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DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2009

The directors submit their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Background

On 9 November 2003, pending the completion of a franchise re-tendering process run by the Department for Transport, South Eastern Trains Ltd (SET) took over the running of train services in Kent and parts of Sussex, from the previous operator Connex South Eastern Limited (Connex). Following the completion of the franchise re-tendering process, the operations of South Eastern Trains were transferred to GoVia on 1/4/2006. Since 1/4/2006, the company has been dealing with residuary issues resulting from the trading in earlier periods. This relates principally to claims handling, which includes employment tribunal claims, other employee claims and public liability claims.

Consequent upon the decision of the government to wind-up the Strategic Rail Authority (SRA), SET was transferred from the SRA to BRB (Residuary) Ltd (BRBR) via a statutory instrument on 1/4/06. BRBR is a limited company owned wholly by Government which is responsible for discharging a range of legacy responsibilities inherited from the British Railways Board (BRB).

Business Review

During the year, the Company continued to resolve residuary matters. The Company made payments of £397k in the year relating to employee and passenger claims. Operating costs of £185k were incurred in the year. These costs included claims handling costs and professional fees relating to debt collection. Interest receivable of £332k was earned during the year on an intercompany balance due from SET's parent company, BRB (Residuary) Ltd.

Results

The company made a profit after tax for the year of £106,000 (2008: £5,951,000).

The directors do not propose a dividend for the year (2008: £nil).

The profit for the year has been transferred to reserves.

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Creditor payment policy

The company's policy is to pay bills for all its suppliers in accordance with agreed settlement terms in line with the principles of the CBI Prompt Payment Code, which aims to encourage best practice in dealing with the payment of bills.

Directors and their interests

The directors of the company during the year were:

G. W. D. Sutherland
P. Hawthorne

None of the directors have a beneficial interest in the shares of the company, or of any group undertaking that requires disclosure. No director had a material interest in any contract with the company.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities for the Annual Report and the Financial Statements

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 Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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. The directors are also responsible for preparing financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

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

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and other irregularities. The directors are responsible for maintenance and integrity of the website. Legislation in the UK concerning the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken to ensure that they are aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Employees

The Company did not employ any staff directly during 2008/09.

Auditors

The Company has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as auditors.

For and on behalf of South Eastern Trains Ltd

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G W D Sutherland', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

G W D Sutherland
Chairman

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH EASTERN TRAINS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of South Eastern Trains Limited for the year ended 31 March 2009 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements. The information given in the Directors' Report includes that specific information presented in the Business Review and Results sections of the Directors' Report. We also 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 Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit 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 judgments 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.

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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 31 March 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
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4 September 2009

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2009

	Notes	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Other operating income	2	-	3,051
Operating charges		<u>(185)</u>	<u>2,900</u>
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3	(185)	5,951
INTEREST RECEIVABLE	4	<u>332</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		147	5,951
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	5	(41)	-
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	10	<u>106</u>	<u>5,951</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses in the current year and preceding financial year other than those shown in the profit and loss account.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 March 2009

	Notes	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors due within one year	6	9,553	7,540
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>8</u>	<u>2,252</u>
		9,561	9,792
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(383)</u>	<u>(424)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>9,178</u>	<u>9,368</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,178	9,368
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	8	(450)	(746)
NET ASSETS		<u>8,728</u>	<u>8,622</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	9	-	-
Profit and loss account	10	8,728	8,622
EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	10	<u>8,728</u>	<u>8,622</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 12 were approved by the board of directors on 3 September 2009 and were signed on its behalf by:



Chairman

3 September 2009

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently with the prior period is set out below.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Directors have taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 1 (revised) for not including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the ultimate parent undertaking publishes a consolidated cash flow statement.

b) Taxation

The Company is assessable to taxation in accordance with the Taxes Acts and tax is recognised in the financial statements where a charge is forecast to arise.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences ensuing from the different treatments for accounts and taxation purposes of transactions and events recognised in the financial statements of the current year and previous years. Deferred taxation is calculated at the rates at which it is estimated the tax will arise. Deferred taxation is not discounted. Full provision is made for deferred taxation on timing differences arising from the provision of employee pensions.

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	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
2. OTHER OPERATING INCOME		
Other income	-	3,051
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,051</u>

Other operating income in previous year comprised:

- (i) Compensation receivable from Transport for London relating to the introduction of Oystercards;
- (ii) Amounts receivable from Network Rail relating to variable track access charges.

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
3. OPERATING PROFIT		
The following amounts have been charged/(credited) in arriving at operating profit:		
Auditors remuneration:		
Audit fees	7	7
Bad debt expense	-	(3,311)
	<u>7</u>	<u>(3,304)</u>

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
Inter-company Interest	332	-
	<u>332</u>	<u>-</u>

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5. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The tax charge for the year was £41,000 (2008: £Nil).

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR		
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>147</u>	<u>5,951</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008: 30%)	41	1,785
Group relief	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,785)</u>
Total current tax charge	<u>41</u>	<u>-</u>

6. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	19
Corporation tax recoverable	478	529
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>9,075</u>	<u>6,992</u>
	<u>9,553</u>	<u>7,540</u>

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
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7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

Accruals and other deferred income	<u>383</u>	<u>424</u>
	<u>383</u>	<u>424</u>

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8. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

Claims

	£'000
At 1 April 2008	746
Charged in year	101
Utilised in year	(397)
At 31 March 2009	<u>450</u>

The claims provision represents passenger and employee liability claims outstanding at the year end, based on advice from external claims handlers.

		2009 £'000	2008 £'000	
9.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL			
	Authorised:			
	1,000 (2008: 1,000) ordinary shares of £1 each:	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
	Alotted, issued and fully paid:			
	2 (2008: 2) ordinary shares of £1 each:	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
10.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS AND MOVEMENT IN RESERVES	Share Capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total shareholders funds £'000
	At 1 April 2008	-	8,622	8,622
	Profit for the year	-	106	106
	At 31 March 2009	<u>-</u>	<u>8,728</u>	<u>8,728</u>
11.	POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT			

There have been no significant post balance sheet events requiring disclosure.

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12. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is BRB (Residuary) Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are prepared and of which the company is a member is BRB (Residuary) Limited, Whittles House, 14 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9HF.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of BRB (Residuary) Ltd which produces consolidated financial statements, and accordingly has taken advantage of the exemption provided in FRS 8 not to disclose intra-group transactions with related parties.