

Financial statements By Word of Mouth Limited

For the Year Ended 30 April 2010

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Company information

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Report of the directors

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 April 2010

Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the company during the year was the provision of catering services

There was a loss for the year after taxation amounting to £175,289 (2009 profit £90,902) The directors have not recommended a dividend

The directors are satisfied with the performance of the business during the year

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The company's principal financial instruments comprise intra group borrowings, cash and short-term deposits. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the company's operations. The company has various other financial instruments such as trade debtors and trade creditors, which arise directly from its operations. The company does not enter into derivative transactions.

It is, and has been throughout the period under review, the company's policy that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken. The main risks arising from the company's financial instruments are liquidity risk, and credit risk. The board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below

Liquidity risk

The company seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to invest cash assets safely and profitably. The group directors prepare detailed cashflow forecasts incorporating all companies within the group and funds are moved around the group to ensure sufficient liquidity is maintained at all times.

Credit risk

The company trades with only recognised, creditworthy third parties. It is company policy that all customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit vetting procedures. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an ongoing basis with the result that the company's exposure to bad debts is not significant.

Directors

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

J Tinne R Perry A A Roestenburg B Watson (resigned 17 September 2010) Sir F H Mackay (appointed 11 November 2010)

Report of the directors (continued)

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. Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). 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,
- state whether United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 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.

In so far as the directors are aware

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

Auditor

A resolution to re-appoint Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

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OF THE BOARD

Company Secretary
Date 21 January 2011

Company No 3310603



Report of the independent auditor to the members of By Word of Mouth Limited

We have audited the financial statements of By Word of Mouth Limited for the year ended 30 April 2010 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities statement set out on page 4, 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 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www frc ork uk/apb/scope/UKNP

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 April 2010 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting
 Practice, 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 Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements



Report of the independent auditor to the members of By Word of Mouth 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

Mark Taylor

Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants BIRMINGHAM

Date 21 January 2011

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Principal accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards and under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies of the company remain unchanged and are set out below

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the parent undertaking has pledged to continue to offer financial support for the foreseeable future. The group directors have prepared cashflow forecasts for 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements, which make certain assumptions regarding trading. On the basis of these assumptions the forecasts demonstrate that the company has sufficient finance facilities available to allow it to continue for the foreseeable future. The directors will continue to support the group in the unlikely event of a cash shortfall during the twelve months following the signing of the financial statements.

Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement

Related parties transactions

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Simply Smart Group Limited, the consolidated accounts of which are publicly available. Accordingly, the company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 8 from disclosing transactions with members or investees of The Simply Smart Group Limited group

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents the total value of goods supplied and services provided, exclusive of Value Added Tax and is recognised on delivery of the service. Deposits received in connection with catering events to be held at a later date are deferred until the event has taken place.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and any required impairment

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Leasehold property - over the life of the lease
Kitchen equipment - 25% reducing balance
Motor vehicles - 25% reducing balance
Office equipment - 25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences where the transactions or events that give the company an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured using rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Financial instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity

Profit and loss account

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
Turnover	1	3,204,484	4,807,315
Cost of sales		2,013,596	3,250,749
Gross profit		1,190,888	1,556,566
Other operating charges	2	1,322,227	1,437,996
Operating (loss)/profit	3	(131,339)	118,570
Attributable to Operating (loss)/profit before exceptional operating items Exceptional operating items	2	(124,581) (6,758) (131,339)	165,654 (47,084) 118,570
Interest receivable Interest payable and similar charges	6	- (43,950)	15,033 (42,701)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(175,289)	90,902
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	7	-	-
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	16	(175,289)	90,902

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the (loss)/profit for the year as set out above

Balance sheet

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets	8	52,832	63,343
Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9 10	37,770 441,692 776,502	43,641 355,878 1,184,764
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Net current (liabilities)/assets	11	1,255,964 1,373,788 (117,824)	1,584,283 1,537,329 46,954
Total assets less current liabilities		(64,992)	110,297
Capital and reserves Called-up equity share capital Profit and loss account	15 16	18,401 (83,393)	18,401 91,896
Shareholders' (deficit)/funds	17	(64,992)	110,297

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 21/0/11 and are signed on their behalf by

The accompanying principal accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Turnover

The turnover and (loss)/profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company An analysis of turnover is given below

		2010	2009
		£	£
	United Kingdom	3,204,484	4,807,315
2	Other operating charges		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Administrative expenses	1,315,469	1,390,912
	Redundancy and reorganisation expenses	6,758	47,084
		1,322,227	1,437,996
3	Operating (loss)/profit		
	Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Management charge	250,000	250,000
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets	21,793	17,578
	Auditor's remuneration Audit fees	7,160	6,960
	Taxation	2,785	2,040
	Operating lease costs	·	
	Land and buildings	68,182	75,870
	Other	27,763	33,598
	Redundancy and reorganisation expenses	6,758	47,084

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4 Directors and employees

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The average number	of staff employed b	ov the company durin	g the financial	year amounted to

	2010 No	2009 No
Number of administrative staff Number of management staff Number of catering staff	6 10 31 47	6 12 15 33
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were		
	2010 £	2009 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	1,076,908 103,831 12,683 1,193,422	1,211,868 128,671 13,990 1,354,529
Directors		
Remuneration in respect of directors was as follows		
	2010 £	2009 £
Emoluments receivable Value of company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	230,831 2,810 233,641	217,794 2,501 220,295
Emoluments of highest paid director	2010 £	2009 £
Total emoluments (excluding pension contributions)	135,654	134,364
The number of directors who accrued benefits under company pension schemes was as follows		
	2010 No	2009 No
Money purchase schemes	1	1

6 Interest payable and similar charges

	2010	2009
	£	£
Other similar charges payable	43,950	42,701

7 Taxation on ordinary activities

There is no tax charge for the year

Tax losses of approximately £164,356 (2009 £Nil) are available to offset against future trading profits of the same trade. The deferred tax asset not provided in connection with these losses due to the uncertainty of when they will be recovered, amounts to approximately £46,020 (2009 £nil)

Factors affecting current tax charge

	2010 £	2009 £
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(175,289) —	90,902
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities by standard rate of corporation tax in		
the UK of 28% (2009 28%)	(49,081)	25,453
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	(2,203)	5,737
Group relief not paid for	_	(32,864)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	5,264	1,674
Unrelieved tax losses	46,020	
Total current tax	-	-

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	Kitchen equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 May 2009	68,052	176,821	24,330	41,862	311,065
Additions	2,667	2,315	5,700	600	11,282
At 30 April 2010	70,719	179,136	30,030	42,462	322,347
Depreciation					
At 1 May 2009	68,052	134,336	21,675	23,659	247,722
Charge for the year	741	10,753	4,078	6,221	21,793
At 30 April 2010	68,793	145,089	25,753	29,880	269,515
Net book value					
At 30 April 2010	1,926	34,047	4,277	12,582	52,832
At 30 April 2009		42,485	2,655	18,203	63,343

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		2010	2009
		£	£
	Goods for resale	37,770	43,641
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10	Debtors		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Trade debtors	349,997	254,517
	Other debtors	468	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	91,227	101,361
		441,692	355,878
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Payments received on account	397,336	312,296
	Trade creditors	109,102	77,954
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	623,302	930,438
	PAYE and social security	32,117	31,414
	VAT	125,745	53,024
	Other creditors	47,922	31,809
	Accruals and deferred income	38,264	100,394
		1,373,788	1,537,329

12 Leasing commitments

At 30 April 2010 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

2010		2009	
Land &	Other	Land &	Other
Buildings	Items	Buildings	Items
£	£	£	£
-	13,110	-	_
65,850	6,513	75,870	27,446
	Land & Buildings ₤	Land & Other Buildings Items £ £ 13,110	Land & Other Land & Buildings Items Buildings £ £ £

13 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at 30 April 2010 or 30 April 2009

14 Contingent liabilities

The company is party to a multi-lateral guarantee given to the group's bankers and providers of finance to secure all monies due or to become due from members of the group headed by The Simply Smart Group Limited At 30 April 2010 there was a maximum contingent liability under this guarantee amounting to £719,628 (2009 £9,831,711)

15 Share capital

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Authorised shar

Authorised share capital				
			2010 £	2009 £
18,401 Ordinary shares of £1 each			18,401	18,401
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
	2010 No £		2009 No	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	18,401	18,401	18,401	18,401
Profit and loss account				
			2010 £	2009 £
Balance brought forward (Loss)/profit for the financial year			91,896 (175,289)	994 90,902
Balance carried forward			(83,393)	91,896
Reconciliation of movements in share	holders' funds			
			2010 £	2009 £
(Loss)/profit for the financial year Opening shareholders' funds			(175,289) 110,297	90,902 19,395
Closing shareholders' (deficit)/funds			(64,992)	110,297

18 Parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's controlling party is The Simply Smart Group Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain, by virtue of its 100% shareholding

The parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group for which consolidated accounts are prepared is The Simply Smart Group Limited Copies of The Simply Smart Group's financial statements are available from 4th Floor, CI Tower, St George's Square, High Street, New Malden, London, KT3 4HG

In the opinion of the directors Dunedin Capital Partners Limited was the company's ultimate controlling party, by virtue of its shareholding in The Simply Smart Group Limited as at 30 April 2010 From 11 November 2010 the controlling related party is Graysons Hospitality Associates Limited (formerly Food RN Limited), which itself is controlled by Sir Francis Mackay