**Report and Financial Statements** 

31 March 2008



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## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008**

## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

## DIRECTORS

J B Chambers J C Hopkins I S Hudson N P Vaughan

## **SECRETARY**

J B Chambers

## REGISTERED OFFICE

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## **SOLICITORS**

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## **BANKERS**

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## **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche LLP Chartered Accountants London

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2008

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies under Section 246 (4) of the Companies Act 1985

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company is that of property development

#### DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year were

J B Chambers

J Green

(resigned 10 August 2007)

J C Hopkins I Hudson N P Vaughan

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions were in place for all directors of the company for the current and preceding year

## STATEMENT OF 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 Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom 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. 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,
- · state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed,
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to 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.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **AUDITORS**

In the case of each of the persons who are directors of the company at the date when this report is approved

- so far as each of the directors is aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined in the Companies Act 1985) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- each of the directors has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information (as defined) and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s234ZA of the Companies Act 1985

Deloitte & Touche LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

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J B Chambers

Director

30 September 2008

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ANNINGTON DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Annington Developments Limited for the year ended 31 March 2008 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 16 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 financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom 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 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 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

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 ANNINGTON DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (continued)

## **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 2008 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

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**Deloitte & Touche LLP** 

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London, United Kingdom

30 September 2008

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 March 2008

	Note	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Administration expenses		(474)	(340)
OPERATING LOSS	2	(474)	(340)
Interest receivable Interest payable Dividends receivable from joint ventures	4 5	468 (619)	128 (127) 500
(LOSS) PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(625)	161
Tax on (loss) profit on ordinary activities	6		
(LOSS) PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	13	(625)	161

All activities derive from continuing operations

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES Year ended 31 March 2008

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
(Loss) profit for the financial year Surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investments in joint ventures Surplus on revaluation of tangible fixed assets	(625) 289 498	161 (415)
Total recognised gains and losses for the financial year	162	(254)

# BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2008

	Note	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	7	5,499	3,962
Tangible assets	8	3,363	1,237
		8,862	5,199
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors - due within one year	9	64	1,734
- due after more than one year Cash at bank and in hand	9	2,999 -	3,000 7
		3,063	4,741
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	(395)	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,668	4,741
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,530	9,940
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(11,042)	(9,614)
NET ASSETS		488	326
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	12	-	•
Revaluation reserve	13	932	145
Profit and loss account	13	(444)	181
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	14	488	326

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 September 2008 Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

J B Chambers

Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2008

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have been applied consistently throughout the year and preceding year.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed asset investments, and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards

#### Group accounts

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing consolidated accounts afforded by Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of another company and for which consolidated accounts are prepared

#### Cash flow statement

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Annington Holdings plc and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Annington Holdings plc which include a consolidated cash flow statement and are publicly available The company has therefore elected to make use of the exemption provided in Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) "Cash Flow Statements" not to produce its own cash flow statement

#### **Taxation**

Current 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

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences, which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

## **Investment properties**

Investment properties are revalued annually The surpluses or deficits on the properties are transferred to the investment revaluation reserve, except that a deficit which is expected to be permanent and which is in excess of any previously recognised surplus over cost relating to the same property, or the reversal of such a deficit, is charged (or credited) to the profit and loss account Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties, or in respect of leasehold investment properties where the unexpired term of the lease is more than 20 years. The directors consider that this accounting policy, which represents a departure from the statutory accounting rules, is necessary to provide a true and fair view as required under SSAP 19 "Accounting for investment properties". The financial effect of the departure from the statutory accounting rules cannot reasonably be quantified as depreciation is only one of the many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount which might otherwise have been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified

Sales are accounted for on legal completion of contract basis

## Investments in joint ventures

The company's investments in the shares of the joint ventures are stated at net asset value shown at 31 March 2008. This includes, where applicable, the professional valuation of properties.

Surpluses and deficits arising from changes in net asset value are taken to the revaluation reserve

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2008

## 2. OPERATING LOSS

2008	2007
£,000	£'000
Operating loss is stated after charging:	
Impairment of fixed asset 120	-

The auditors' remuneration was £9,000 (2007 - £4,000) for the audit of the company's annual accounts and £3,300 (2007 - £1,000) for other services relating to taxation and was borne by another group company, Annington Management Limited, in the current and preceding year

## 3. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The directors received no emoluments for their services to this company in the current and preceding year

The company had no employees of its own during the year (2007 - nil). The cost of performing work for the company is borne by another group company, Annington Management Limited, in the current and preceding year

## 4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

		2008 £'000	2007 £'000
	Interest receivable	468	128
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE		
		2008 £'000	2007 £'000
	Inter-group loan	619	127

Amounts due to group undertakings relate to loans which are unsecured and interest bearing

## 6. TAX ON (LOSS) PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Current tax United Kingdom corporation tax at 30% (2007 - 30%)	-	_

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2008

## 6. TAX ON (LOSS) PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

The standard rate of current tax for the year, based on the UK standard rate of corporation tax is 30% (2007 - 30%) The current tax charge for the year and the previous year differs from the standard tax rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before tax	(625)	161
Tax on (loss) profit on ordinary activities at standard rate	(188)	48
Factors affecting charge for the year:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	222	119
Non taxable income	(90)	(150)
Group relief surrendered (claimed)		(17)
Total actual amount of current tax		

There is no charge for corporation tax or deferred tax The amount of tax losses carried forward at 31 March 2008 is £332,929 (2007 - £nil)

A deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of timing differences relating to the tax losses as there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recovered. The amount of the asset not recognised is £93,220 (2007 - £mil)

#### 7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Other investments and loans	Investments £'000	Loans £'000	Total £'000
Cost and net book value at 1 April 2007	204	3,758	3,962
Additions	-	1,248	1,248
Revaluations	289		289
Cost and net book value at 31 March 2008	493	5,006	5,499
Historical cost at 31 March 2008	60	5,006	5,066
Historical cost at 31 March 2007	60	3,758	3,818

The principal undertakings at 31 March 2008, are shown below

Name of joint venture undertaking	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Holding %
Annington Wates (Cove) Limited	Great Britain	Property development	50%
Countryside Annington (Colchester) Limited	Great Britain	Property development	50%
Countryside Annington (Mill Hill) Limited	Great Britain	Property development	50%

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2008

## 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Investment properties £'000
Cost	
At 1 April 2007	1,237
Addition	1,748
Revaluation	498
Impairment	(120)
At 31 March 2008	3,363

Three development sites were transferred from Annington Property Limited on 21 December 2006 at market value £1,210,186 These sites are currently being developed. The sites have been valued by the directors on the basis of market value

#### 9. DEBTORS

	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Due within one year		
Amounts due from group undertakings	-	248
Other debtors	64	1,486
	64	1,734
Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable o	n demand	
Due after more than one year		•
Other debtors	2,999	3,000

## 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Amounts due to group undertakings	395	

Amounts due to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand

## 11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Amounts due to group undertakings 11,042	9,614
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Amounts due to group undertakings are unsecured, interest bearing and have a fixed date of repayment

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2008

# 12. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
Authorised 100,000 ordinary shares of 1p each	1	1
Called up, allotted and nil paid 1 ordinary share of 1p	-	-

## 13. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

	Profit and loss account £	Revalu- ation reserve £	Total £
At 1 April 2007	181	145	326
Loss for the financial year	(625)	-	(625)
Revaluation of investment in joint venture	` <u>-</u>	289	289
Revaluation of tangible fixed assets	<u> </u>	498	498
At 31 March 2008	(444)	932	488

## 14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
(Loss) profit for the financial year	(625)	161
Movement in revaluation reserve	<del></del>	(415)
Net increase (reduction) in shareholders' funds	162	(254)
Opening shareholders' funds	326	580
Closing shareholders' funds	488	326

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2008

## 15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is a subsidiary of Le Grand Annington Limited and has taken advantage of the exemption provided in paragraph 3(c) of Financial Reporting Standard No 8, "Related Party Disclosures", not to make disclosure of transactions with other entities that are part of the group

## 16. PARENT COMPANY

Annington Developments (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain, is the immediate parent company, Annington Holdings plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain, is the intermediary parent company and Le Grand Annington Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain, is the ultimate parent company and controlling party

Annington Holdings plc is the smallest parent company of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up

Le Grand Annington Limited is the largest parent company of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up. Group accounts for both these companies are available on request from the registered office at 1 James Street, London W1U 1DR