# **Torex Retail (Non Trading Holdings) Limited**

Financial statements
For the 18 month period ended 30 June 2007



Company No. 03639795

### Officers and professional advisers

**Company registration number** 

03639795

Registered office

Torex Retail (Non Trading Holdings) Limited

Torex

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Secretary

K Isaacson

**Bankers** 

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### Report of the directors

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the 18 month period ended 30 June 2007

### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company during the period was to act as a non-trading intermediate holding company

On 19 June 2007, Torex Retail (Non Trading Holdings) Limited was acquired by Torex Retail Holdings Limited, a UK based company Following this acquisition a decision was taken by the company directors to change the year end from 31 December 2006 to 30 June 2007, to align it with that of the company's new parent

### **Directors**

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

N D Horn M C Pearman

M Leek M G J Meade

R N W Mitchell

K W Taylor

G Cooksley was appointed as a director on 5 July 2007

K Isaacson was appointed as a director on 5 July 2007

P Prince was appointed as a director on 17 October 2007

M Greenough was appointed as a director on 5 July 2007 and resigned as a director on 17 October 2007

M Leek was appointed as a director on 4 December 2006 and resigned as a director on 17 October 2007

R N W Mitchell was appointed as a director on 4 December 2006 and resigned as a director on 31 May 2007

K W Taylor was appointed as a director on 13 February 2007 and resigned as a director on 19 June 2007

M C Pearman resigned as a director on 4 December 2006

N D Horn resigned as a director on 4 December 2006

MGJ Meade resigned as a director on 16 January 2006

The interests of directors in the share capital and share options of the ultimate controlling party are disclosed in the accounts of Torex Retail Holdings Limited

### **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,
- 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 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.

In so far as the directors are aware

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information

#### **Financial instruments**

The main financial risks arising from the company's activities are credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. These are monitored by the board of directors and were not considered to be significant at the balance sheet date.

The company's policy in respect of credit risk, is to require appropriate credit checks on potential customers before sales are made

The company's policy in respect of interest rate risk and liquidity risk is to maintain a mixture of long term and short term debt finance and readily accessible bank deposit accounts to ensure the company has sufficient funds for operations

#### **Auditors**

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 385 of the Companies Act 1985

Graeme Looksley

Director

Date 19.00.08

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

# Report of the independent auditors to the members of Torex Retail (Non Trading Holdings) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Torex Retail (Non Trading Holdings) Limited for the period ended 30 June 2007 which comprise the accounting policies, profit and loss account, balance sheet and notes 1 to 15 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' responsibilities for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are 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 and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors 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 Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

### **Basis of 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 judgements 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.

# Report of the independent auditors to the members of Torex Retail (Non Trading Holdings) Limited (continued)

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.

### **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 30 June 2007 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 Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements

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2015 June 2008

### Accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

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

The principal accounting policies remain unchanged from the previous year and are set out below

### Consolidation

Under the provisions of s228 of the Companies Act 1985 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare consolidated accounts. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### **Cash flow statement**

The company is required to prepare a cash flow statement under the provisions of the Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) The company did not maintain a bank account in the period and had no cash flows. It therefore has not presented a cash flow statement

Material non cash movements have been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements

#### **Investments**

Investments are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently reviewed for impairment

### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that inter-company debt will not be recalled by the parent company until there are sufficient funds in place

### Financial instruments

Financial habilities 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 habilities.

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	18 month period to 30 June 2007 £	
Administrative expenses – exceptional item	2	(1,995)	_
Operating loss		(1,995)	
Exceptional items	2	(12,602,201)	(167,854,836)
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(467,998)	(248,682)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(13,072,194)	(168,103,518)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	-	_
Loss for the period	12	(13,072,194)	(168,103,518)

All of the activities of the company are classed as discontinued

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the period as set out above

### Balance sheet

	Note	30 June 2007 £	31 Dec 2005 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	6	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	7	114,000	17,438,000
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	8	(41,320,068)	(171,711,136)
Net habilities		(41,206,068)	(154,273,136)
Capital and reserves			
Called-up equity share capital	10	692,313	692,313
Share premium account	12	126,500,262	
Profit and loss account	12	(168,398,643)	(155,326,447)
Shareholders' funds	13	(41,206,068)	(154,273,136)

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 19 June 2008 and are signed on their behalf by

Graeme Cooksley

Director

### Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Profit and loss account

The company acts as a non trading intermediate holding company and apart from the one off exceptional items and interest payable on preference shares reported in the profit and loss account the company did not trade during the year

### 2 Exceptional items

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	d to	Year ended 31 Dec 2005 £
Impairment of investment (note 6) 12,602,	201	167,854,836
Impairment of amounts due from group undertakings (note 9)	995	
Interest payable and similar charges		
18 me		
<u>-</u>		ended
30 June 3	2007	31 Dec 2005
	£	£
Finance charges arising from preference shares 467,5	98	248,687

### 4 Directors emoluments

No directors received any remuneration from the company during the period Details of the remuneration received by former directors of the company from the former ultimate parent company, Torex Retail plc (in administration) are as follows

18 month	
period to	Year ended
30 June 2007	31 Dec 2005
£	£
1,434,859	634,000
64,124	33,000
238,997	
1,737,980	667,000
	30 June 2007 £ 1,434,859 64,124 238,997

### 4 Directors emoluments (continued)

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Directors emolainents (continued)	18 month period to 30 June 2007 No.	Year ended 31 Dec 2005 No
Number of directors who received shares in respect of qualifying services Number of directors who exercised share options Number of directors accruing benefits under defined benefit schemes		4
In respect of the highest paid director	18 month period to 30 June 2007 £	Year ended 31 Dec 2005 £
Total emoluments excluding pension contributions Value of company contributions to defined contribution schemes Compensation for loss of office	386,269 36,669 163,860	376,000 18,000 —
	586,798	394,000
Taxation on ordinary activities		
(a) Analysis of charge in the period		
Current tax	18 month period to 30 June 2007 €	Year ended 31 Dec 2005 £
UK corporation tax based on the loss for the period at 30% (2005 30%)	_	
Total current tax Adjustments in respect of prior periods		
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		

(b) Reconciliation of the tax charge for the period

The current tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard of UK corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2005–30%). The difference relates to permanent disallowable expenditure

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### 5 Taxation on ordinary activities (continued)

(b) Factors affecting current tax credit

The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities for the period is nil

Current tax	18 month period to 30 June 2007 €	Year ended 31 Dec 2005 £
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(13,072,194)	(168,103,513)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of taxation 30% (2005–30%) Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(3,921,658) 3,921,658	(50,431,054) 50,431,054
Total current tax (note 5(a))	-	

### 6 Investments

	Shares in group undertakings
Cost	
At 1 January 2006	167,855,831
Additions	12,602,201
At 30 June 2007	180,458,032
Impairment At 1 January 2006 Charge in the period	(167,855,831) (12,602,201)
At 30 June 2007	(180,458,032)
Net Book value At 30 June 2007 At 1 January 2006	

### 6 Investments (continued)

The company owns 100% of the share capital in the following companies at 30 June 2007

Company	Country of incorporation
ADS Anker Data Systems Limited	England
ADS Retail Systems Limited	England
Arciris (Holdings) Limited	England
Figure Retail Systems Limited	Northern Ireland
Hugin Sweda International Limited	England
KPOS Limited	England
MHG (Systems) Limited	England
MRS Software Limited	England
Peak Services Solutions Limited (*)	England
POS Group Limited	England
Retail Systems Support Limited	England
Schedule Works Limited	England
Systems Guidance Limited	England
Torex Retail Online Computer Services Limited	England
XN Limited (*)	England
ADS Anker Limited	England
Anker Limited	England
Compass Software Group Limited	England
Flexiline Forecourt Services Limited	England
Infocare Limited (*)	England
Mercury Petroleum Systems Limited	England
Moss House Group (Systems) Limited	England
PCS Trustee Limited (*)	England
Piquet Computer Services Limited (*)	England
Retail Accounting Systems Limited	England
Riva Electronics Limited	England
Sovereign Distribution Limited	England
Torex 100 Limited	England
Torex Retail (Services) Limited (*)	England

Companies marked (\*) have been dissolved in the period since 30 June 2007. All companies were dormant and the investments fully impaired at 30 June 2007.

MC293 Limited was dissolved on 3 April 2007 and the investment was fully impaired at 1 January 2006

The impairment relates to the additions made during the year. These are investments in dormant companies, and as such are deemed to have no value

### 7 Debtors

30 June 200'	7	31 Dec 2005
<del>1</del>	£	£
Amounts receivable on allotment of shares 114,00	0	114,000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<del>-</del> -	17,324,000
114,00	0	17,438,000

### 8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	30 June 2007 €	31 Dec 2005 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings Shares classified as financial liabilities (note 10)	36,996,066 4,324,002	167,855,132 3,856,004
	41,320,068	171,711,136

### 9 Related party transactions

During the period the company entered into transactions, in the ordinary course of business, with other related parties. Transactions entered into, and trading balances outstanding at 30 June 2007 are as follows

	Balance at 1 January 2006	Transfer in the period	Capitalised in the period	Other (see note below)	Balance at 30 June 2007
	£	£	£	£	£
Fellow group undertakings					
Arcırıs Limited	(2,186,154)	_		_	(2,186,154)
Torex Retail Solutions (AM)	(10,344,962)	10,344,962	_	_	_
Limited	•				
Torex Retail Solutions (Europe)					
Limited	(600,000)	_	_	_	(600,000)
Torex Retail Solutions (UK)	(14,783,647)	(10,344,962)	_	_	(25,128,609)
Limited	•	,			
Riva Group Limited	(9,079,002)	_	_	_	(9,079,002)
XN Limited	· · · · · · · · · ·	-	_	(2,000)	(2,000)
MC 293 Limited	(1)	_	-	_	(1)
Piquet Computer Services Limited	(100)	_	_	_	(100)
Peak Services Solutions Limited	(100)	_	_	_	(100)
Torex 100 Limited	(100)	_	_	_	(100)
PCS Trustees Limited	(1)	-	_	1	_
XN Checkout Holdings Limited	(4)	_	-	4	-
Former ultimate controlling					
Torox Potest pla (to administration)	(113 537 061)		126,139,262	(12,602,201)	-
Torex Retail plc (in administration)	(113,537,061)		120,139,202	(12,002,201)	a
Total	(150,531,132)		126,139,262	(12,604,196)	(36,996,066)

<sup>(</sup>a) Transfer of investment at cost from Torex Retail plc (in administration)

### 10 Share capital

Authorised share capital

			30 June 2007 £	31 Dec 2005 £
12,336,865 Ordinary shares of £0 01 each			123,369	123,369
13,124,496 D Ordinary shares of £0 01 each			131,245	131,245
17,490,000 E ordinary shares of $\tilde{f}$ 0 01 each			174,900	174,900
22,000,000 F ordinary shares of $\tilde{f}$ 0 01 each			220,000	220,000
2,495,000 B Preference shares of £0 278 eac	:h		693,610	693,610
370,000 A Preference shares of £0 001 each	ch		370	370
3,610,000 A Ordinary shares of £0 01 each			36,100	36,100
670,000 C Ordinary shares of £0 01 each			6,700	6,700
			1,386,294	1,386,294
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
	30 June 2007		31 De	
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary shares of £0 01 each	12,336,865	123,369	12,336,864	123,369
D Ordinary shares of £0 01 each	13,124,496	131,245	13,124,496	131,245
E ordinary shares of £0 01 each	17,490,000	174,900	17,490,000	174,900
F ordinary shares of £0 01 each	22,000,000	220,000	22,000,000	220,000
A Ordinary shares of £0 01 each	3,610,000	36,100	3,610,000	36,100
C Ordinary shares of £0 01 each	670,000	6,700	670,000	6,700
	69,231,360	692,313	69,231,360	692,313
Shares classed as financial liabilities				
B Preference shares of £0 278 each	2,495,000	693,610	2,495,000	693,610
A Preference shares of £0 001 each	370,000	370	370,000	370
-	2,865,000	693,980	2,865,000	693,980

On 19 June 2007, a single ordinary share of £0 01 was issued to Torex Retail Holdings Limited (who prior to the issue already held 100% of the shares in issue) Consideration of £126,139,262 was received by waiver of the liability to Torex Retail plc (in administration) (Note 9)

### Rights

In accordance with FRS 25 "Financial Instruments disclosure and presentation", the company's preference shares are deemed to be debt instruments and are presented accordingly. As such, the liability attributable to these shares has been identified and is disclosed within creditors. The amount is shown as payable within one year as the shares were due to be redeemed as from 31 March 2004.

The redeemable non participating preference shares have a preferential right to a predetermined dividend and have a predetermined fixed redemption date

### 11 FRS 25- Presentation and disclosure of preference shares

In accordance with FRS 25, the company's preference shares are termed debt instruments. The debt component of the share is classed as financial liabilities and disclosed within creditors. There is no remaining equity component.

		30 June 2007	
	Financial liabilities relating to preference shares (note 7) less Finance charge unpaid	4,324,002	3,856,004
	Cumulative finance charge unpaid to prior year Finance charge - current year	(3,162,024 (467,998	
	Shares classed as financial liabilities (note 10)	693,986	693,980
12	Reserves		
		Share premium account	Profit and loss account £
	Balance brought forward Premium on issue of share Loss for the financial year	126,139,262	(155,326,449) - (13,072,194)
	Balance carried forward	126,500,262	(168,398,643)
13	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds		
		18 month period to 30 June 2007 €	Year ended 31 Dec 2005 £
	Loss for the period Allotment of shares	(13,072,194)	(168,103,518) 114,000
	Premium on issue of share Opening shareholders' funds	126,139,262 (154,273,136)	· <del>-</del>
	Closing shareholders' funds	(41,206,068)	(154,273,136)

### 14 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

A reconciliation of operating profit to net cash flow from operating activities has not been prepared as both figures are £nil (2005 both £nil) Furthermore, there were no other cash flows during the current reporting period, or the comparative period

### 15 Ultimate Controlling Party

On 19 June 2007 Torex Retail Holdings Limited acquired substantially all of the subsidiaries of Torex Retail plc (in administration) including Torex Retail (Non Trading Holdings) Limited In the opinion of the Directors, the ultimate controlling party of the company is currently Torex Retail Holdings Limited

Torex Retail plc (in administration), last produced consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005

At the balance sheet date, the ultimate parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are prepared and of which the company is a member was Torex Retail Holdings Limited, which is incorporated in England and Wales. Copies of the financial statements of Torex Retail Holdings Limited can be obtained from Torex Retail Holdings Limited, Houghton Hall Business Park, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU5 5YG.