

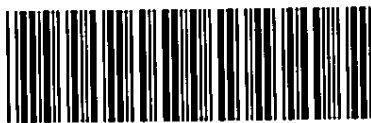
**Avecia UK Holdings Limited**

**Directors' report and financial  
statements**

**Registered Number: 3768301**

**Year ended 31 December 2007**

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## Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

### Principal activities

The Company is an intermediate holding company, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Avecia Investments Limited. The Company's immediate subsidiary undertaking, Avecia Limited, was a manufacturer of specialty chemicals. On 1 January 2007, Avecia Limited sold its Biologics business to Avecia Biologics Limited, a newly created subsidiary of Avecia Investments Limited. On 1 May 2007 Avecia Limited sold the remainder of its land and property at Hexagon Tower, Blackley to Hexagon Tower Limited, another newly created subsidiary of Avecia Investments Limited. With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2007, Avecia Limited ceased to trade. The directors do not foresee any change of activities of the Company in the foreseeable future.

### Business review

During the year the Company made a loss before tax of £5,077,000 (2006 *£nil*). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2006 *£nil*).

### Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Adrian Buckmaster  
Duncan McLellan

### Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

### Auditors

Pursuant to a shareholders' resolution, the company is not obliged to reappoint its auditors annually and KPMG Audit Plc will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board



**D McLellan**  
Director

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## **Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements**

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK 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 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, 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities



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### **Independent auditors' report to the members of Avecia UK Holdings Limited**

We have audited the financial statements of Avecia UK Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet, the Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Deficit and the related notes. 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 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 auditors**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 2.

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 Directors' Report 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 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.

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.

**Independent auditors' report to the members of Avecia UK Holdings Limited**  
*(continued)*

**Opinion**

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its loss 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

*KPMG Audit Plc 2 July 2008*

**KPMG Audit Plc**  
*Chartered Accountants*  
*Registered Auditor*

**Profit and loss account**  
*for the year ended 31 December 2007*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2007 £000</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2006 £000</b>
Exceptional operating costs	6	(5,077)	-
<b>Loss on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>(5,077)</b>	<b>-</b>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	7	-	-
<b>Loss on ordinary activities after taxation and retained for the year</b>		<b>(5,077)</b>	<b>-</b>

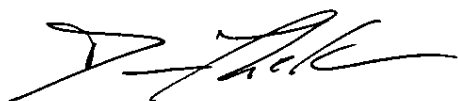
**Statement of total recognised gains and losses**  
*for the year ended 31 December 2007*

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

**Balance sheet**  
*as at 31 December 2007*

	<i>Note</i>	<b>2007</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>2006</b> <b>£000</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	8	-	5,077
<b>Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	9	(16,084)	(16,084)
<b>Net liabilities</b>		(16,084)	(11,007)
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	10	5,000	5,000
Profit and loss account	11	(21,084)	(16,007)
<b>Shareholders' deficit</b>		(16,084)	(11,007)

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 27 June 2008 and were signed on its behalf by



**Duncan McLellan**  
*Director*



**Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' deficit**  
*for the year ended 31 December 2007*

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Loss for the financial year	(5,077)	-
Net reduction in shareholders' deficit	(5,077)	-
Opening shareholders' deficit	(11,007)	(11,007)
Closing shareholders' deficit	(16,084)	(11,007)

## Notes

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

### 1 Basis of preparation

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

The company is exempt by virtue of s228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts as its results are included in the consolidated financial statements of Avecia Holdings plc. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The consolidated financial statements of Avecia Holdings plc can be obtained from Avecia Holdings plc, PO Box 42, Hexagon Tower, Blackley, Manchester, M9 8ZS.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised 1996) 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 100% of the company's voting rights are controlled within the group headed by Avecia Holdings plc, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Financial Reporting Standard 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties).

### 2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements, except as noted below.

#### *Fixed asset investments*

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for any permanent impairment.

#### *Classification of financial instruments issued by the Company*

Financial instruments issued by the Company are treated as equity (i.e. forming part of shareholders' funds) only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- a) they include no contractual obligations upon the Company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Company; and
- b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the Company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the Company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the Company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the Company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium account exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

Finance payments associated with financial liabilities are dealt with as part of interest payable and similar charges. Finance payments associated with financial instruments that are classified as part of shareholders' funds (see dividends policy), are dealt with as appropriations in the reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds.

## Notes (continued)

### Dividends

Dividend distribution to the Company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Company's financial statements in the period in which they are declared and approved. Unpaid dividends that do not meet these criteria are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Interim dividends are recognised in the period in which they are paid.

### Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

### 3 Remuneration of directors

None of the directors received any remuneration for their work as directors of the company.

### 4 Staff numbers and costs

Other than the named directors, the company has no employees.

### 5 Auditor's remuneration

Audit services for the company totalled £3,150 (2006 £3,000). This amount was borne by the ultimate parent undertaking.

### 6 Exceptional operating costs

Exceptional operating costs in 2007 related to an impairment of the fixed asset investment.

### 7 Taxation

The company has no UK corporation tax credit due to tax losses being surrendered to other members of the Avecia UK group for which no payment is made.

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(5,077)	-
Current tax at 30%	(1,523)	-
<i>Effects of</i>		
Group relief surrendered for the current period	1,523	-
	-	-

## Notes (continued)

### 8 Fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings £000
<i>Cost</i>	
At beginning and end of year	5,077
<i>Impairment</i>	
At beginning of year	-
Charge in the year	5,077
At end of year	5,077
<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 December 2007	-
At 31 December 2006	5,077

The only directly held company in which the company's interest at the year end is more than 20% is

	Country of Incorporation	Principal activity	Class and Percentage of shares held
<i>Subsidiary undertakings</i>			
Avecia Limited	UK	Dormant	Ordinary – 100

### 9 Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	16,084	16,084

The amounts owed to group undertakings are due for repayment in July 2009 and bear no interest

## Notes (continued)

### 10 Called up share capital

	2007 £000	2006 £000
<i>Authorised</i>		
Equity 10,000,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each	10,000	10,000
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
Equity 5,000,001 ordinary shares of £1.00 each	5,000	5,000

### 11 Reserves

	Profit and loss account £000
At beginning of year	(16,007)
Retained loss for the year	(5,077)
At end of year	(21,084)

### 12 Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of larger group of which the company is a member

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Avecia Investments Limited which is incorporated in the United Kingdom. The ultimate parent company is Avecia (Jersey) Limited, a company registered and incorporated in Jersey.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Avecia Holdings plc which is incorporated in the United Kingdom.

### 13 Continuing support

The company's parent undertaking, Avecia Investments Limited, has undertaken to provide financial support as is necessary to enable the company to meet its liabilities as they fall due.