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## **HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED**

Registered number: 4290525

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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# **HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED**

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## **HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The company held an investment in 50 Bank Street.

On 23 October 2014, the company surrendered its leasehold property interest to a fellow subsidiary undertaking. The company is now expected to become dormant.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the year were:

Sir George Iacobescu CBE  
R J J Lyons

The company provides an indemnity to all directors (to the extent permitted by law) in respect of liabilities incurred as a result of their office. The company also has in place liability insurance covering the directors and officers of the company. Both the indemnity and insurance were in force during the year ended 31 December 2014 and at the time of the approval of this Directors' Report. Neither the indemnity nor the insurance provide cover in the event that the director is proven to have acted dishonestly or fraudulently.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR**

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 auditor is 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 relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

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 10 August 2015 and signed on its behalf.



**J R Garwood**  
Secretary

## **HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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 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;
- 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.

## **HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of HQCB Properties (HQ4) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 14. 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 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 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 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 and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. 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 2014 and of its profit 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.

**HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) 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 take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors' Report.



Mark Beddy (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

**Deloitte LLP**

Chartered Accountant and Statutory Auditor  
London, UK

10 August 2015

# HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

	Note	2014 £	2013 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>	2		
Discontinued operations		6,399,670	9,013,621
		<u>6,399,670</u>	<u>9,013,621</u>
Cost of sales	3	(5,850,164)	(9,088,119)
		<u>(5,850,164)</u>	<u>(9,088,119)</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>		549,506	(74,498)
Administrative expenses	3	(224,863)	80,650
		<u>(224,863)</u>	<u>80,650</u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	4		
Continuing operations		-	-
Discontinued operations		324,643	6,152
		<u>324,643</u>	<u>6,152</u>
Interest receivable and similar income		596	-
		<u>596</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		325,239	6,152
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	11	<u>325,239</u>	<u>6,152</u>

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2014 or 2013 other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account.

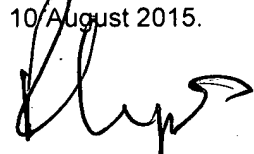
The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

**HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 4290525**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

	Note	£	2014 £	£	2013 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investment property	7		-		75,000
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	519,806		262,484	
Cash at bank		261,916		367,658	
		<u>781,722</u>		<u>630,142</u>	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> amounts falling due within one year	9	(339,896)		(588,555)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			441,826		41,587
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>441,826</u>		<u>116,587</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Called up share capital	10		1		1
Profit and loss account	11		441,825		116,586
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	12		<u>441,826</u>		<u>116,587</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 10 August 2015.



**R J J Lyons**  
Director

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



## HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### 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 applicable accounting standards.

##### 1.2 Going concern

At 31 December 2014, the company had completed its activities and is expected to become dormant. As a result the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern which includes, where appropriate, writing down the company's assets to net realisable value. For the years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013, this did not result in any changes to the value of the company's assets.

##### 1.3 Cash flow

The company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1.

##### 1.4 Investment properties

Investment properties are included in the Balance Sheet at their open market value in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No.19 and are not depreciated. This treatment is contrary to the Companies Act 2006 which states that fixed assets should be depreciated but is, in the opinion of the directors, necessary in order to give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company.

#### 2. TURNOVER

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

The turnover and profit before taxation from discontinued activities arose from the investment in 50 Bank Street, which was sold during the year.

#### 3. ANALYSIS OF OPERATING PROFIT

	Continuing £	2014 Discontinued £	Continuing £	2013 Discontinued £
Turnover	-	6,399,670	-	9,013,621
Cost of sales	-	(5,850,164)	-	(9,088,119)
Gross profit	-	549,506	-	(74,498)
Administrative expenses	-	(224,863)	-	80,650
	-	324,643	-	6,152

## HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### 4. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2014 £	2013 £
Auditor's remuneration	2,000	2,000

#### 5. STAFF COSTS

The company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2013 - £NIL).

#### 6. TAXATION

##### Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is different from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.5% (2013 - 23.25%). The differences are explained below:

	2014 £	2013 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	325,239	6,152
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.5% (2013 - 23.25%)	69,926	1,430
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Group relief	(69,926)	(1,430)
<b>Current tax charge for the year (see note above)</b>	-	-

##### Factors that may affect future tax charges

The tax rate of 21.5% has been calculated by reference to the current corporation tax rate of 21% which was in effect for the final three quarters of the year and the previous rate of 23% which was in effect for the first quarter of the year.

No provision for corporation tax has been made since the profit for the year will be covered by the group relief expected to be made available to the company by other companies in the group. No charge will be made by other group companies for the surrender of group relief. It is anticipated that group relief and other tax reliefs will impact on future tax charges. There is no unprovided deferred taxation.

# HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

### 7. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

	Long term leasehold investment property £
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2014	75,000
Disposals	(75,000)
At 31 December 2014	-

On 23 October 2014, the company surrendered its leasehold interest to a fellow subsidiary undertaking for a consideration of £75,000.

### 8. DEBTORS

	2014 £	2013 £
Trade debtors	1,510	2,178
Amounts owed by group undertakings	391,947	245,506
Prepayments and accrued income	126,349	14,800
	<u>519,806</u>	<u>262,484</u>

### 9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2014 £	2013 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	223,426	175,022
Accruals and deferred income	116,470	413,533
	<u>339,896</u>	<u>588,555</u>

### 10. SHARE CAPITAL

	2014 £	2013 £
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
1 Ordinary share of £1	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

## HQCB PROPERTIES (HQ4) LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### 11. RESERVES

	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2014	116,586
Profit for the year	325,239
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At 31 December 2014	441,825
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#### 12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2014 £	2013 £
Opening shareholders' funds	116,587	110,434
Profit for the financial year	325,239	6,152
Shares issued during the year	-	1
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Closing shareholders' funds	441,826	116,587
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#### 13. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 4 December 2014, Stork Holdings Limited, an entity jointly owned by Qatar Investment Authority and Brookfield Properties Partners LP announced the terms of a final cash offer for the acquisition of the entire issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Songbird Estates plc, the company's ultimate parent undertaking, at £3.50 per ordinary share. The offer became wholly unconditional on 5 February 2015. Having obtained more than 90.0% of the issued share capital Stork Holdings Limited then announced a compulsory acquisition of Songbird Estates plc shares in respect of which acceptances of the offer had not been received.

The offer becoming unconditional triggered a mandatory cash offer for the issued and to be issued ordinary share capital of Canary Wharf Group plc at a price of £6.45 per share and the subsequent compulsory acquisition process of the Canary Wharf Group plc shares in respect of which acceptances of the offer had not been received.

The compulsory purchase periods lasted until 17 April 2015, at which time the shares were compulsorily purchased on the same terms as the original offers.

#### 14. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The company's immediate parent undertaking is HQCB Properties (HQ5(2)) Limited.

As at 31 December 2014, the smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up is the consolidated financial statements of Canary Wharf Group plc. The largest group of which the company is a member for which group financial statements are drawn up is the consolidated financial statements of Songbird Estates plc, the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party. Copies of the financial statements of both companies may be obtained from the Company Secretary, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AB.

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in paragraph 3(c) of FRS 8 allowing the company not to disclose related party transactions with respect to other group companies.