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Eden Project Limited

Report and Financial Statements

29 March 2009

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Eden Project Limited

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Directors

Non Executive Chairman

Mr K Hill

Non Executive Directors

Mr C McAlpine

Dr A Stanhope

(resigned 29 March 2009)

Mr P Hardaker

(resigned 29 March 2009)

Mr R Eyre

Mr P Newey

(resigned 25 August 2008)

Ms J Hill

Mr G Wilkinson

(appointed 14 January 2009)

Executive Directors

Mr T Smit – Chief Executive Officer

Mrs G Coley – Managing Director

Mr P Cox – Finance Director

Dr A Kendle – Foundation Director

Mr G Elworthy – Operations Director (resigned 1 June 2008)

Company Secretary

Mr P Cox

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Directors' report

The directors present their report and accounts for the period ended 29 March 2009.

Principal activity

Eden Project Limited ("the company") is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Eden Trust, a company limited by guarantee and a UK Registered Charity (number 1093070). The principal activity of the company is the operation and continued development of the Eden Project, one of the UK's top landmark projects created to promote understanding of the vital relationship between people and plants and issues surrounding sustainable development, on behalf of the Eden Trust. Eden Project Limited is managed by a board of executive and non-executive directors, who remain ultimately responsible to the board of Eden Trustees.

The charitable objectives of the Trust set out Eden's aims "to promote public education, research and appreciation in areas such as horticulture, flora, ecology and conservation, and waste management." Eden delivers on these objectives in practical terms through informal and formal education programmes, exhibitions, events, outreach including the Friends events and magazine, partnership projects, and through its approach to operating the visitor destination in areas such as the Waste Neutral initiative, energy consumption and local sourcing policy.

The company exists only to deliver the charitable objectives of the Trust and every activity, including that which might ordinarily be termed "commercial", is designed to educate about the environment in support of the Trust's objectives. The combination of the two entities in this way has created an organisation where the charitable and operational aims are linked in ways which inform and inspire both. As such the annual accounts of the company alone can never give the complete picture and they should be read in conjunction with the consolidated accounts and Annual Report of the Eden Trust.

Results, review of the business and future developments

The Project opened in full to the public, on time and on budget on 17 March 2001. The response has been very positive with nearly 10.7 million visitors in the period from opening to 29 March 2009.

As detailed in the Profit and Loss Account on page 8, the company made a profit after interest but before depreciation and deferred grant releases of £2,097,831, compared with the £2,706,545 achieved in the previous year. This was primarily as a result of visitor numbers for the year being 1.06 million, compared to 1.16 million in the previous year.

The Board of Eden Project Limited is ultimately responsible to the Eden Trust for the performance of the company. This performance is constantly monitored and reviewed and is reported to the Trust on a regular basis. As a social enterprise within a charity framework the success of the Eden Project is measured in terms other than simply financial performance. The Board and the Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the company both in financial terms and in terms of the delivery of the wider charitable mission.

The net charge for depreciation less release of deferred capital grants in the year was £4,145,704 which results in a loss for the year of £2,047,873. However, as explained below this net depreciation charge is overstated by £2,176,340 as a result of the accounting treatment of grants in the holding company, The Eden Trust. Without this overstatement the company would have reported a retained profit for the year of £128,467. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

In addition, as detailed in the Statement of Cash Flows on page 10 the company generated an operating cash inflow of £2,089,948 and a net cash inflow after financing of £102,619. Total debt has been reduced to £8.2 million during the year.

Directors' report

Results, review of the business and future developments (continued)

The total capital cost of the Project to date, reflected in the tangible fixed assets of the company, is £136.2 million. The Eden Trust received grant funding of £43.2 million in relation to the original construction of the Project from the Millennium Commission and of this £39.5 million was passed down from the Eden Trust to the company by way of an interest free loan in order to acquire the assets.

Had the Millennium Commission monies been received as a grant by the company, this would have been treated in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and accrued in the balance sheet and released to the profit and loss account over the life of the assets to which it relates, thereby mitigating the depreciation charge. This is the treatment adopted in respect of those grants which were received directly by the company which has resulted in the release to the profit and loss account during the period under review of £3,242,175. However, in the accounts of the Eden Trust, the Millennium Commission grant has been treated in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005 and was shown as income in the period received and is hence reflected in the accumulated reserves of the Trust. It is this mismatch between the receipt of the grant by the Eden Trust and the depreciation charge in the company, which reduces the reported profit for the company by £2,176,340.

This mismatch also results in the negative net assets of £17.0 million shown in the company's balance sheet which is caused by the existence of the intercompany loan of £39.5 million referred to above.

Risk management

As a wholly owned subsidiary of a registered charity, the Eden Trust, the company is reliant upon the continued support of the parent company in agreeing not to recall the amounts advanced to the company to develop the Project. (See Note 1, Accounting Policies, Fundamental Accounting Concept). In addition the company is reliant upon the Trust being able to attract grant funding to cover the cost of charitable activities not covered by the surplus generated from operating the Eden Project.

The Trustees of the Eden Trust have delegated responsibility for day to day management of the Project to the board of Eden Project Limited, who in turn have introduced a formal risk management process to assess risks and implement risk management strategies. This process involves identifying the types of risks the company faces, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence and identifying means of mitigating the risks. The risk management procedures adopted by the Eden Project Limited board are reviewed on a periodic basis by the Trustees.

Directors' responsibilities for the accounts

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 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

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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 that 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 irregularities.

Disabled employees

Eden values the diversity of its team, whether via different skills, experiences or abilities of all its individuals. Eden aims to ensure that all team members, visitors, job applicants, suppliers etc are treated fairly and with respect in an environment which is free from harassment, bullying and discrimination. As part of a comprehensive Diversity Policy, Eden also seeks to adhere to the objectives of the Disability Discrimination Act 2000.

Employee training, communication and involvement

Eden is committed to ensuring all staff are not only trained sufficiently to do their jobs but are developed for their future beyond just these requirements. Eden achieved Investors in People (IIP) status in May 2003. Eden is also committed to staff communication through regular staff meetings, a daily news letter and the intranet, and also has an elected staff representative body, the Members Assembly. An annual appraisal system is in place for all staff.

Completeness of information to auditors

So far as each director listed on page 1 above is aware:-

- There is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as the company's auditor will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board



Mr Peter Cox
Director / Company Secretary

30 June 2009

Independent auditors' report

to the members of Eden Project Limited

We have audited the company's financial statements for the period ended 29 March 2009 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 25. 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 are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) as 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, 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 Eden Project 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 29 March 2009 and of its loss for the period 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.



Ernst & Young LLP
Registered Auditor
Exeter

30 June 2009

Profit and loss account

for the period ended 29 March 2009

| | Period ended 29 March 2009 | Period ended 30 March 2008 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Notes | £ | £ |
| Turnover | 16,133,819 | 16,809,220 |
| Cost of sales excluding depreciation and amortisation | (12,125,928) | (12,125,974) |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (7,387,879) | (7,565,718) |
| | (19,513,807) | (19,691,692) |
| Gross loss | (3,379,988) | (2,882,472) |
| Operating expenses | | |
| Administrative expenses | (8,607,274) | (8,371,415) |
| Other operating income | 2 8,901,153 | 9,148,905 |
| Operating profit (before depreciation and release of deferred capital grants) | 1,059,595 | 1,968,674 |
| Operating loss (after depreciation) | 3 (3,086,109) | (2,104,982) |
| Interest receivable | 6(a) 3,598,292 | 3,433,848 |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 6(b) (2,560,056) | (2,695,977) |
| Loss on ordinary activities before taxation | (2,047,873) | (1,367,111) |
| Taxation | 7 - | - |
| Retained profit (before depreciation and release of deferred capital grants) | 2,097,831 | 2,706,545 |
| Retained loss for the period | 19 (2,047,873) | (1,367,111) |
| Profit and loss account brought forward | (14,972,039) | (13,604,928) |
| Profit and loss account carried forward | (17,019,912) | (14,972,039) |

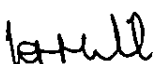
Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

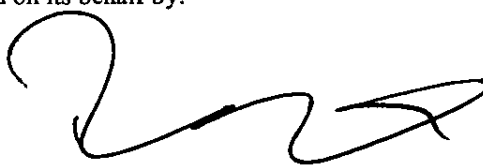
There are no recognised gains and losses other than the loss attributable to shareholders of the company of £(2,047,873) in the period ended 29 March 2009 and the loss of £(1,367,111) in the period ended 30 March 2008.

Balance sheet

at 29 March 2009

| | Notes | At 29 March 2009 £ | At 30 March 2008 £ |
|--|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 8 | 80,668,970 | 87,381,559 |
| Intangible assets | 9 | - | - |
| Investments | 10 | 42,271,901 | 42,021,158 |
| | | <u>122,940,871</u> | <u>129,402,717</u> |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stocks | 11 | 353,018 | 416,744 |
| Debtors | 12 | 1,383,347 | 1,480,742 |
| Cash | | 1,093,266 | 990,647 |
| | | <u>2,829,631</u> | <u>2,888,133</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | (45,592,339) | (41,707,155) |
| Net current liabilities | | <u>(42,762,708)</u> | <u>(38,819,022)</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 80,178,163 | 90,583,695 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 14 | (48,739,788) | (52,612,468) |
| Deferred income | 16 | (48,458,279) | (52,943,258) |
| | | <u>(17,019,904)</u> | <u>(14,972,031)</u> |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital - equity | 18 | 8 | 8 |
| Profit and loss account | 19 | (17,019,912) | (14,972,039) |
| | 19 | <u>(17,019,904)</u> | <u>(14,972,031)</u> |

Approved by the Board on 2nd June 2009 and signed on its behalf by:

 Mr K Hill
 Chairman


 Mr P Cox
 Director / Company Secretary

Cash flow statement

for the period ended 29 March 2009

| | | <i>Period ended</i> 29 March 2009 | <i>Period ended</i> 30 March 2008 |
|---|--------------|---|---|
| | <i>Notes</i> | £ | £ |
| Cash inflow from operating activities | 20(a) | 2,089,948 | 1,464,135 |
| Returns on investment and servicing of finance | | | |
| Interest paid | | (320,852) | (594,002) |
| Interest received | | 2,532,205 | 2,293,134 |
| Interest element of finance lease rental payments | | (2,148,736) | (2,148,736) |
| Leasing scheme adjustment | | (298,505) | - |
| | | <u>(235,888)</u> | <u>(449,604)</u> |
| Taxation | | | |
| UK corporation tax | | - | - |
| Capital expenditure and financial investment | | | |
| Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets | | (600,305) | (1,326,058) |
| Capital grants received | 16 | 1,103 | 1,123,525 |
| Net increase in investments | 10 | (250,743) | (135,741) |
| | | <u>(849,945)</u> | <u>(338,274)</u> |
| Financing | | | |
| Net movement in borrowings | 20(b) | (901,496) | 1,215,811 |
| Increase in cash | 20(c) | <u>102,619</u> | <u>1,892,068</u> |

Notes to the financial statements

at 29 March 2009

1. Accounting policies

Fundamental accounting concept

The parent undertaking is obliged to pass on to the company funds received for the specific purpose of constructing and delivering its major capital project (the Eden Project). It has also agreed not to recall the amounts received by the Trust and advanced to the company for this purpose which at 29 March 2009, amounted to £39,474,223 in preference to third party creditors whose claims have been duly budgeted.

The directors believe that it is therefore appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Turnover

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, is attributable to the operating activities of the Eden Project, including admission fees, retail and catering.

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the company obtains the right to consideration in exchange for its performance. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding VAT. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised.

Admission income

Revenue is recognised on admission to the Eden Project. Tickets purchased in advance are deferred until redeemed.

Sale of goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership and the goods have passed to the buyer.

Interest income

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method.

Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Finance leases

Assets held under finance lease are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the contracts.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax 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 exception that 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 tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives. This has been provided at the following rates:

| | |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Biomes | - straight line over 18 years |
| Buildings and infrastructure | - straight line between 18 to 50 years |
| Plant and machinery | - straight line between 4 to 10 years |
| Computer equipment | - straight line over 3 years |
| Fixtures, furniture and fittings | - straight line over 3 years |

Assets in the course of construction are not depreciated until completion whereupon they are transferred to the appropriate fixed asset category and depreciated as above.

Amortisation

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are capitalised at cost.

Intangible assets are amortised on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives up to a maximum of 20 years. For filming costs this is taken to be 2 years.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at lower of cost and net realisable value.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations in respect of capital expenditure are included in deferred income, as shown in note 16 and released to the profit and loss account over the useful lives of the assets once they are brought into use. Grants and donations of a revenue nature are credited to income in the period to which they relate.

Capitalisation of interest

Interest on loan finance in relation to the initial building project was capitalised as Tangible Fixed Assets and is being written off over the useful life of the assets to which it relates.

Related party transactions

The company has relied on the exemption provided by FRS 8 and has not therefore disclosed transactions with its parent entity.

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2. Other operating income

| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008 £</i> |
|--|---|---|
| Release of deferred income - capital | 3,242,175 | 3,460,573 |
| - revenue | 702,469 | 338,127 |
| Big Lottery Development Fund grant for "Playful Ideas" Project | 114,626 | 19,741 |
| Big Lottery Development Fund grant for "Edge" | - | 218,419 |
| Other grants and donations | 3,339,812 | 3,607,500 |
| Miscellaneous income | 13,298 | 10,587 |
| Tax reclaims under Gift Aid | 1,488,773 | 1,493,958 |
| | <u>8,901,153</u> | <u>9,148,905</u> |

3. Operating loss

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008 £</i> |
|---|---|---|
| Auditors' remuneration - audit services | 24,000 | 24,000 |
| - tax services | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Depreciation - owned assets | 4,754,012 | 4,900,362 |
| - assets under finance lease | 2,633,867 | 2,633,867 |
| Amortisation | - | 31,489 |
| Operating lease rentals - plant & machinery | 16,770 | 61,862 |
| - land & buildings | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Other operating income - grants and donations | (3,454,438) | (3,845,660) |
| Release of deferred income - capital | (3,242,175) | (3,460,573) |
| - revenue | (702,469) | (338,127) |
| | <u></u> | <u></u> |

4. Directors' emoluments

| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008 £</i> |
|---|---|---|
| Emoluments | 442,019 | 504,807 |
| Company contributions to pension scheme | 18,450 | 24,449 |
| | <u></u> | <u></u> |

The emoluments in respect of the highest paid director were £154,286 (2008 - £150,523), with no contributions to a pension scheme.

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5. Staff costs

| | <i>Period ended</i> <i>29 March</i> <i>2009</i> <i>£</i> | <i>Period ended</i> <i>30 March</i> <i>2008</i> <i>£</i> |
|-----------------------|---|---|
| Wages and salaries | 9,413,467 | 8,935,534 |
| Social security costs | 760,013 | 765,932 |
| Pension costs | 227,334 | 223,190 |
| | <u>10,400,814</u> | <u>9,924,656</u> |

The average number of employees during the period was as follows:

| | <i>Period ended</i> <i>29 March</i> <i>2009</i> <i>No.</i> | <i>Period ended</i> <i>30 March</i> <i>2008</i> <i>No.</i> |
|------------------|---|---|
| Visitor services | 240 | 250 |
| Horticulture | 54 | 53 |
| Site maintenance | 83 | 80 |
| Other | 88 | 90 |
| | <u>465</u> | <u>473</u> |

6(a). Interest receivable

| | <i>Period ended</i> <i>29 March</i> <i>2009</i> <i>£</i> | <i>Period ended</i> <i>30 March</i> <i>2008</i> <i>£</i> |
|---|---|---|
| Dresdner Kleinwort Benson deposit interest receivable | 2,399,479 | 2,284,475 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Rebate – release (note 16) | 1,066,087 | 1,140,714 |
| Interest receivable | 132,726 | 8,659 |
| | <u>3,598,292</u> | <u>3,433,848</u> |

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6(b). Interest payable and similar charges

| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008</i> |
|-----------------|---|---|
| | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> |
| Bank overdrafts | 15,577 | 18,062 |
| Other loans | 395,743 | 529,179 |
| Finance charges | 2,148,736 | 2,148,736 |
| | <u>2,560,056</u> | <u>2,695,977</u> |

7. Taxation

a) Tax on loss on ordinary activities

| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008</i> |
|-----------------|---|---|
| | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> |
| Corporation tax | - | - |
| Deferred tax | - | - |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

b) Factors affecting current tax charges

The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities for the year is reconciled below:

| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008</i> |
|--|---|---|
| | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> |
| Loss on ordinary activities before tax | (2,047,873) | (1,367,111) |
| Loss of ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax of 28% (2008 – 30%) | (573,404) | (410,133) |
| Non taxable income expenses not deductible for tax purposes | (907,809) | (1,130,567) |
| Depreciation in excess of capital allowances | 1,101,213 | 1,180,700 |
| Loss carried forward | 380,000 | 360,000 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Current tax charge | - | - |

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7. Taxation (continued)

c) Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has trading losses carried forward of approximately £15,859,000. These losses are not expected to be utilised in the short term and consequently no deferred tax asset has been recognised in these accounts.

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8. Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold land | Assets in the course of construction | Buildings and infrastructure | Biomes | Plant and machinery | Computer equipment | Fixtures, furniture and fittings | Total |
|-----------------------|------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cost: | | | | | | | | |
| At 31 March 2008 | 1,192,576 | 70,427 | 88,792,683 | 21,457,464 | 18,739,027 | 2,810,059 | 2,493,611 | 135,555,847 |
| Additions | - | 4,169 | - | - | 222,056 | 171,702 | 277,363 | 675,290 |
| At 29 March 2009 | 1,192,576 | 74,596 | 88,792,683 | 21,457,464 | 18,961,083 | 2,981,761 | 2,770,974 | 136,231,137 |
| Depreciation | | | | | | | | |
| At 31 March 2008 | - | - | 22,985,831 | 8,322,020 | 12,353,189 | 2,537,621 | 1,975,627 | 48,174,288 |
| Charge for the period | - | - | 3,694,989 | 1,192,081 | 1,734,751 | 243,254 | 522,804 | 7,387,879 |
| At 29 March 2009 | - | - | 26,680,820 | 9,514,101 | 14,087,940 | 2,780,875 | 2,498,431 | 55,562,167 |
| Net book value | | | | | | | | |
| At 29 March 2009 | 1,192,576 | 74,596 | 62,111,863 | 11,943,363 | 4,873,143 | 200,886 | 272,543 | 80,668,970 |
| At 31 March 2008 | 1,192,576 | 70,427 | 65,806,852 | 13,135,444 | 6,385,838 | 272,438 | 517,984 | 87,381,559 |

The main capital development is at Bodelva, Par, Cornwall, PL24 2SG. At the balance sheet date, the Eden Trust possessed legal ownership of this site. The majority of the fixed assets are subject to security arrangements with the funders to the Project.

Assets in the course of construction relate to the Tithing College which has not been completed at the period end. No depreciation has been charged on these assets. These assets will be reanalysed to the appropriate fixed asset category when the project is completed and depreciation will be charged from that date.

Assets subject to finance leases above, amount to, cost £45,512,000 (2008 - £45,512,000), depreciation £23,475,200 (2008 - £20,841,333) with net book value at 29 March 2009 £22,036,800 (2008 - £24,670,667).

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9. Intangible fixed assets

| | <i>Filming costs £</i> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cost: | |
| At 31 March 2008 and 29 March 2009 | <u>89,270</u> |
| Amortisation: | |
| At 31 March 2008 and 29 March 2009 | <u>89,270</u> |
| Net book value: | |
| At 31 March 2008 and 29 March 2009 | <u>-</u> |

10. Investments

| | <i>Subsidiary undertaking £</i> | <i>Bank deposit £</i> | <i>Total £</i> |
|------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cost: | | | |
| At 31 March 2008 | 1 | 42,021,157 | 42,021,158 |
| Additions | - | 2,399,479 | 2,399,479 |
| Disposal | - | (2,148,736) | (2,148,736) |
| At 29 March 2009 | <u>1</u> | <u>42,271,900</u> | <u>42,271,901</u> |

Under the financing transactions (see Note 24), the company is required to place amounts on deposit, as shown above, as security for the lease payments.

Subsidiary Undertaking

| <i>Name of Company</i> | <i>Holding</i> | <i>Proportion of voting rights and shares held</i> | <i>Nature of business</i> |
|---------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------------|
| Eden Project (OA) Limited | 1 | 100% | Dormant |

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11. Stocks

| | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Goods for resale | 353,018 | 336,744 |
| Maintenance stock | - | 80,000 |
| | <u>353,018</u> | <u>416,744</u> |

The replacement cost of stocks is not considered to be materially different from that shown in the balance sheet.

12. Debtors

| | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year: | | |
| Trade debtors | 452,867 | 529,230 |
| Other debtors | 118,518 | 127,664 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 811,962 | 823,848 |
| | <u>1,383,347</u> | <u>1,480,742</u> |

13. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade creditors | 823,063 | 811,166 |
| Bank and other loans (note 15) | 171,184 | - |
| Other creditors | 27,497 | 27,534 |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 41,362,686 | 38,667,281 |
| Taxation and social security | 802,370 | 787,701 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 2,405,539 | 1,413,473 |
| | <u>45,592,339</u> | <u>41,707,155</u> |

Amounts owed to group undertakings:

| | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Grants received by the Eden Trust and passed to the company by way of interest free loan | 39,474,223 | 39,474,223 |
| Loans received by the Eden Trust and passed to the company by way of an interest bearing loan | 2,800,000 | - |
| Current account balance | (911,537) | (806,942) |
| | <u>41,362,686</u> | <u>38,667,281</u> |

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14. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Loans (note 15) | 3,227,320 | 7,100,000 |
| Finance Lease (note 24) | 45,512,468 | 45,512,468 |
| | <u>48,739,788</u> | <u>52,612,468</u> |

15. Loans

| | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Loans from the Eden Trust | 2,800,000 | 2,800,000 |
| Bank loans | 3,398,504 | 4,300,000 |
| | <u>6,198,504</u> | <u>7,100,000</u> |
| Less: included in creditors falling due within one year | | |
| Bank and other loans | (171,184) | - |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | (2,800,000) | - |
| | <u>(2,971,184)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>3,227,320</u> | <u>7,100,000</u> |

| | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts repayable: | | |
| In less than one year | 2,971,184 | - |
| In 2-5 years | 3,227,320 | 2,575,000 |
| In more than 5 years | - | 4,525,000 |
| | <u>6,198,504</u> | <u>7,100,000</u> |

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16. Deferred income

| | <i>Deferred capital grants 2009 £</i> | <i>Deferred revenue grants 2009 £</i> | <i>RBS leasing scheme 2009 £</i> | <i>Total 2009 £</i> | <i>Total 2008 £</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Balance at 31 March 2008 | 47,605,663 | 774,740 | 4,562,855 | 52,943,258 | 56,055,730 |
| Received/(repaid) during the period | 1,103 | 823,154 | (298,505) | 525,752 | 1,826,942 |
| Released during the period | (3,242,175) | (702,469) | (1,066,087) | (5,010,731) | (4,939,414) |
| Balance as at 29 March 2009 | 44,364,591 | 895,425 | 3,198,263 | 48,458,279 | 52,943,258 |

As detailed in note 24 the company has received a rebate in respect of lease rentals. This is being released to the profit and loss account over the remaining period of the lease (see note 6a).

17. Provisions for liabilities and charges

Deferred taxation provided in the accounts and the amounts not provided are as follows:

| | <i>Provided</i> | | <i>Not provided</i> | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | <i>At 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008 £</i> | <i>At 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008 £</i> |
| Capital allowances in advance of depreciation | - | - | (555,000) | (525,000) |
| Losses carried forward | - | - | (4,440,000) | (4,060,000) |
| | - | - | (4,995,000) | (4,585,000) |

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18. Share capital

| | <i>Authorised</i> | | <i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i> | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> | <i>At 29 March 2009</i> | <i>At 30 March 2008</i> |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ordinary 'A' shares of £1 each | 1,000 | 1,000 | 2 | 2 |
| Ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each | 1,000 | 1,000 | 6 | 6 |
| | <u>2,000</u> | <u>2,000</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>8</u> |

- (a) The profits of the company available for dividends and resolved to be distributed in respect of each financial year or other period of the company up to an amount of one million pounds (£1,000,000) shall be applied in the payment of dividends solely to the holders of ordinary class 'A' shares and the balance (if any) of such profits shall be distributed by way of dividend in the ratio of one pence (1p) per ordinary class 'B' share for every ten thousand pounds (£10,000) distributed by way of dividend for each ordinary class 'A' share.
- (b) On a return of capital on a winding up or otherwise the surplus assets of the company remaining after payment of its liabilities shall be applied first in rateable repayment to the holders of the Ordinary Class 'A' shares and the Ordinary Class 'B' shares of the amount paid up on each share held by them. The balance of the assets of the company shall be distributed between the Ordinary Class 'A' shareholders and the Ordinary Class 'B' shareholders such that the Ordinary Class 'B' shareholders have the right to receive one pence (1p) for every ten thousand pounds (£10,000) distributed to the Ordinary Class 'A' shareholders.

19. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

| | <i>Share Capital</i> | <i>Profit and Loss Account</i> | <i>Total Shareholders' Funds</i> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| As at 25 March 2007 | 8 (13,604,928) | | (13,604,920) |
| Loss for the period | - (1,367,111) | | (1,367,111) |
| As at 30 March 2008 | <u>8 (14,972,039)</u> | | <u>(14,972,031)</u> |
| Loss for the period | - (2,047,873) | | (2,047,873) |
| As at 29 March 2009 | <u>8 (17,019,912)</u> | | <u>(17,019,904)</u> |

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20. Notes to the statement of cash flows

(a) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities:

| | <i>Period ended</i> | |
|--|---------------------|------------------|
| | <i>29 March</i> | <i>30 March</i> |
| | <i>2009</i> | <i>2008</i> |
| | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> |
| Operating loss | (3,086,109) | (2,104,982) |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 7,387,879 | 7,534,229 |
| Amortisation of intangible fixed assets | - | 31,489 |
| Decrease/(increase) in stocks | 63,726 | (27,077) |
| Decrease/(increase) in operating debtors and prepayments | 97,395 | (68,837) |
| Increase/(decrease) in operating creditors and accruals | 748,547 | (805,404) |
| Release of deferred income | (3,944,644) | (3,798,700) |
| Deferred revenue grants received | 823,154 | 703,417 |
| | <u>5,176,057</u> | <u>3,569,117</u> |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | <u>2,089,948</u> | <u>1,464,135</u> |

(b) Reconciliation of net cash inflow to movement in net debt

| | <i>Period ended</i> | |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>29 March</i> | <i>30 March</i> |
| | <i>2009</i> | <i>2008</i> |
| | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> |
| Increase in cash in the period | 102,619 | 1,892,068 |
| Cash outflow/(inflow) from decrease in debt and lease financing | 901,496 | (1,215,811) |
| Cash inflow from increase in bank deposit | 250,743 | 135,741 |
| Change in net debt arising from cash flows | <u>1,254,858</u> | <u>811,998</u> |
| Movement in the period | <u>1,254,858</u> | <u>811,998</u> |
| Net debt at beginning of period | (9,600,664) | (10,412,662) |
| Net debt at end of period | <u>(8,345,806)</u> | <u>(9,600,664)</u> |

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20. Notes to the statement of cash flows (continued)

(c) Analysis of changes in net debt

| | <i>At 30 March</i> | <i>Cash flow</i> | <i>At 29 March</i> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>2008</i> | | <i>2009</i> |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash | 990,647 | 102,619 | 1,093,266 |
| | 990,647 | 102,619 | 1,093,266 |
| Bank deposit | 42,021,157 | 250,743 | 42,271,900 |
| Finance lease obligations | (45,512,468) | - | (45,512,468) |
| Loans | (7,100,000) | 901,496 | (6,198,504) |
| Total | (9,600,664) | 1,254,858 | (8,345,806) |

21. Capital commitments

Amounts contracted at 29 March 2009 but not provided in the accounts amounted to £Nil (2008 - £Nil).

22. Financial commitments

At 29 March 2009 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

| | <i>Land and Buildings</i> | | <i>Other</i> | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>At 29 March</i> | <i>At 30 March</i> | <i>At 29 March</i> | <i>At 30 March</i> |
| | <i>2009</i> | <i>2008</i> | <i>2009</i> | <i>2008</i> |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| In one year | - | - | - | - |
| In two to five years | 25,000 | 25,000 | - | - |

23. Related parties

During the period grants and donations were received by the Eden Trust, for the sole purpose of development of the Eden Project and as such were passed on to the company.

The main capital development has taken place at Bodelva, Par, Cornwall and at the balance sheet date, the Eden Trust, possessed legal ownership. Under a lease granted to the company on 1 October 1998 rent of £25,000 per annum is payable.

Dr A Kendle's partner is a director of Sensory Trust. During the period amounts paid or payable for services to the Sensory Trust amounted to £69,000.

All related party transactions are routinely reviewed to ensure that they are appropriate. This review process is designed to ensure that in each instance the relationship is not material enough to unduly influence either party, that the related party has the necessary skills and expertise to deliver the service and that a fair "arms length" price is paid.

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24. Financing transactions

During the period ended 31 March 2000 the company entered into a lease and leaseback arrangement with Royal Bank Leasing in respect of leased land and assets in the course of construction. Under Financial Reporting Standard No. 5 the accounts show the substance of this transaction and consequently, all costs of construction, including the construction financed by Royal Bank Leasing are included in Tangible Fixed Assets under the appropriate fixed asset category. Amounts financed by Royal Bank Leasing are included in 'Creditors falling due after more than one year – finance lease'. The amounts shown under finance lease (note 14) are wholly due after five years. The cost and net book value of assets financed by the above arrangement as at 29 March 2009 was £45,512,000 and £22,036,800 respectively.

The company has placed certain amounts on deposit as security for the above arrangement and to finance the option agreement (see below) and these are shown as 'Investments' (note 10).

The company has also entered into an option agreement with Royal Bank Leasing whereby it will grant an overriding lease to a group company in 2011 for £45 million.

In May 2006 the company received a rebate of £6,844,282 in respect of the original lease agreement. The rebate is being treated as deferred income (see note 16) and is being released to the profit and loss account over the remaining period of the lease. As a result of changes in tax legislation, there has been an adjustment of £298,505 to the accounts in the year ended 29 March 2009.

25. Ultimate parent undertaking

The company's ultimate holding entity at the balance sheet date was the Eden Trust – a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales on 16 July 2002, registered charity number 4487099. It has included the company in its group accounts, copies of which are available from its registered office: Bodelva, Par, Cornwall PL24 2SG.

**THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS DO NOT FORM PART OF
THE AUDITED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS OF THE COMPANY**

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| | | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008 £</i> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---|---|
| | <i>Note</i> | | |
| Turnover | I | 16,133,819 | 16,809,220 |
| Cost of sales | II | (19,513,807) | (19,691,692) |
| Gross loss | | (3,379,988) | (2,882,472) |
| Administrative expenses | III | (8,607,274) | (8,371,415) |
| Other operating income | IV | 8,901,153 | 9,148,905 |
| Operating loss | | (3,086,109) | (2,104,982) |
| Interest receivable | V | 3,598,292 | 3,433,848 |
| Interest payable | VI | (2,560,056) | (2,695,977) |
| Loss before taxation | | (2,047,873) | (1,367,111) |

| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008 £</i> |
|--|---|---|
| I. Turnover | | |
| Admissions | 1,279,277 | 1,723,330 |
| Management Charge – Eden Trust under Gift Aid Scheme | 5,278,433 | 5,296,761 |
| | 6,557,710 | 7,020,091 |
| Catering | 4,088,853 | 4,401,933 |
| Retail | 3,619,253 | 3,780,811 |
| Other | 1,868,003 | 1,606,385 |
| | 16,133,819 | 16,809,220 |
| II. Cost of sales | | |
| Purchases | 3,371,525 | 3,479,281 |
| Staff costs | 6,769,364 | 6,535,701 |
| Direct costs | 1,985,039 | 2,110,992 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 7,387,879 | 7,565,718 |
| | 19,513,807 | 19,691,692 |

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| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008 £</i> |
|---|---|---|
| III. Administrative expenses | | |
| Consultancy and professional | 652,020 | 668,449 |
| Premises costs | 1,560,989 | 1,567,534 |
| Staff costs | 4,076,614 | 3,826,530 |
| Marketing and events | 787,405 | 793,449 |
| IT, communication and administration | 522,217 | 580,813 |
| Vehicle costs | 564,725 | 559,590 |
| Equipment costs | 443,304 | 375,050 |
| | <u>8,607,274</u> | <u>8,371,415</u> |
| IV. Other operating income | | |
| Grants and donations | | |
| Release of deferred income - capital | 3,242,175 | 3,460,573 |
| - revenue | 702,469 | 338,127 |
| Other grants and donations | 3,454,438 | 3,845,660 |
| Miscellaneous income | 13,298 | 10,587 |
| Tax reclaims under Gift Aid | 1,488,773 | 1,493,958 |
| | <u>8,901,153</u> | <u>9,148,905</u> |
| V. Interest receivable | | |
| Dresdner Kleinwort Benson deposit interest receivable | 2,399,480 | 2,284,477 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland Rebate – release | 1,066,087 | 1,140,714 |
| Interest receivable | 132,725 | 8,657 |
| | <u>3,598,292</u> | <u>3,433,848</u> |
| VI. Interest Payable | | |
| Interest payable - loans | 395,743 | 529,179 |
| Interest payable – bank | 15,577 | 18,062 |
| Finance charge – Royal Bank leasing | 2,148,736 | 2,148,736 |
| | <u>2,560,056</u> | <u>2,695,977</u> |

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| | <i>Period ended 29 March 2009 £</i> | <i>Period ended 30 March 2008 £</i> |
|---|---|---|
| Grants received during the period | | |
| European Regional Development Fund (Phase IV capital) | - | 221,975 |
| South West Regional Development Agency (Phase IV capital) | - | 436,992 |
| Other | 709,631 | 1,138,360 |
| Millennium Commission (Phase IV capital) | - | 9,874 |
| Big Lottery Development fund for "Playful Ideas" | 114,626 | 19,741 |
| | <u>824,257</u> | <u>1,826,942</u> |

The monies received in respect of the Millennium Commission were originally received by The Eden Trust and were then passed down to the company as grants.