

Registration number 04365397

**Louis Dreyfus Services Limited**  
**Annual Report and Financial Statements**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2019**



**Company information**

**Directors**

F. Cerisoli  
K. Ashton  
S. Proctor  
A. Maserati

**Company number**

04365397

**Registered office**

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**Auditors**

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## **Directors' Report**

The directors submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for Louis Dreyfus Services Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company was to provide agricultural commodity trading consultancy services. The company has now ceased to trade.

### **Results**

The results for the year are set out on page 9.

### **Directors' and officers' liability insurance**

During the year, the company purchased and maintained liability insurance for its directors and officers as permitted by 232(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

K. Ashton  
F. Cerisoli (resigned 10 February, 2020)  
S. Proctor (appointed 16 May 2018)  
A. Mascrati (resigned 29 November, 2019)

### **Directors' responsibility**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

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 Financial Reporting Standard FRS 101 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 the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume 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.

**Directors' Report (continued)**

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

So far as the directors are aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a pandemic affecting people, businesses and economies across the world. Measures to prevent, contain and delay its spread include travel restrictions, institutional and business closures, restrictions on gatherings and meetings, and quarantining or isolation, resulting in many people working remotely.

Businesses in some sectors have already been significantly affected, such as travel and hospitality, and those operating in, or dependent on, supplies from the early areas affected by the spread of the virus. As the virus spreads worldwide, it is difficult to predict what its continued impact will be. This operating environment may have a significant impact on the Company's operations and financial position. Management is taking necessary measures to ensure sustainability of the Company's operations. However, the future effects of the current economic situation are difficult to predict and management's current expectations and estimates could differ from actual results.

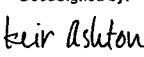
**Auditors**

The auditors, Constantin, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint Constantin will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, in accordance with Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on September 14, 2020 and signed on its behalf by,

**K. Ashton**  
Director

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**Independent auditor's report to the members of Louis Dreyfus Services Limited**

**Report on the audit of the financial statements**

**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of Louis Dreyfus Services Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31/12/19 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of comprehensive income;
- the statement of financial position;
- the statement of changes in equity;
- the related notes 1 to 11, which include a statement of accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

**Independent auditor's report to the members of Louis Dreyfus Services Limited (Continued)**

**Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

**Responsibilities of directors**

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, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Independent auditor's report to the members of Louis Dreyfus Services Limited (Continued)**

**Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

**Use of our report**

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.



Peter Smith FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of

**Constantin**

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

25 Hosier Lane

London

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Date: 14 September 2020



<b>Statement of comprehensive income</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
		£	£
Administrative expenses		(19,027)	(55,177)
<b>Operating result</b>		<b>(19,027)</b>	<b>(55,177)</b>
Foreign exchange gain/(loss)		4,273	(8,490)
Interest receivable and similar income	3	31,908	26,450
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(4,388)	(3,042)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>		<b>12,766</b>	<b>(40,259)</b>
Tax expense		(5,324)	(2,900)
<b>Profit/(Loss) for the financial year attributable to owners of the Company</b>		<b>7,442</b>	<b>(43,159)</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December	Notes	2019	2018
		£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	4,381,823	4,349,910
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(149,965)	(125,494)
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>4,231,858</b>	<b>4,224,416</b>
<b>Capital Reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	8	61	61
Profit and Loss account		4,231,797	4,224,355
<b>Shareholders' Funds</b>		<b>4,231,858</b>	<b>4,224,416</b>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on September 14, 2020 and signed on its behalf by

K. Ashton  
Director

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**Statement of Changes in Equity**

	<b>Called up share capital</b>	<b>Profit and Loss account</b>	<b>Shareholders' Funds</b>
	£	£	£
<b>At 01 January 2018</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4,267,514</b>	<b>4,267,575</b>
Loss for the year		(43,159)	(43,159)
<b>At 31 December 2018 and 01 January 2019</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4,224,355</b>	<b>4,224,416</b>
Profit for the year		7,442	7,442
<b>As at 31 December 2019</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4,231,797</b>	<b>4,231,858</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements

## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019**

### **1. Accounting policies**

#### **1.1 Basis of preparation and accounting convention**

Louis Dreyfus Services Limited is a company incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in Pound Sterling as this is the main operating currency of the company.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for the revaluation of certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values at the end of each reporting period, as explained in the accounting policies below and in accordance with FRS 101, 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to the presentation of a cash-flow statement and related party transactions.

#### **1.2 Taxation**

Current tax, 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 subsequently enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### **1.3 Foreign currencies**

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Pound Sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the statement of comprehensive income.

#### **1.4 Financial assets and liabilities**

##### **Debtors**

Trade debtors, loans, and other debtors that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Interest income is recognized by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

##### **Creditors**

Creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)

**1.5 Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related accrual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

Impairment of receivables

The company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other receivables. When assessing impairment of trade and other receivable, Management considers the ageing profile of receivables and historical experience.

**2. Auditor's remuneration**

Auditor's remuneration is borne by Louis Dreyfus Trading Limited.

**3. Interest receivable and similar income**

	2019 £	2018 £
Group undertakings	31,908	26,450
<b>Total interest income</b>	<b>31,908</b>	<b>26,450</b>

**4. Interest payable and similar charges**

	2019 £	2018 £
Group undertakings	(4,388)	(3,042)
<b>Total interest expenses</b>	<b>(4,388)</b>	<b>(3,042)</b>

**5. Tax on profit on ordinary activities**

The company has ceased trading.

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Current tax:</b>		
UK corporation tax on profits for the current period	5,324	-
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior years	-	(2,900)
<b>Total tax charge</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>(2,900)</b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)**

The differences are explained below:

Profit/(Loss) before taxation on ordinary activities	12,766	(40,259)
Profit/(Loss) before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018: 19%)	2,426	(7,649)
Effects of:		
Income not taxable	-	(1)
Losses	-	290,019
Deferred tax not recognised	3,615	(285,826)
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior years	-	2,900
Effects of group relief	(717)	3,457
Total tax loss reported in the income statement	<u>5,324</u>	<u>2,900</u>
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>

Recognized deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	-	-
Unrecognized deferred tax assets/(liabilities)*	270,049	243,935

\*Deferred tax assets, coming from capital losses and carried forward losses, have not been recognised due to uncertainty over its recoverability.

**6. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts from group undertakings	<u>4,381,823</u>	<u>4,349,910</u>
<b>Total Debtors</b>	<b><u>4,381,823</u></b>	<b><u>4,349,910</u></b>

**7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts from group undertakings	(134,440)	(112,394)
Tax liabilities	(5,324)	-
Others	<u>(10,201)</u>	<u>(13,100)</u>
<b>Total Creditors</b>	<b><u>(149,965)</u></b>	<b><u>(125,494)</u></b>

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 (continued)****8. Share capital**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
<b>100 ordinary shares* of 1 US dollar each</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>
*All shares rank pari-passu in all respects		

**9. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party**

The immediate parent undertaking and controlling party is Louis Dreyfus & Co Limited, a company incorporated in United Kingdom. The ultimate parent undertaking is Louis Dreyfus Holding B.V., incorporated in the Netherlands. The ultimate controlling party is the Louis Dreyfus family. The consolidated financial statements of Louis Dreyfus Holding B.V. may be obtained from Westblaak, 102 – 3012 Rotterdam.

**10. Post balance sheet events**

As at the date of signature of the statutory financial statements, the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak had not significantly affected the company's performance.

**11. Group accounts**

The largest and smallest groups for which group accounts are prepared, and of which the company is a member are:

	<b>Largest</b>	<b>Smallest</b>
<b>Name</b>	Louis Dreyfus Holding B.V.	Louis Dreyfus Company Suisse S.A.
<b>Country of incorporation</b>	Netherlands	Switzerland
<b>Address from where copies of consolidated financial statements can be obtained</b>	Westblaak 102 3012 KM Rotterdam Netherlands	Route de l'Aéroport 29, 1215 Genève Switzerland