# **Directors' Report and**

Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2014

for

**SPACES PERSONAL STORAGE LIMITED** 

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## **SPACES PERSONAL STORAGE LIMITED**

Company Information for the year ended 31 October 2014

**DIRECTORS:** 

D Penniston

A B Jones F Vecchioli

**SECRETARY:** 

S Ahmed

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

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**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

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# Directors' Report for the year ended 31 October 2014

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 October 2014.

The directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions entitled to the small companies' exemption and therefore a Strategic Report has not been prepared.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of providing facilities suitable for offering storage solutions and related services to commercial and domestic customers.

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements on pages 5 to 11.

The company generated turnover of £3.9 million (2013: £3.8 million) and profit before tax of £2.7 million (2013: £1.7 million). Operating profit of £1.8 million is in line with the operating profit generated in the prior year. Reported profits for the year have benefited from a couple of specific one-off items. The sale of a surplus freehold property generated a profit of £0.4 million and the £0.5 million reversal of prior impairment provisions made against the carrying value of the company's investment in Safestore Trading Limited, which arose due to an increase in the net asset value of Safestore Trading Limited as a result of its profitable trading.

The Safestore Holdings plc group converted to a Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT)" on 1 April 2013. There is no liability to corporation tax for the year.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

No distribution of dividends will be recommended for the year ended 31 October 2014 (2013: £nil).

#### DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 November 2013 to the date of this report.

D Penniston

A B Jones

F Vecchioli

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- 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.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

## STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditor is unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Directors' Report for the year ended 31 October 2014

# **AUDITOR**

The auditor, Deloitte LLP, has indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S Ahmed - Secretary

Date: 29 April 2015

## Report of the Independent Auditor to the Members of Spaces Personal Storage Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Spaces Personal Storage Limited for the year ended 31 October 2014 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes 1 to 16. 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 Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 October 2014
- 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 Strategic Report and] 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.
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing a Strategic Report

Mark Beddy (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

Date: 29 April 2015

# Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 October 2014

	Notes	2014 £'000	2013 •£'000
TURNOVER	2	3,873	3,834
Administrative expenses		(2,099)	(2,083)
OPERATING PROFIT	5	1,774	1,751
Gain/(loss) on asset disposals		425	(32)
		2,199	1,719
Reversal of impairment in subsidiary	6	520	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BETAXATION	FORE	2,719	1,719
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	<del>.</del>	
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		2,719	1,719

## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year.

## **TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES**

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current year or previous year.

## NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

There are no material differences between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the result for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

## Balance Sheet 31 October 2014

		2014		2013	
·	Notes	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		16,877		17,779
Investments	9		4,250		<u>3,730</u>
			21,127		21,509
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one yea		•		18,820	
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than					
one year	10	21,921		<del>-</del>	
		21,921		18,820	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			21,921		18,820
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES			43,048		40,329
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		ů.			
Called up share capital	12	•	4,503		4,503
Share premium	13		36,691		36,691
Profit and loss account	13		1,854		<u>(865</u> )
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16		43,048		40,329

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 29 April 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:

A B Jones - Director

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2014

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention on a going concern basis and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. All amounts are presented in £ Sterling and are rounded to the nearest £ thousand, unless otherwise stated.

The principal accounting policies are set out below and have been applied consistently throughout the year.

#### Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Spaces Personal Storage Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its parent, Safestore Holdings plc, a company registered in England and Wales.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents amounts derived from the rental of property excluding value added tax. Rental income is recognised over the period for which the assets are used on a time apportionment basis.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation has been charged at the rate of 2% per annum on the buildings element of the cost of freehold property, after excluding the residual value of the buildings.

Where there is evidence of impairment, fixed assets are written down to recoverable amount. Any such write down would be charged to operating profit. Freehold land is not depreciated.

#### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### **Investments**

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for impairment. Reversals of provisions for impairment are recognised where there is a favourable change in the economic assumptions in the period since the provision was made.

## Cash flow statement and related party disclosures

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Safestore Acquisition Limited and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Safestore Holdings plc, which are publicly available. Consequently, the company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996).

The company is also exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the Safestore Holdings plc group.

## 2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

Turnover represents inter-company rent receivable from fellow subsidiary undertakings.

## 3. STAFF COSTS

There were no staff costs for the year ended 31 October 2014 nor for the year ended 31 October 2013.

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

#### 4. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors did not receive emoluments for their services to the company (2013: £nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2014

#### 5. **OPERATING PROFIT**

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

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Other operating leases	1,827	1,788
Depreciation - owned assets	271	295
Intercompany rent	(3,872)	(3,834)

Auditor's remuneration totalling £8,000 (2013: £10,000) was borne by a fellow group undertaking and there was no recharge made for these costs. No other fees were paid to the auditor.

## 6. AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF INVESTMENTS

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Reversal of impairment in subsidiary	520	

The reversal of prior impairment provisions made against the carrying value of the company's investment in Safestore Trading Limited arose due to an increase in the net asset value of Safestore Trading Limited as a result of its profitable trading.

## 7. TAXATION

#### Analysis of the tax charge

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 October 2014 nor for the year ended 31 October 2013.

## Factors affecting the tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2014 £'000 <u>2,719</u>	2013 £'000 <u>1,719</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.8% (2013 - 23.41%)	593	402
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Income not taxable for tax purposes Profits from tax exempt business Transfer pricing adjustment on debt Group relief not paid for	60 (93) (560) 203 (203)	77 - (281) (539) 341
Current tax charge		-

#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

The Safestore Holdings plc group is a REIT. As a result the Group is exempt from UK corporation tax on the profits and gains from its qualifying rental business in the UK provided that it meets certain conditions. Non-qualifying profits and gains of the Group remain subject to corporation tax as normal. The Group monitors its compliance with the REIT conditions. There have been no breaches of the conditions to date.

The main rate of corporation tax in the UK reduced from 23% to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 and will further reduce to 20% from 1 April 2015. Accordingly the Group's results for this accounting period are taxed at an effective rate of 21.8%. Due to the Group conversion to a REIT there will be no deferred taxation impact in respect of the changes in taxation rates.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2014

8.	TANGIBL	E FIXED	ASSETS
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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £'000
COST	
At 1 November 2013	20,481
Disposals	<u>(718</u> )
At 31 October 2014	19,763
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 November 2013	2,702
Charge for year	271
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(87</u> )
At 31 October 2014	
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 October 2014	<u>16,877</u>
At 31 October 2013	<u>17,779</u>
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	
	Shares in
	group
	undertakings
	£'000
COST	
At 1 November 2013	40.000
and 31 October 2014	<u>16,652</u>
PROVISIONS FOR IMPAIRMENT	
At 1 November 2013	(12 922)

At 1 November 2013 (12,922)

Reversal of impairments \_\_\_\_\_\_520

At 31 October 2014 (12,402)

**NET BOOK VALUE** 

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At 31 October 2013 3,730

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

**Safestore Trading Limited** 

Country of incorporation: England and Wales

Nature of business: Non trading

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

**Metrostore Group Limited** 

Country of incorporation: England and Wales

Nature of business: Non-trading

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

The reversal of impairments arose on the company's investment in Safestore Trading Limited (see note 6).

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2014

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Annual City of the Miles of the City of th	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year: Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u> </u>	18,820
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Amounts owed by group undertakings	21,921	
Aggregate amounts	21,921	18,820

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. However, the directors consider it unlikely that repayment will arise in the short term and it is for this reason that the amounts are shown as falling due after one year.

#### 11. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

	Funisina.			Land and t 2014 £'000	ouildings 2013 £'000
	Expiring: In more than fi	ve years		1,827	1,788
12.	CALLED UP S	SHARE CAPITAL			
	Allotted, issued Number:	d and fully paid: Class:	Nominal value:	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
	90,063,813	Ordinary	5p	4,503	4,503
13.	RESERVES		Profit and loss	Share	
			account £'000	premium £'000	Totals £'000
	At 1 November Profit for the year		(865) 2,719	36,691 	35,826 2,719
	At 31 October	2014	<u>1,854</u>	36,691	38,545

## 14. IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent undertaking is Safestore Acquisition Limited. The ultimate parent company and controlling party is Safestore Holdings plc which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the Safestore Holdings plc financial statements can be obtained from the company's registered office at Brittanic House, Stirling Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire WD6 2BT.

# 15. **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

As part of the group banking, the Company has guaranteed the borrowings totalling £265.2 million (2013: £343.6 million) of fellow Group undertakings by way of a charge over all of its property and assets. There are similar cross guarantees provided by Group companies in respect of any bank borrowings which the Company may draw under a Group facility agreement. The financial liability associated with this guarantee is considered remote and therefore no provision has been recorded.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 October 2014

# 16. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Profit for the financial year	£'000 2,719	£'000 
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	2,719 40,329	1,719 38,610
Closing shareholders' funds	43,048	40,329