

Registered number: 4395109

**QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012**



**QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Directors</b>	A D N Betton A B Carruthers C J Gee J R Patel T A Teichman M G Williams
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<b>Company number</b>	4395109
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## QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is as the general partner of the Isis College Fund No. 1 Limited Partnership and the Isis College Fund No. 2 Limited Partnership (collectively "Isis"), the Second Isis College Fund Limited Partnership ("Second Isis") and the Lachesis Seed Fund Limited Partnership ("Lachesis"). Isis, Second Isis and Lachesis are collectively referred to as "the Funds" hereafter. These Funds carry on the business of venture capital investment

Spark Venture Management Limited is responsible for managing each of the Funds

The Company also acts as the general partner of Queter Academic GP Partnership, which was formed to carry on the business of investing in University Funds, including holding the carried interest relating to the Funds

The profit after taxation for the year amounted to £29,713 (2011: Profit £17,096)

#### Directors

The directors who served during the year were.

A D N Betton  
A B Carruthers  
C J Gee  
J R Patel  
T A Teichman  
M G Williams

#### Provision 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 information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing its report 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 28 March 2013 and signed on its behalf

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A D N Betton  
Director

## **QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**

### **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012**

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 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, to 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 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.

## **QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Quester Academic GP Limited for the year ended 31 March 2012 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. 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. 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 March 2012 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.

#### **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.

**QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF QUESTER ACADEMIC GP 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 small companies exemption in preparing the directors' report

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**Jason Homewood** (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of PKF (UK) LLP, Statutory auditor  
London, UK

28/3/13

**QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012**

	Note	2012 £	2011 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>	1,2	<b>353,132</b>	<b>355,001</b>
Administrative expenses		<u>(323,421)</u>	<u>(337,907)</u>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>		<b>29,711</b>	<b>17,094</b>
Interest receivable and similar income		<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		<b>29,713</b>	<b>17,096</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	<u>(45,574)</u>	<u>(79,490)</u>
<b>LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	9	<u><b>(15,861)</b></u>	<u><b>(62,394)</b></u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2012 or 2011 other than those included in the profit and loss account

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements



**QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 4395109**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 MARCH 2012**

	Note	£	2012 £	2011 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	5	818,360	628,358	
Cash at bank		259,751	97,039	
		<u>1,078,111</u>	<u>725,397</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(1,052,098)</u>	<u>(729,097)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>			26,013	(3,700)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>26,013</u>	<u>(3,700)</u>
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>				
Deferred tax	7	(125,064)	(79,490)	
<b>NET LIABILITIES</b>			<u>(99,051)</u>	<u>(83,190)</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>				
Called up share capital	8	160	160	
Profit and loss account	9	(99,211)	(83,350)	
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT</b>	10		<u>(99,051)</u>	<u>(83,190)</u>

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

*A D N Betton* 28/3/13

**A D N Betton**  
Director

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

## **QUESTER ACADEMIC GP LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies are summarised below and have been applied consistently in the current and preceding year

##### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards

##### **1.2 Turnover**

Turnover represents the company's entitlement to priority profit share as general partner of the Funds. In the absence of profits within the Funds, a sum equivalent to the company's entitlement is advanced to the company as an interest-free limited recourse loan. Such advances are treated as income in the company's accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 5, "Reporting the substance of transactions"

##### **1.3 Foreign exchange**

Transactions in foreign currencies are reflected in the accounts using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Any exchange differences arising on translation are taken to the profit and loss account

##### **1.4 Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that 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

##### **1.5 Current 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 at the Balance Sheet date

##### **1.6 Limited Partnerships**

The company acts as the general partner of the Funds, as defined in the directors' report, and by virtue of the role of the general partner, these Funds are deemed to be subsidiary undertakings of the company under the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. However, the directors consider that the accounts would not give a true and fair view if all of the assets or income of these limited partnerships were consolidated since the group company has no interest in these assets and its role is simply that of investment manager. Accordingly, the Group does not consolidate the assets and income of the limited partnerships. This departure from the Companies Act 2006 has no effect on the results for the year or on the net assets at 31 March 2012

However, as Quester Academic GP Limited is itself a subsidiary undertaking of an immediate parent undertaking established under the law of a member state of the EU, it would be exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts. The company is however, included in consolidated financial statements prepared by its ultimate parent undertaking Spark Venture Management Holdings Limited, which are drawn up to 31 March in the same financial year.

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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012**

### **2. TURNOVER**

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

### **3. STAFF COSTS**

The company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2011 - £NIL)

### **4. TAXATION**

	2012 £	2011 £
<b>Analysis of tax charge in the year</b>		
Deferred tax (see note 7)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	45,574	79,490
<b>Tax on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<u>45,574</u>	<u>79,490</u>

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

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2011 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26% (2011 - 28%) The differences are explained below:

	2012 £	2011 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>29,713</u>	<u>17,096</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26% (2011 - 28%)	7,725	4,787
<b>Effects of.</b>		
Income not taxable	(3,414)	-
Deferred revenues	(88,400)	(99,400)
Group relief surrendered	84,089	94,613
<b>Current tax charge for the year (see note above)</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**5. DEBTORS**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<b>818,359</b>	<b>628,357</b>
Other debtors	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
	<hr/> <b>818,360</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>628,358</b> <hr/>

**6. CREDITORS:**

**Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<b>1,002,090</b>	<b>679,089</b>
Accruals and deferred income	<b>50,008</b>	<b>50,008</b>
	<hr/> <b>1,052,098</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>729,097</b> <hr/>

**7. DEFERRED TAXATION**

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At beginning of year	<b>79,490</b>	<b>-</b>
Charge for year	<b>45,574</b>	<b>79,490</b>
	<hr/> <b>125,064</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>79,490</b> <hr/>

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Losses carried forward	<b>254,170</b>	<b>275,351</b>
Other timing differences	<b>(379,234)</b>	<b>(354,841)</b>
	<hr/> <b>(125,064)</b> <hr/>	<hr/> <b>(79,490)</b> <hr/>

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**8. SHARE CAPITAL**

	2012 £	2011 £
<b>Authorised</b>		
95 "A" Ordinary shares shares of £1 each	95	95
250 "B" Ordinary shares shares of £1 each	250	250
655 Fixed rate preference shares shares of £1 each	655	655
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
15 "A" Ordinary shares shares of £1 each	15	15
40 "B" Ordinary shares shares of £1 each	40	40
105 Fixed rate preference shares shares of £1 each	105	105
	<u>160</u>	<u>160</u>

The "A" ordinary shareholders are entitled to 80% of any dividend declared and the "B" ordinary shareholders are entitled to 20% of any dividend declared. The "B" ordinary shareholders are not entitled to vote at any general meeting.

The fixed rate preference shares of £1 each have a fixed dividend entitlement of 5% per annum of the nominal value per share payable annually on 31 December in each year. The preference shareholders are not entitled to vote at any general meeting.

**9. RESERVES**

	Profit and loss account £
At 1 April 2011	(83,350)
Loss for the year	(15,861)
At 31 March 2012	<u>(99,211)</u>

**10 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT**

	2012 £	2011 £
Opening shareholders' deficit	(83,190)	(20,796)
Loss for the year	(15,861)	(62,394)
Closing shareholders' deficit	<u>(99,051)</u>	<u>(83,190)</u>

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**11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 8 from disclosing transactions with related parties that are part of the Spark Venture Management Holdings Limited ('SVMH') group or investees of the group.

**12. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY**

The immediate parent company is Querist Limited and the ultimate parent company and controlling party of the company is SPARK Venture Management Holdings Limited (SVMH), a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. SVMH prepares group accounts and hence the company is exempt from the requirements to prepare consolidated accounts, and present a cash flow statement under FRS1. Copies of the group accounts are available from 33 Glasshouse Street, London W1B 5DG.