Virgin Money Investment Group Limited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements Registered number 3345370 31 March 2012

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Directors' Report

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is that of an investment holding company

Business review

The Company has considerable financial resources, and as an investment holding company no significant changes are expected in relation to its income streams or cost base that could jeopardise this. As a consequence, the directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements

Results and dividends

The loss for the financial year, amounted to £2,098,000 (2011 - profit £134,841,000)

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2011 £nil)

The directors who served during the year were

G D McCallum

I P Woods (appointed 21 December 2011)

G Batra (appointed 22 June 2011 & resigned 16 December 2011)

Provision of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the Company's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006 the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office

This report was approved by the board on 16 November 2012 and signed on its behalf

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Directors' Responsibilities Statement For the Year Ended 31 March 2012

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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). 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 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,
- 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 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 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.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Virgin Money Investment Group Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Virgin Money Investment Group Limited for the year ended 31 March 2012, set out on pages 4 to 10 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 auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of director's responsibilities on page 2, the director is 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

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Auditing Practices Board's website at www frc org uk/apb/scope/private cfm

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 31 March 2012 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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

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

Sarah Styant (Senior Statutory Auditor)

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for and on behalf of

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor 15 Canada Square

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19 November 2012

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Profit and Loss Account For the Year Ended 31 March 2012

	Note	2012 £000	2011 £000
Administrative expenses		(7,622)	130,452
Other operating income	_	77	115
Operating (loss)/profit	2	(7,545)	130,567
Interest receivable and similar income	4	7,063	5,971
Interest payable and similar charges	5	<u>-</u>	(30)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(482)	136,508
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	6	(1,616)	(1,667)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	11	(2,098)	134,841

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2012 or 2011 other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2012

	Note	£000	2012 £000	£000	2011 £000
Fixed assets					
Investments	7		-		-
Current assets					
Debtors	8	222,470		222,950	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(14,909)		(13,291)	
Net current assets			207,561		209,659
Net assets		_	207,561	-	209,659
Capital and reserves		=		=	
Called up share capital	10		-		-
Profit and loss account	11		207,561		209,659
Shareholders' funds	12	=	207,561	-	209,659

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 16 November 2012

I P Woods Director

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements

1. Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

The company is exempt by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Virgin Group Holdings Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Financial Reporting Standard 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly-owned subsidiaries which form part of the group

1.2 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment

1.3 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as 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 assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted

1.4 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Profit and Loss Account

2. Operating (loss)/profit

The operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging/(crediting)

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
Provision against investment in subsidiaries	7,606	-
Release provision against amounts due from group undertakings	•	(131,259)

Auditors' remuneration

Audit fees for the current and prior year were borne by another group company

3 **Directors' remuneration**

The directors did not receive any remuneration during the year for services to the Company (2011 £nil)

4. Interest receivable

		2012 £000	2011 £000
	Interest receivable from group companies Preference dividends receivable Net foreign exchange gains	6,838 100 125	5,971 - -
		7,063	5,971
5.	Interest payable		
		2012 £000	2011 £000
	On loans from group undertakings Net foreign exchange losses	- -	2 28
			30
6.	Taxation		

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Analysis of tax charge in the year		
UK corporation tax charge on (loss)/profit for the year Adjustments in respect of prior periods	1,826 (210)	1,680 (13)
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	1,616	1,667

6. Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2011 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26% (2011 - 28%) The differences are explained below

	2012	2011
	£000	£000
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(482)	136,508
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26% (2011 - 28%)	(125)	38,222
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,977	210
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(210)	(13)
Non-taxable income	(26)	(36,752)
Current tax charge for the year (see note above)	1,616	1,667

Factors that may affect future tax charges

As at 31 March 2012 the company had no tax losses available to carry forward

7. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in
	subsidiary companies
	£000£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2011	-
Additions	7,606
At 31 March 2012	7,606
Provision	
At 1 April 2011	-
Charge for the year	7,606
At 31 March 2012	7,606
Net book value	
At 31 March 2012	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2011	-

On 12 January 2012, the Company subscribed for 3,413,000 AU\$2 51 preference shares in Virgin Money (Australia) Pty Limited The shares hold no voting rights On 26 March 2012, the Company subscribed for a further 1,195,000 AU\$2 51 preference shares in Virgin Money (Australia) Pty Limited

7. Fixed asset investments (continued)

The companies in which the Company's interest at 31 March 2012 is more than 20% are as follows

		Country of registration	Principal activity	Holding	Class of shares
	Subsidiary undertakings				
	Virgin Money Australia Holdings Pty Limited	Australia	Investment holding company	100%	AUS \$1 Ordinary shares
	Virgin Money (Australia) Pty Limited *	Australia	Financial services	99 89% 100%	AUS \$1 Ordinary shares AUS \$2 51 Preference shares
	Virgin Money Financial Services Pty Limited *	Australia	Financial services	100%	AUS \$1 Ordinary shares
	Virgin Money Home Loans Pty Limited *	Australia	Financial services	100%	AUS \$1 Ordinary shares
	Virgin Money Overseas Limited	England & Wales	Investment holding company	100%	£1 Ordinary shares
	4513140 Canada Inc	Canada	Dormant	100%	CAD \$1 Ordinary shares
	* Indirectly held investment				
8.	Debtors				
				2012	2011
				£000	£000
	Amounts owed by group undertakings Prepayments and accrued income			222,464 6	222,945 5
				222,470	222,950
9	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
				2012	2011
				£000	000£
	Amounts owed to group undertakings			11,609	1,113
	Corporation tax Accruals and deferred income			3,296 4	12,176 2
				14,909	13,291
10	Share capital				
				2012 £000	2011 £000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid				
	4 ordinary shares of £1 each		-	-	<u>. </u>

11. Reserves

			Profit and loss account £000
	At 1 April 2011		209,659
	Loss for the year		(2,098)
	At 31 March 2012		207,561
12.	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds		
		2012	2011
		£000	£000
	Opening shareholders' funds	209,659	74,818
	(Loss)/profit for the year	(2,098)	134,841
	Closing shareholders' funds	207,561	209,659

13 Related party transactions

At 31 March 2012 the Company's ultimate parent undertaking was Virgin Group Holdings Limited, whose principal shareholders are Sir Richard Branson and certain trusts, none of which individually has a controlling interest in the Virgin Group Holdings Limited. The principal beneficiaries of those trusts are Sir Richard Branson and/or his immediate family. The shareholders of Virgin Group Holdings Limited have interests directly or indirectly in certain other companies which are considered to give rise to related party disclosures under Financial Reporting Standard No. 8

As a 100% owned subsidiary of Virgin Group Holdings Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 8 Related Party Disclosures, which enables it to exclude disclosure of transactions with Virgin Group Holdings Limited and its wholly owned subsidiaries

14. Post balance sheet events

On 1 April 2012, 1 July 2012 and 1 October 2012, the Company subscribed respectively for a further 326,000, 445,000 and 806,000 AU\$2 51 preference shares issued at par in Virgin Money (Australia) Pty Limited

15. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

As at 31 March 2012 the ultimate parent company is Virgin Group Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that of Virgin Wings Limited, a company which is registered in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts for Virgin Wings Limited can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ