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the company

The company is incorporated in the UK and registered in England and Wales. The company's accounts are presented in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

# Adoption of new and revised standards

There are a number of changes to IFRS that were effective from 1 October 2011 They have had no material effect on the company's financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2012

#### b) Taxation

Income tax expense or income, comprising current tax and deferred tax, is recorded in the income statement except income tax on items recognised outside profit or loss which is credited or charged to other comprehensive income or to equity as appropriate

Current tax is income tax payable or recoverable in respect of the taxable profit or loss for the year arising in income or in equity. Provision is made for current tax at rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amount of an asset or liability for accounting purposes and its carrying amount for tax purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated using tax rates expected to apply in the periods when the assets will be realised or the liabilities settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted, or substantively enacted, at the balance sheet date

#### c) Financial assets

On initial recognition, financial assets are classified into held-to-maturity investments, loans and receivables, held-for-trading, designated as at fair value through profit or loss, or available-for-sale financial assets

#### Loans and receivables

Non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable repayments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as loans and receivables, except those that are classified as available-for-sale or as held-for-trading, or designated as at fair value through profit or loss. Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus directly related transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment losses.

# 1. Accounting policies - continued

# d) Impairment of financial assets

The company assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets classified as held-to-maturity, available-for-sale or loans and receivables is impaired. A financial asset or portfolio of financial assets is impaired and an impairment loss incurred if there is objective evidence that an event or events since initial recognition of the asset have adversely affected the amount or timing of future cash flows from the asset

#### e) Derecognition

A financial asset is derecognised when the contractual right to receive cash flows from the asset has expired or when it has been transferred and the transfer qualifies for derecognition

A financial liability is removed from the balance sheet when the obligation is discharged, cancelled, or expires

# f) Cash and cash equivalents

In the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents comprises cash and demand deposits with banks together with short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to insignificant risk of change in value

#### g) Accounting developments

No recent IASB announcement is expected to have a material effect on the company's accounting policies or financial statements

# 2. Critical accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The reported results of the company are sensitive to the accounting policies, assumptions and estimates that underlie the preparation of its financial statements. UK company law and IFRS require the directors, in preparing the company's financial statements, to select suitable accounting policies, apply them consistently and make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent. In the absence of an applicable standard or interpretation, IAS 8 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', requires management to develop and apply an accounting policy that results in relevant and reliable information in the light of the requirements and guidance in IFRS dealing with similar and related issues and the IASB's Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements. The judgements and assumptions involved in the company's accounting policies that are considered by the directors to be the most important to the portrayal of its financial condition are discussed below. The use of estimates, assumptions or models that differ from those adopted by the company would affect its reported results.

# Guaranteed residual value

The company has entered into a number of remarketing agreements with its parent company, Royal Bank Leasing Limited According to the provisions contained within these agreements, the company provides guarantees of the future residual values of the assets, the majority of which will be realised within four years (note 9). The directors have made an assumption, based on present available information, that the estimated future value of the assets included in the remarketing agreements will not be less than their guaranteed future residual value. Accordingly, the directors are of the current opinion that the company does not have a future liability in this respect.

### 3. Operating expenses

#### Staff costs, number of employees and directors' emoluments

All staff and directors were employed by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc ("RBS"), the accounts for which contain full disclosure of employee benefit expenses incurred in the period including share based payments and pensions. The company has no employees and pays a management charge for services provided by other group companies. The directors of the company do not receive remuneration for specific services provided to the company.

#### Auditor's remuneration

There was no charge in either the current or prior year's financial statements for auditors' remuneration as the fees of £6,000 (2011 £5,000) were charged in the financial statements of Royal Bank Leasing Limited

#### 4. Loan receivables

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Current Deposits owed by group undertakings – immediate parent		
company	77	<u>77</u>

The fair value of loans and receivables is considered not to be materially different to the carrying amounts in the balance sheet

#### 5. Financial instruments and risk management

#### (i) Fair value

There is no difference between the fair value of financial instruments carried on the balance sheet and their carrying value

All financial assets are classed as loans and receivables and comprise cash and 'cash equivalents'

#### (ii) Financial risk management

The principal risks associated with the company's businesses are as follows

#### Market risk

Market risk is the potential for loss as a result of adverse changes in risk factors including interest rates, foreign currency and equity prices together with related parameters such as market volatilities

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk arises where assets and liabilities have different re-pricing maturities

None of the company's assets are subject to interest rate risk as they do not attract interest

# **Currency risk**

The company has no currency risk as all transactions and balances are denominated in sterling

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 5 Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

#### (ii) Financial risk management (continued)

# Credit risk

The objective of credit risk management is to enable the company to achieve appropriate risk versus reward performance whilst maintaining credit risk exposure in line with approved appetite for the risk that customers will be unable to meet their obligations to the company

The key principles of the group's Credit Risk Management Framework are set out below

- Approval of all credit exposure is granted prior to any advance or extension of credit
- An appropriate credit risk assessment of the customer and credit facilities is undertaken prior to approval of credit exposure. This includes a review of, amongst other things, the purpose of credit and sources of repayment, compliance with affordability tests, repayment history, capacity to repay, sensitivity to economic and market developments and risk-adjusted return.
- Credit risk authority is dictated by the Board and specifically granted in writing to all
  individuals involved in the granting of credit approval. In exercising credit authority, the
  individuals act independently of any related business revenue origination.
- All credit exposures, once approved, are effectively monitored and managed and reviewed periodically against approved limits. Lower quality exposures are subject to a greater frequency of analysis and assessment.

Maximum credit exposure and neither past due nor impaired

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Group undertakings	77	77
Maximum credit exposure	77	77

Based on counterparty payment history the company considers all the above financial assets to be of good credit quality

#### Liquidity risk

The company has no material liquidity risk as it has access to group funding

Management focuses on both overall balance sheet structure and the control, within prudent limits, of risk arising from the mismatch of maturities across the balance sheet and from undrawn commitments and other contingent obligations. It is undertaken within limits and other policy parameters set by Group Asset and Liability Management Committee (GALCO)

#### 5. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)

#### (ii) Financial risk management (continued)

# Operational risk

Operational risk is the risk of unexpected losses attributable to human error, systems failures, fraud or inadequate internal financial controls and procedures. The company manages this risk, in line with the RBS group framework, through systems and procedures to monitor transactions and positions, the documentation of transactions and periodic review by internal audit. The company also maintains contingency facilities to support operations in the event of disasters.

# 6. Share capital

		2012	2011
		£	£
Authorised			
51	'RBL' Ordinary shares of £1	51	51
49	'HB' Ordinary shares of £1	49	49
	·	100	100
Allotted, calle	d up and fully paid		
Equity shares	3		
51	'RBL' Ordinary shares of £1	51	51
49	'HB' Ordinary shares of £1	49	49
		100	100

The company has two classes of shares which carry no right to fixed income

The 'RBL' and 'HB' ordinary shares rank on a pari passu basis

#### 7. Cash and cash equivalents

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Deposits with group companies placed at within 3 months		
original maturity (note 4)	77	77

# 8. Capital resources

The company's capital consists of equity comprising issued share capital, retained earnings and loans from group undertakings. The company is a member of The Royal Bank of Scotland group of companies which has regulatory disciplines over the use of capital. In the management of capital resources, the company is governed by the group's policy which is to maintain a strong capital base, it is not separately regulated. The group has complied with the FSA's capital requirements throughout the year.

# 9. Commitments and contingent liabilities

The company, together with other members of the RBS group, is party to a capital support deed (CSD). Under the terms of the CSD, the company may be required, if compatible with its legal obligations, to make distributions on, or repurchase or redeem, its ordinary shares. The amount of this obligation is limited to the company's immediately accessible funds or assets, rights, facilities or other resources that, using best efforts, are reasonably capable of being converted to cleared, immediately available funds (the company's available resources). The CSD also provides that, in certain circumstances, funding received by the company from other parties to the CSD becomes immediately repayable, such repayment being limited to the company's available resources.

The company has entered into a number of asset remarketing agreements with its holding company, Royal Bank Leasing Limited According to the provisions of these agreements the company has provided guarantees of the future residual values of the assets concerned, the majority of which will be realised within four years

The total value of the residual values guaranteed to Royal Bank Leasing Limited at the year end is £2,047,000 (2011 £2,040,000) In the opinion of the directors, it is unlikely that the assets will be brought into the ownership of the company as the remarketing agreement contains provisions for the marketing of the assets prior to the expiration of the lease term. Accordingly, based on present available information, it is the directors' opinion that, on an overall basis, the guarantees will not lead to a loss to the company.

#### 10. Related parties

#### **UK Government**

On 1 December 2008, the UK Government through HM Treasury became the ultimate controlling party of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc The UK Government's shareholding is managed by UK Financial Investments Limited, a company wholly-owned by the UK Government As a result, the UK Government and UK Government controlled bodies became related parties of the company

The company enters into transactions with these bodies on an arms' length basis

# **Group undertakings**

The company's immediate parent company is Royal Bank Leasing Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland. As at 30 September 2012, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc heads the smallest group in which the company is consolidated Copies of the consolidated accounts of this company may be obtained from The Secretary, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Gogarburn, Edinburgh EH12 1HQ

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#### 10. Related parties (continued)

Amounts due to or from related parties are unsecured and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received. No provisions have been made for doubtful debts in respect of amounts owed by related parties.

# Key management

The company is a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc whose policy is for companies to bear the costs of their full time staff. The time and costs of executives and other staff who are primarily employed by the group are not specifically recharged. However, the group recharges subsidiaries for management fees which include an allocation of certain staff and administrative support costs.

In the company and the group, key management comprise directors of the company and members of the Group Executive Management Committee The emoluments of the directors of the company are met by the group

The directors of the company do not receive remuneration for specific services provided to the company

#### 11. Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events between the year end and the date of approval of these financial statements which would require a change to or disclosure in these financial statements