Registered number: 04279524

**Boston University USA (Europe) Limited** 

**Directors' report and financial statements** 

for the period ended 31 December 2009



## **Company Information**

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## Directors' report for the period ended 31 December 2009

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2009 Comparative figures are provided for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 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 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 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.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was to hold investments in entities whose principal activity is to provide academic programmes and programme support to American students in Europe

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the period were

Urbain de Winter Robert Cumming Philippe Pavillard

### Provision of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

# Directors' report for the period ended 31 December 2009

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In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the board on 15 September 2010 and signed on its behalf

**Robert Cumming** 

Director

## Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Boston University USA (Europe) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Boston University USA (Europe) Limited for the period ended 31 December 2009, set out on pages 5 to 10. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, 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 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

#### 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.

### 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 2009 and of its loss for the period then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

## Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

#### Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Boston University USA (Europe) Limited

### 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, or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements and the Directors' report in accordance with the small companies regime

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Peter Manser FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Reeves + Neylan LLP

Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants

Canterbury

16 September 2010

# Profit and loss account for the period ended 31 December 2009

	Note	18 month period ended 31 December 2009 £	Year ended 30 June 2008 £
Administrative expenses		(10,582)	(19,826)
Operating loss	2	(10,582)	(19,826)
Income from other participating interests		(262,918)	(113,369)
Interest receivable		72	745
Interest payable		(8,900)	-
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(282,328)	(132,450)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	3	<u> </u>	
Loss for the financial period	8	(282,328)	(132,450)

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements

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Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2009

	Note	3	1 December 2009 £		30 June 2008 £
Fixed assets					•
Fixed asset investments	4		1		1
Current assets					
Debtors	5	1		7,433	
Cash at bank and in hand		14,431		18,861	
		14,432		26,294	
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	6	(3,016,567)		(2,746,101)	
Net current liabilities			(3,002,135)		(2,719,807)
Total assets less current liabilities			(3,002,134)		(2,719,806)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	7		1		1
Profit and loss account	8		(3,002,135)		(2,719,807)
Shareholders' deficit			(3,002,134)		(2,719,806)

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 15 September 2010

**Robert Cumming** 

Director

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements

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## Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2009

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

#### 12 Going concern

The company is dependent upon the continuing support of Boston University, which the directors are confident will continue for the foreseeable future. The trustees of Boston University have guaranteed to fund EUSA LLP, an associated undertaking of the company, at all times whilst it remains, in the opinion of that LLP's members, economically viable.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts

#### 1.3 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a Cash flow statement because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

#### 14 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value

#### 15 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted

#### 16 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account

## Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2009

## 2. Operating loss

The operating loss is stated after charging

	2009	2008
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	1,500	2,585

During the period, no director received any emoluments (2008 - £NIL)

### 3 Taxation

	2009 £	2008 £
UK corporation tax charge on loss for the period/year	-	-

## Factors affecting tax charge for the period/year

There were no factors that affected the tax charge for the period/year which has been calculated on the profits on ordinary activities before tax at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21% (2008 - 20 25%)

## Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has unrelieved trading losses available to carry forward against future profits. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of these losses due to the uncertainty of their recovery.

#### 4 Fixed asset investments

	Investments in participating interests £	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 July 2008 and 31 December 2009	475,472	1	475,473
Impairment			
At 1 July 2008 and 31 December 2009	475,472	<u>-</u>	475,472
Net book value			
At 31 December 2009	-	1	1
At 30 June 2008	-	1	1
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# Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2009

## 4. Fixed asset investments (continued)

#### Associated undertakings

The following were associated undertakings of the company

Name	Holding
EUSA LLP	50%
EUSA Sarl (a company incorporated in Switzerland)	50%

The aggregate of the share capital and reserves as at 31 December 2009 and of the profit or loss for the year ended on that date for the associated undertakings were as follows

Name	Aggregate of share capital and reserves £	Profit/(loss) £
EUSA LLP EUSA Sarl (a company incorporated in Switzerland)	(1,354,162) (268,924)	57,920 (46,965)

The company is a member in EUSA LLP and is entitled to a 50% share in the profits generated by the LLP EUSA Sarl is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of EUSA LLP

#### 5 Debtors

	31 December 2009	30 June 2008
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1	7,433
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Creditors		

## 6 Creditors

## Amounts falling due within one year

Amounts owed to group undertakings Amounts owed to undertakings in which the company has a	2,093,218	1,826,817
participating interest Other creditors	920,469 2,880	657,551 261,733
	3,016,567	2,746,101

31 December

2009

£

30 June .

2008 £

## Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2009

#### 7. Share capital

	31 December	30 June
	2009	2008
	£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1 Ordinary share of £1	1	1

#### 8. Reserves

	Profit and
	loss account
	£
At 1 July 2008	(2,719,807)
Loss for the period	(282,328)
At 31 December 2009	(3,002,135) *

#### 9 Other financial commitments

The company has granted options to Hayes and Johnson Limited which require the company to purchase their share of EUSA LLP

The option is exercisable by Hayes and Johnson Limited during the period 10 January 2006 to 31 December 2014

The price to be paid by the company for the option shares will be determined when the option notice is exercised

#### 10 Related party transactions

The company is a member of EUSA LLP. The company's share of the loss of EUSA LLP recognised in its profit and loss account amounted to £262,918, representing the company's 50% share of the loss of EUSA LLP for the two years ended 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2009

Included within creditors due within one year is an amount of £915,069 owed to EUSA LLP (2008 £652,151)

Included within creditors are interest-free loans of £2,084,318 from Boston University (2008 £1,826,817)

#### 11 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Boston University (USA) London, a charitable company incorporated in England and Wales Group financial statements are not prepared

The company derives its academic accreditation, governing policies and direction from the Trustees of Boston University, a corporation based in Massachusetts in the United States of America