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# **LIVERPOOL SCIENCE PARK LIMITED**

# ANNUAL REPORT YEAR 31 MARCH 2010

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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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#### **Company information**

#### **Registered Office**

131 Mount Pleasant Liverpool L3 5TF

#### **Registration Number**

4798049

#### **Directors**

M A Brown J Caldwell H F Clucas J R Flamson R D J Oglethorpe D Stewart

#### **Company Secretary**

**B L McGuiness** 

#### **Auditors**

KPMG LLP St James's Square Manchester, M2 6DS

#### Bankers -

Barclays Bank plc North West Servicing Team 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Gadbrook Park Northwich, CW9 7RB

#### Legal Advisors

None retained formally

#### Director's Report for the year ended 31 March 2010

The Council of Management submit their report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010

#### 1 Constitution and Principal Activities

Liverpool Science Park Limited is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. The Members of the company are Liverpool John Moores University, the University of Liverpool, and Liverpool City Council Members have guaranteed the liabilities of the company to the extent of £1 each. The members' interests are Liverpool City Council 51%, Liverpool John Moores University and the University of Liverpool 24.5%.

The principal objectives of the company are

- to promote, deliver, sponsor, co-ordinate and, where appropriate, fund the establishment and continued operation, development and management of Liverpool Science Park incorporating, without limit, knowledge based SMEs developed from or in connection with local higher education institutions or from elsewhere in the Knowledge Economy
- to encourage and support the development of new and growing businesses in the fields of science and knowledge based technologies

The company is regulated by its Memorandum and Articles of Association, which, inter alia, provide that it be governed by a board of Directors, comprising a minimum of 3 directors

#### 2 Review of activities for the year

The result for the year was a surplus of £291,573 (2009 £37,481 surplus)

During the period covered by this report the levels of occupancy at Liverpool Science Park ic1 and ic2 continued to rise, generally in line with the projections included in the business plan. By the end of the year occupancy had reached circa 50% overall which in line with business plan projections for both facilities.

However, the poor covenant strength of a number of tenant companies combined with an adverse economic climate results in the current position remaining fragile. Company failures and contraction remain part of the landscape within which Liverpool Science Park continues to operate. Nevertheless, occupancy remains on target as a consequence of optimised operational and business development planning and execution.

The year to March 2010 saw the completion of Liverpool Science Park ic2, a new 40,000 sq ft facility to accommodate companies expanding from ic1, and for inward investors. The business plan for ic2 anticipates full occupancy being achieved within three years of opening.

Plans for Liverpool Science Park's third facility (ic3) are being developed in order to maintain business critical operational momentum and in anticipation of full occupancy at ic2 being coordinated with the opening of ic3 in Spring 2012

#### 3 Directors

None of the directors was a member of the company during the year ended 31 March 2010 No director had any material interest in any contract with the company during either year

#### 4 Taxation Status

The company is not a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 as amended by the Finance Act 1989

# <u>Director's Report for the year ended 31 March 2010</u> (continued)

#### 5 Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint KPMG LLP, as auditors to the company, will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

By order of the Board

D. Stewart.

**D** Stewart

Director

#### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 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; and
- 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board

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D Stewart Director

#### Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Liverpool Science Park Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Liverpool Science Park Limited for the year ended 31 March 2010 set out on pages 7 to 14. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK 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 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 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 auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, 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 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at <a href="https://www.frc.org/uk/apb/scope/UKNP">www.frc.org/uk/apb/scope/UKNP</a>.

#### **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 2010 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK 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.

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Liverpool Science Park Limited (continued)

#### 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.

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Sue Suchoparek (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
St James Square
Manchester
M2 6DS

Date: 19 (8/2010

#### Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 March 2010

	Notes	2010 £	Restated 2009 £
Turnover			
Grants income		1,021,555	463,825
Rental income		520,523	505,257
Other income	2	578,429	251,800
Total Turnover		2,120,507	1,220,882
Staff costs	3	(279,933)	(172,489)
Other operating expenses		(1,121,687)	(739,676)
Depreciation		(419,961)	(236,982)
Operating profit		298,926	71,735
Interest payable	4	(7,353)	(34,254)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5	291,573	37,481
Taxation		-	_
Profit for the year transferred to reserves	12	291,573	37,481
Reserves brought forward		(158,411)	(195,892)
Reserves carried forward		133,162	(158,411)
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All operations are continuing. The company was incorporated on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2003

The Company has no recognised losses other than the results shown above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There is no material difference between the result on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained result for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents

The 2009 grants income includes an adjustment of £137,000 to that previously reported. The amount had been received by the Company in March 2009 from Liverpool City Council but had not been originally recognised within the 2008/09 financial statements.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements

#### **Balance Sheet at 31 March 2010**

	Notes	2010 £	Restated 2009 £
Fixed Assets Tangible assets	7	14,367,311	14,734,544
Current Assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	888,149 166,414	464,239 82,943
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	1,054,563 1,017,055	547,182 772,648
Net current assets (liabilities)	9	37,508	(225,466)
Total assets less current liabilities		14,404,819	14,509,078
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	14,271,657	14,667,489
Net assets / (liabilities)		133,162	(158,411)
Represented by:			
Reserves Profit and Loss Account	12	133,162	(158,411)
Total		133,162	(158,411)

The profit and loss reserve for 2009 includes an increase of £137,000 compared to that previously reported — This amount had been received by the Company in March 2009 from Liverpool City Council but had not been originally recognised within the 2009/09 financial statements

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements

The financial statements on pages 7 to 14 were approved by Council on 18 08 10 and were signed on its behalf by

D. Stewart

D Stewart Director

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010

#### 1 Principal Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom, and under the historical cost convention

#### <u>Turnover</u>

Turnover comprises grant income receivable for the accounting period excluding Value Added Tax, in connection with the operating costs of the company, rental income from tenants in the Liverpool Science Park, and conference income. All income arises wholly in the UK

Grants receivable in respect of the acquisition and construction of the Liverpool Science Park are treated as deferred capital grants and amortised in line with depreciation over the life of the assets

#### Fixed assets

#### Land and buildings

Land and buildings in the course of construction are valued at cost. Buildings are depreciated over their expected useful lives of 40 years. Assets in the course of construction are not depreciated. Where buildings are acquired with the aid of specific grants they are capitalised and depreciated as above. The related grants are treated as deferred capital grants and released to income over the expected useful life of the buildings.

#### **Equipment**

Equipment, including computers and software with a minimum value of £2,000 and fixtures and fittings with a minimum value of £1,000, is capitalised at cost and depreciated over 4 years

#### **Government Grants**

Grants for capital expenditure are credited to a deferred income account and are released to revenue over the expected life of the asset by equal amounts

#### 2. Other income

	2010 £	2009 £
Conferences Release from deferred capital grant Other	2,325 395,832 180,272	14,818 236,982 0
	578,429	251,800

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010

#### 3. Staff costs

	2010 £	2009 £
Salaries and wages Social security costs	193,980 85,953	130,644 41,845
	279,933	172,489

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was

	2010 £	2009 £
Administrative staff	8	6

## 4. Interest Payable

	2010 £	2009 £
Interest on loan from Liverpool John Moores University	7,353	34,254

#### 5. Operating profit

	2010 £	2009 £
Operating profit is stated after charging Auditors remuneration for audit services Auditors remuneration for non audit services Operator costs Legal fees	6,875 5,610 298,628 7,419	4,639 794 248,774 2,950

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010

#### 6 <u>Directors</u>

None of the directors have received any emoluments during the period for services to the company

During the period there were no out of pocket expenses reimbursed to the directors

#### 7. Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation At 1 April 2009 Additions Disposals	15,269,739 23,778 -	279,338 33,755 (53,570)	15,549,077 57,533 (53,570)
At 31 March 2010	15,293,517	259,523	15,553,040
Depreciation At 1 April 2009 Charge for the period Disposals	622,049 369,135	192,484 50,826 (48,765)	814,533 419,961 (48,765)
At 31 March 2010	991,184	194,545	1,185,729
Net Book Value At 31 March 2010	14,302,333	64,978	14,367,311
At 31 March 2009	14,647,690	86,854	14,734,544

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010

#### 8. <u>Debtors</u>

	2010 £	2009 £
Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		
Trade debtors Prepayments Grant income Other debtors	109,215 122,759 621,485 34,690	98,577 24,704 328,394 12,564
	888,149	464,239

#### 9 Creditors: Amount falling due within one year

	2010 £	2009 £
Trade Creditors Loans from Liverpool J M University and Liverpool City Council Accruals and deferred income	11,688 805,021 200,346	99,446 614,911 58,291
	1,017,055	772,648

Accruals and deferred income include £NIL government grants to be amortised over the useful economic life of the underlying asset

#### 10 Creditors: Amount falling due after one year

	2010 £	2009 £
Deferred capital grants (note 11)	14,271,657	14,667,489
	14,271,657	14,667,489

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010

## 11 Deferred capital grants

	2010 £	2009 £
At 1 April Buildings Equipment	14,640,792 26,697	9,734,002 97,922
	14,667,489	9,831,924
Income Buildings Adjustment relating to prior year retentions Equipment	-	5,072,547 - -
Total	-	5,072,547
Released to income and expenditure Buildings Equipment	369,135 26,697	165,758 71,224
Total	395,832	236,982
At 31 March Buildings Equipment	14,271,657 -	14,640,792 26,697
Total	14,271,657	14,667,489

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010

#### 12 Reserves

	2010 £	2009 £
At beginning of year	(158,411)	(195,892)
Results for the period	291,573	37,481
At close of year	133,162	(158,411)

#### 13 Members interests

The Members have the following voting rights

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Liverpool John Moores University University of Liverpool Liverpool City Council		24 5 24 5 51 0
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#### 14 Cash Flow Statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a Cashflow Statement on the grounds of its size

#### 15 Related party disclosures

There were no transactions during the period between the company and the directors or their close families, or with any entities controlled by them