# GERAUD MARKETS LIVERPOOL LIMITED ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO GERAUD MARKETS LIVERPOOL LIMITED UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5, together with the financial statements of Geraud Markets Liverpool Limited for the year ended 31 December 2013 prepared under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Chapter 10 of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section and to report our opinion to you.

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 444(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section.

Other information

On 2007 We reported, as auditors of Geraud Markets Liverpool Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2013, and our report included the following paragraph:

#### Emphasis of matter – uncertainty over outcome of a dispute & going concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made:

- in note 12 to the financial statements concerning the uncertain outcome of a dispute between the company and its shareholders. The ultimate outcome of the matter cannot presently be determined, and no provision for any additional liability that may result has been made in the financial statements; and
- in note 1 to the financial statements concerning the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The company incurred a net loss of £92,877 during the year ended 31 December 2013 and is expected to report a further loss in 2014. These conditions, along with the other matters explained in note 1 to the financial statements, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the company was unable to continue as a going

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#### **ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET**

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

		201	13	201	12
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		85,680		56,665
Current assets					
Debtors		1,115,150		949,104	
Cash at bank and in hand		675,053		599,843	
		1,790,203		1,548,947	
Creditors: amounts falling due within	_				
one year	3	(1,744,892)		(1,381,744)	
Net current assets			45,311		167,203
Total assets less current liabilities			130,991		223,868
Provisions for liabilities			(128,000)		(128,000)
Net assets			2,991		95,868
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Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	4		100		100
Profit and loss account			2,891		95,768
Shareholders' funds			2,991		95,868
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These abbreviated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved/py the Board and authorised for issue on 20 January 2015

Phillip Lamb Director

Company Registration No. 04633666

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Going concern

In the year ended 31 December 2013 the company reported a pre tax loss of £128,000 and management accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014 indicate further substantial losses. In addition, a significant proportion of the company's cash balances are held for restricted purposes and are not available to support its general trading activities.

The directors have prepared projected trading and cash flow information for the period ending 12 months from the date of their approval of these financial statements. On the basis of these projections, the directors consider that the company will only continue to operate within its existing resources with renegotiation of its commercial agreements with LCC, the minority shareholder and principal landlord of the operational sites from which its principal activities are carried out, and with the ongoing support of the majority shareholder. The Board is concerned with regard to the depleting liquidity of the Company. Discussions with the main shareholders indicate their own reluctance to continue to offer financial support indefinitely without a significant increase in rental income and settlement of long term debtors.

On this basis, the directors consider there to be a fundamental uncertainty as to whether it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from a withdrawal of the support of the majority shareholder.

#### Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

#### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Market equipment
Furniture, fittings and equipment

10%, 25% and 33.33% straight line 10%, 25% and 33.33% straight line

Motor vehicles 25% straight line

#### 1.4 Pensions

The company is a member of the Merseyside Pension Scheme. It has historically accounted for its contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees and contributions payable have been charged to the profit and loss account in the year they are payable. This was done on the basis that the Merseyside Pension Scheme is a multi employer scheme and it was not possible to obtain information relating solely to GMLL's employees and its obligations as sponsoring employer even though members are accruing benefits on a defined benefit (final salary) basis.

#### 1.5 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

2	Fixed assets			
		Tangible assets		
		£		
	Cost			
	At 1 January 2013	516,300		
	Additions	52,605		
	At 31 December 2013	568,905		
	Depreciation			
	At 1 January 2013	459,635		
	Charge for the year	23,590		
	At 31 December 2013	483,225		
	Net book value			
	At 31 December 2013	85,680		
	At 31 December 2012	56,665		

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

#### 3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

The company operates a pension scheme for certain employees via the Merseyside Pension Fund. This scheme provides benefits in line with those provided to local authority staff. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund which are currently based on 11.3% of the employees' pensionable earnings. The contributions payable by the company may be altered in accordance with the calculations of the scheme actuary.

The company has historically accounted for its contributions as if it were a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees and contributions payable have been charged to the profit and loss account in the year they are payable. This was done on the basis that the Merseyside Pension Scheme is a multi employer scheme and it was not possible to obtain information relating solely to GMLL's employees and its obligations as sponsoring employer even though members are accruing benefits on a defined benefit (final salary) basis.

It was subsequently established that the company's section of the scheme was in deficit by £128,000 at 31 December 2010 in respect of the obligations of GMLL and this amount was charged against profits in full in 2010. However, the directors have yet to see evidence that the scheme was fully funded when LCC passed over responsibility for the scheme to GMLL and hence it may be that an amount less than the full liability should be accounted for by GMLL.

The company has not obtained an updated valuation of the deficit in the scheme at 31 December 2011 and in addition, the company does not have the necessary information to analyse the movements in the pension scheme in 2011, 2010 and previous periods between profit and loss account, statement of total recognised gains and losses and balance sheet. Consequently the accounts reflect pension charges as if it were still a defined contribution pension scheme. The company will restate the accounts as and when the necessary information becomes available to enable it to make the required FRS 17 disclosures.

It should be noted that the company has maintained a balance of £110,000 in an escrow account as security against uncertainty in the pension scheme following the introduction of GMLL as a sponsoring employer. The company will now investigate the utilisation of some or all of these funds to reduce the funding deficit in the scheme.

4	Share capital	2013	2012
	·	£	£
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	81 A Ordinary shares of £1 each	81	81
	19 B Ordinary shares of £1 each	19	19
		100	100

#### 5 Ultimate parent company

The immediate controlling party is Geraud Markets (UK) Limited, the parent company. The ultimate controlling party is Geraud SA, a company incorporated in Luxembourg.