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# THE WESTMINSTER FIRE OFFICE LIMITED

Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2011

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# **Company information**

## **Directors**

R J Clayton

D P Cockrem

I A Craston

M Harris

W R B McDonnell

## Secretary

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## Registered office

St Mark's Court Chart Way Horsham West Sussex RH12 1XL

## Auditor

Deloitte LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor London

# Directors' report

for the year ended 31 December 2011

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Company and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

### Business review and principal activity

The principal activity of the Company was to manage debt acquired from other group companies and recover sums due. There is no longer net debt outstanding and the Company is not expected to acquire any further debt in the foreseeable future. The Company has ceased to trade since 2009.

The results for the Company show a result on ordinary activities before taxation of £nil (2010 £nil) The shareholder funds of the Company were £6,785,000 as at 31 December 2011 (31 December 2010 £6,842,000)

#### **Future outlook**

The cessation of trade has resulted in the financial statements being prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern

#### Dividends

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2011 (2010 £nil)

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties are integrated within and managed together with the principal risks of the RSA Insurance Group ("the Group"). The principal risks and uncertainties of the Group, which include those of the UK business, and hence the Company, are set out in the estimation techniques, risks, uncertainties and contingencies on pages 89 to 92, and in the risk framework on pages 30 to 33 of the 2011 Annual Report & Accounts of the Group, which do not form part of this report.

#### Directors

The names of the current directors are listed on page 1 Mr W R B McDonnell was appointed as a director on 16 June 2011. The other directors served throughout the year.

The directors' responsibilities statement appears on page 3 and is incorporated by reference into this report

#### **Auditor**

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006

Deloitte LLP have confirmed their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed to be reappointed as auditor in the absence of an Annual General Meeting

By order of the Board

J M Mills For and on behalf of Roysun Limited

Secretary

√ September 2012

# Directors' responsibilities statement

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 (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 accounting 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 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 member of The Westminster Fire Office Limited

We have audited the financial statements of The Westminster Fire Office Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 12 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 member, 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, 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. 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 December 2011 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

### Emphasis of matter - financial statements prepared other than on a going concern basis

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosure made in note 1 to the financial statements, which explains that the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern

## 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

Mark McQueen (Senior Statutory Auditor) For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor London, United Kingdom

25 September 2012

# **Profit and loss account**

for the year ended 31 December 2011

		2011	2010
	Notes	0002	0003
Taxation on ordinary activities	5	(57)	(55)
Loss for the financial year after tax		(57)	(55)

All figures relate to discontinued operations

There have been no recognised gains or losses in either reporting year other than those recorded in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses is presented.

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form an integral part of these accounts

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# THE WESTMINSTER FIRE OFFICE LIMITED

**Balance sheet** 

as at 31 December 2011

		2011	2010
	Notes	0003	£000
Current assets Debtors	6	14,819	14,874
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	7	(8,034)	(8,032)
Net current assets	_	6,785	6,842
		6,785	6,842
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	8	-	-
Profit and loss account	9	6,785	6,842
Shareholder funds	_	6,785	6,842

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form an integral part of these accounts

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and are signed on its behalf by

W R B McDonnell

Director

2 September 2012

## Notes to the accounts

#### 1 Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards and in compliance with the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investment property, on an other than going concern basis.

The cessation of trade since 2009 has resulted in the financial statements being prepared on a basis other than that of a going concern

A summary of the major accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year and preceding year is set out below

#### (a) Taxation

Current tax, based on profits and income for the year, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date

#### 2 Auditor's remuneration

Fees payable to Deloitte LLP for the audit of the Company's annual accounts were £2,750 (2010 £2,750) which were borne by a parent company, Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance pic Details of non-audit fees payable to Deloitte LLP are disclosed in the RSA Insurance Group pic 2011 Annual Report & Accounts

#### 3 Directors' emoluments

None of the directors received any emoluments from the Company during the year (2010 £nil) All the directors receive remuneration from Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance pic as employees of that company, and it is not appropriate, because of the non-executive nature of their services, to make an apportionment of their emoluments in respect of the Company

## 4 Employees and staff costs

The Company did not employ anyone during the year (2010 nil) All administrative duties are performed by employees of Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance pic at no cost to the Company (2010 £nil)

### 5 Taxation

The charge for taxation in the profit & loss account comprises	2011	2010
	£000	£000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax	57	55
Total current tax	57	55
Tax charge	57	55

The UK corporation tax for the current year is based on a rate of 26 5% (2010 28%) The rate of corporation tax has reduced from 28% to 26 5% effective 1 April 2011, and as a result a composite rate of 26 5% has been used on the accounts

Factors affecting the current tax charge

The current tax charge for the year is more than 26 5% (2010 more than 28%) due to the items set out in the reconciliation below

	2011	2010
	0003	0003
Result on ordinary activities before tax	-	-
Tax at 26 5% (2010 28%)	-	•
Factors affecting charge		
Fiscal adjustments	57	55
Current tax charge for the year	57	55

The Company had no deferred tax assets or liabilities at 31 December 2011 (2010 Enil)

# Notes to the accounts (continued)

6 Debtors amounts falling due within one year				
			2011 £000	2010 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings			14,819	14,874
			14,819	14,874
7 Creditors amounts falling due within one year				
			2011 £000	2010 £000
Amounts owed to group undertakings			7,977	7,977
Corporation tax			57	55
		_	8,034	8,032
8 Share capital				
			2011	2010
			€000	5000
Allotted, issued and fully paid up				
1 (2010 1) ordinary shares of £1 each		<del></del>	1	1
9 Movements in shareholder funds				
	Р	rofit and loss		
	Share capital £000	account £000	2011 £000	2010 £000
Shareholder funds at 1 January	-	6,842	6,842	6,897
Loss for the financial year		(57)	(57)	(55)
Shareholder funds at 31 December	•	6,785	6,785	6,842

### 10 Cash flow statement

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of RSA Insurance Group pic and the cash flows of the Company are included in the consolidated cash flow statement of RSA Insurance Group pic. The Company has thus taken advantage of the exemption permitted by FRS 1 (revised 1996) 'Cash flow Statements' and has elected not to prepare its own cash flow statement.

## 11 Related party transactions

Advantage has been taken of the exemption provided in FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosures' from disclosing details of transactions with RSA insurance Group pic and its subsidiaries and associated undertakings

## 12 Parent companies

The Company's immediate parent company is Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance plc, which is registered in England and Wales

The Company's ultimate parent company and controlling party is RSA Insurance Group plc, which is registered in England and Wales and is the parent company of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. A copy of that company's accounts can be obtained from 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, One Plantation Place, 30 Fenchurch Street, London, EC3M 3BD