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London & Regional (Empire) Limited

Annual report and financial statements

for the year ended
30 September 2013



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London & Regional (Empire) Limited
Company information for the year ended 30 September 2013

Director

Mr L K Sebastian

Company secretary

Mr R N Luck

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London & Regional (Empire) Limited
Strategic report for the year ended 30 September 2013

The director presents his strategic report for the year ended 30 September 2013

Review of the business

The company acts as a commercial property investment company. The company made a profit of £298k for the year ended 30 September 2013 (2012 £524k) and had net assets of £24.1m at the year end (2012 £23.4m). On-going trading is expected to be profitable and therefore the director considers the financial position at 30 September 2013 to be satisfactory.

A long term inter-company loan from fellow group undertaking London & Regional Portfolio Finance Limited ("LRPF") matured in October 2013. LRPF itself has loans from a further group undertaking, London & Regional Debt Securitisation No 2 plc ("LORDS 2") and another party, that also matured in October 2013. Effective 20 December 2013, agreement was reached with all parties that all these loans be extended to October 2014, with further extensions to October 2016 permitted subject to certain amortisation targets being achieved for the inter-company loan from LORDS 2 to LRPF.

As part of this restructuring, the amount of the inter-company loan from LRPF was increased whilst its effective interest rate was decreased. See note 9 for further detail.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to the fact that the company operates within a highly competitive market place. The director of the group has reviewed the group's exposure to credit risk, liquidity risk and cashflow risk. These risks and uncertainties are discussed in the company's ultimate parent's group annual report which does not form part of this report.

Financial risk management

The company's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. Further discussion of the financial risk management objectives and policies, in the context of the group as a whole, are discussed in the company's ultimate parent's group annual report which does not form part of this report.

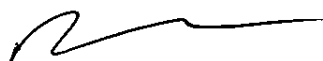
Key performance indicators

The company is managed by the director in accordance with the strategies of its ultimate parent company, Loopsign Limited. For this reason, the director believes that key performance indicators for the company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. These strategies and key performance indicators are discussed in the company's ultimate parent's group annual report which does not form part of this report.

Going concern

The director believes that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continued financial support of London & Regional Group Securitisation No 2 Limited. The director has received confirmation that London & Regional Group Securitisation No 2 Limited intends to support the company for at least one year after these financial statements are signed.

By order of the board



Mr R N Luck
Company secretary
30 June 2014

London & Regional (Empire) Limited
Director's report for the year ended 30 September 2013

The director presents his annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2013

Results and dividends

The results for the financial year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 6. The director does not recommend the payment of a dividend (2012: £nil)

Director

The director of the company who served during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements was as follows

Mr L K Sebastian

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The company maintains liability insurance for its director and officer. Following shareholder approval, the company has also provided an indemnity for its director and the company secretary, which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006

Disclosure of information to auditors

The director confirms that

- so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

Independent auditors

In the absence of a notice proposing that their appointment be terminated, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, are deemed to have been re-appointed as auditors for the next year

The report has 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

By order of the board



Mr R N Luck
Company secretary
30 June 2014

London & Regional (Empire) Limited

Statement of director's responsibilities for the year ended 30 September 2013


The director is responsible for preparing the strategic report and director's report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the director must not approve the financial statements unless he is 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 director is required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements 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,

The director is 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 him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. He is 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.

By order of the board



Mr R N Luck

Company secretary

30 June 2014

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LONDON & REGIONAL (EMPIRE) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of London & Regional (Empire) Limited for the year ended 30 September 2013 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, 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).

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of director's responsibilities set out on page 4, the director is 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.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 director, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the director's 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 the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2013 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the strategic report and director's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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 director's remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



Neil Mellor (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
London
30 June 2014

London & Regional (Empire) Limited
Profit and loss account
for the year ended 30 September 2013

	Note	2013 £	2012 £
Turnover	2	3,128,503	3,418,980
Cost of sales		(98,684)	(97,500)
Gross profit		<u>3,029,819</u>	<u>3,321,480</u>
Administrative expenses		(120,298)	(174,566)
Operating profit	3	<u>2,909,521</u>	<u>3,146,914</u>
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(2,611,213)	(2,622,975)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>298,308</u>	<u>523,939</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
Profit for the financial year	13	<u>298,308</u>	<u>523,939</u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above and their historical costs equivalents

London & Regional (Empire) Limited
Statement of total recognised gains and losses
for the year ended 30 September 2013

	Note	2013 £	2012 £
Profit for the financial year		298,308	523,939
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of investment properties	7	365,000	14,380,100
Total recognised gains relating to the year		<u>663,308</u>	<u>14,904,039</u>

London & Regional (Empire) Limited
Balance sheet
as at 30 September 2013

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	Note	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed assets			
Investment properties	7	60,365,000	60,000,000
Current assets			
Debtors	8	9,349,503	9,886,899
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(45,634,658)</u>	<u>(3,394,009)</u>
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(36,285,155)	6,492,890
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>24,079,845</u>	<u>66,492,890</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	-	(43,076,353)
Net assets		<u>24,079,845</u>	<u>23,416,537</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	1,455,001	1,455,001
Revaluation reserve	12	27,096,061	26,731,061
Profit and loss reserve	13	(4,471,217)	(4,769,525)
Total shareholder's funds	14	<u>24,079,845</u>	<u>23,416,537</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 30 June 2014 and signed on its behalf by


Mr L K Sebastian
Director
30 June 2014

London & Regional (Empire) Limited
Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2013

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified for the revaluation of investment properties, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below.

Going concern

The director believes that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continued financial support of London & Regional Group Securitisation No 2 Limited. The director has received confirmation that London & Regional Group Securitisation No 2 Limited intends to support the company for at least one year after these financial statements are signed.

Investment properties

In accordance with SSAP 19 'Accounting for investment properties', investment properties are revalued by the director annually on an open market basis and independently valued when required by SSAP 19. Any changes in the market value of investment properties are taken to the statement of total recognised gains and losses and transferred to the revaluation reserve, unless a deficit (or its reversal) on an individual investment property is expected to be permanent, in which case it is charged (or credited) to the profit and loss account of the year.

No depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties. The Companies Act 2006 requires all properties to be depreciated. However, this requirement conflicts with SSAP 19 and the director considers that to depreciate would not give a true and fair view.

The depreciation (which would, had the provisions of the Act been followed, have been charged to the profit and loss account) is only one of the factors reflected in the valuation and the amount attributable to this factor cannot reasonably be separately identified or quantified.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in respect of all timing differences that have originated, but not reversed, at the balance sheet date that give rise to an obligation to pay more or less tax in the future. Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless, by the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis. A deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, 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 is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

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1 Accounting policies (continued)

Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in the Financial Reporting Standards No 1 (Revised 1996) 'Cash flow statements' from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is a wholly owned and its ultimate parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement

Deferred income

Income from properties is allocated in the year to which it relates, with payments received in advance held as deferred income and credited to the the profit and loss when earned

Turnover

Turnover represents rental income and recoverable property expenses, net of value added tax. Rental income is recognised over the term of the lease on a straight-line basis. The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity, wholly undertaken in the UK

2 Turnover

Net rental income	2013 £	2012 £
Rental income	3,029,819	3,321,480
Recoverable property expenses	98,684	97,500
Turnover	<u>3,128,503</u>	<u>3,418,980</u>
Net property (outgoings)/income	-	-
Recoverable property expenses	(98,684)	(97,500)
Property outgoings	<u>(98,684)</u>	<u>(97,500)</u>
Net rental income	<u>3,029,819</u>	<u>3,321,480</u>

3 Operating profit	2013 £	2012 £
Operating profit is stated after charging		
Auditors' remuneration	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Auditors' remuneration has been borne by London & Regional Properties Limited

4 Interest payable and similar charges	2013 £	2012 £
Interest payable to group undertakings	<u>2,611,213</u>	<u>2,622,975</u>

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5 Director's emoluments

The director did not receive any emoluments in respect of his services to the company (2012 £nil) The company has no employees (2012 none) other than the director

The above details of director's emoluments do not include the emoluments which are paid by a fellow subsidiary and recharged to the company as part of a management charge This management charge, which in 2013 amounted to £104,500 (2012 £104,500), also includes a recharge of administration costs borne by the fellow subsidiary on behalf of the company and it is not possible to identify separately the amount of the director's emoluments The director is an employee of a fellow subsidiary and his total emoluments are included in the aggregate of employee wages and salaries included in the financial statements of the ultimate parent company

6 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

No tax has been provided (2012 none) for due to the availability of losses through group relief

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

From 1 April 2013 the rate of corporation tax has reduced from 24% to 23%, giving a blended average rate for the year of 23.5%

The tax assessed for the year is different (2012 different) than the blended rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23.5%, (2012 25%) The differences are explained below

	2013 £	2012 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	298,308	523,939
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the blended rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23.5% (2012 25%)	70,102	130,985
Effects of		
Utilisation of tax losses	(70,102)	(130,985)
Total current tax charge for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The corporation tax charge for the year has been reduced by £70,102 (2012 £130,985) because of losses surrendered by fellow subsidiary undertakings No payment for this surrender is to be made by the company

No provision has been made for deferred tax on gains recognised on revaluing the property to its open market value The director has no intention of selling the property, and therefore, at present, it is not envisaged that any tax will become payable in the foreseeable future The director considers that it is too onerous to provide an estimate of the tax that would be payable if the property was sold at the value shown Such a tax estimate is not considered meaningful as properties are often divested through the sale of companies

Factors that may affect future tax charges

Reductions to the UK corporation tax rate were announced in the March 2013 Budget The changes, which were enacted on 17 July 2013, reduce the UK corporation tax rate to 21% with effect from 1 April 2014 and to 20% from 1 April 2015 These changes have no impact on these financial statements

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7 Investment properties

	Freehold land and buildings
	2013 £
Valuation	
At 1 October 2012	60,000,000
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of investment properties	365,000
At 30 September 2013	<u>60,365,000</u>
At cost	<u>33,268,939</u>

The investment property was valued by the director after taking independent advice from a professional valuer on an open market value basis at 30 September 2013. The valuation has been made in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Manual of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in the United Kingdom.

The investment property has been charged to secure loan notes issued by a fellow subsidiary company and the bank loan made to a further fellow subsidiary company.

8 Debtors	2013 £	2012 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings	9,324,522	9,329,495
Prepayments and accrued income	24,981	557,404
	<u>9,349,503</u>	<u>9,886,899</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are interest free, repayable on demand, and unsecured.

9 Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	2013 £	2012 £
Trade creditors	-	2,478
Amounts owed to group undertakings	44,723,077	2,493,488
Taxation	130,350	117,348
Accruals and deferred income	781,231	780,695
	<u>45,634,658</u>	<u>3,394,009</u>

The amounts owed to group undertakings are secured over the properties of those group undertakings, bore interest at between 5.53% and 6.16% (2012: 5.53% and 6.16%) and were repayable in October 2013. Following the restructuring of the loans, as described in the director's report, these amounts were increased to £67,676,834 and now bear interest at an average rate of 2.82% over 3 month Sterling LIBOR and are repayable in October 2014 with further extensions to October 2016 permitted subject to certain amortisation targets being met.

London & Regional (Empire) Limited
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10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2013	2012
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	43,076,353

The prior year amounts owed to group undertakings were secured over the properties of the company, were repayable in October 2013 and bore interest at between 5.53% and 6.16%

11 Called up share capital	2013	2012
	£	£
Authorised 5,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000,000	5,000,000

	2013	2012	2013	2012
	Number	Number	£	£
Allotted and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,455,001	1,455,001	1,455,001	1,455,001

12 Revaluation reserve	£
At 1 October 2012	26,731,061
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of investment properties	365,000
At 30 September 2013	27,096,061

13 Profit and loss reserve	£
At 1 October 2012	(4,769,525)
Profit for the financial year	298,308
At 30 September 2013	(4,471,217)

14 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds	2013	2012
	£	£
At 1 October	23,416,537	8,512,498
Profit for the financial year	298,308	523,939
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of investment properties	365,000	14,380,100
At 30 September	24,079,845	23,416,537

15 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under paragraph 3(c) from the provisions of FRS 8, 'Related Party Disclosures', on the grounds that it is wholly owned subsidiary of a group headed by Loopsign Limited, whose financial statements are publicly available

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16 Parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking is London & Regional Group Securitisation No 2 Limited, a company incorporated and registered in England and Wales

The ultimate parent undertaking is Loopsign Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales

London & Regional Group Holdings Limited is the parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements as at 30 September 2013. Loopsign Limited is the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements at 30 September 2013. The consolidated financial statements of Loopsign Limited can be obtained from the company secretary at

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The ultimate controlling parties are I M Livingstone and R J Livingstone through their joint ownership of Loopsign Limited