# **COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 3316860**

ELLIS BATES INSURANCE BROKERS LIMITED (FORMERLY ELLIS BATES & COMPANY LIMITED)

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2007

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO ELLIS BATES INSURANCE BROKERS LIMITED (FORMERLY ELLIS BATES & COMPANY LIMITED)

# **UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts, together with the financial statements of Ellis Bates Insurance Brokers Limited (formerly Ellis Bates & Company Limited) for the year ended 31 July 2007 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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 for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITOR

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you

#### **BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2006/3 "The special auditor's report on abbreviated accounts in the United Kingdom" issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared.

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions

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20 March 2008

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# ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

### 31 JULY 2007

		2007		2006
FIXED ASSETS	Note 2	£	£	£
Tangible assets			71,434	31,981
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		561,745		612,854
Cash at bank and in hand		181,292		123,886
		743,037		736,740
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one				
year	3	627,547		646,084
NET CURRENT ASSETS			115,490	90,656
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	3		186,924	122,637
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more				
than one year	4		26,685	5,661
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES			1,839	1,264
			158,400	115,712
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called-up equity share capital	5		4	4
Profit and loss account			158,396	115,708
SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS			158,400	115,712

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

These abbreviated accounts were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 20 March 2008, and are signed on their behalf by

**PBATES** 

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these abbreviated accounts

#### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

#### **YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2007**

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2005)

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents brokerage commission and fees which are recognised as the contractual obligations have been performed and the debit notes are issued. Alterations in commissions arising from return and additional premiums and adjustments are taken into account as and when these occur.

Turnover represents the value of work done in the year, including estimates of amounts not invoiced

#### Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

#### **Depreciation**

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

Fixtures & Fittings

25% reducing balance

Motor Vehicles

25% reducing balance

Computer Equipment

33% reducing balance

Tenants Improvements -

25% reducing balance

If an asset is held on finance lease then it is depreciated over the shorter of its useful economic life as disclosed or the term of the lease

#### Hire purchase agreements

Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised and disclosed under tangible fixed assets at their fair value. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis.

#### Finance lease agreements

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated in accordance with the above depreciation policies. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included within creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

### 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

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

### **YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2007**

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Pension costs**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is provided on the liability method to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. The company has not adopted a policy of discounting deferred tax assets and liabilities. Deferred tax is measured using rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### 2. FIXED ASSETS

	Tangible Assets £
COST	
At 1 August 2006	66,566
Additions	68,202
Disposals	(44,185)
At 31 July 2007	90,583
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 August 2006	34,585
Charge for year	17,214
On disposals	(32,650)
At 31 July 2007	19,149
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 July 2007	71,434
At 31 July 2006	31,981

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

### **YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2007**

# 3. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due within one year are secured by the company

сопрапу	2007	2006
	£	£
Secured debt < 1 Yr Hire purchase contract	6,415	8,972

# 4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due after more than one year are secured by the company

	2007	2006
	£	£
Secured debt > 1 Yr Hire purchase contract	10,781	5,661

#### 5. SHARE CAPITAL

# Authorised share capital:

	2007	2006
2,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	£ 2,000	£ 2,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		

	2007		2006	
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	4	4	4	4

#### 6. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company is a subsidiary of Ellis Bates Holding Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The company's registered office is Adam House, Ripon Way, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG1 2AU Copies of the group accounts can be obtained from this address.