MCG Company No 1 Ltd

Annual report and audited financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2018

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Company Information

Directors:

- N Stagg
- P Hackett (appointed 10 April 2018)

Company Registration Number - 04897584

Registered Address:

St Paul's House

4th Floor

10 Warwick Lane

London

EC4M 7BP

Country of Incorporation - United Kingdom

Statutory Auditor:

Deloitte LLP

Hill House

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Company, together with the audited financial statements and auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2018. This Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption under section 415a of the Companies Act 2006.

General information

MCG Company No 1 Limited is a private company limited by shares registered in England under the Companies Act 2006.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company during the year was that of a head office holding company. No change in activities is anticipated. The accounts have been prepared in US Dollars as the directors believe this to be the functional currency of the Company as its major cash flows are in US Dollars.

Business review

The Company made a loss for the year of US\$830,000 (2017: US\$173,445,000).

Dividends

The Directors do not intend to declare a dividend for 2018 (2017: US\$nil)

Directors

The directors who held office throughout the year and up to the date of this report, except as noted, were as follows:

N Stagg

P Hackett (appointed 10 April 2018)

M Comras (resigned 9 May 2018)

Going concern

After making enquiries, the directors have formed a judgement, that at the time of approving the financial statements, and having considered the Company's forecasts and projections, there is reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Going concern is discussed further in note 1 to the financial statements.

Directors' report (continued)

Financial risk management

The Company does not use derivatives to manage its financial risks. The most important components of financial risk are interest rate risk, currency risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, cash flow risk and price risk. Due to the nature of the Company's business and the assets and liabilities contained within the Company's balance sheet the only financial risk the directors consider relevant to this Company is credit risk. This risk is mitigated by the Company's credit control policies.

Future Developments:

No change is expected in the foreseeable future and the directors intend for the company activity to remain unchanged.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the director 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.

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

Deloitte LLP have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

N Stagg Director St Paul's House 10 Warwick Lane London EC4M 7BP

28 June 2019

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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) including FRS 102 "the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". 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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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 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.

Independent auditor's report to the members of MCG Company No 1 Limited Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of MCG Company No 1 Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the profit and loss account;
- the balance sheet:
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 13.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (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 MCG Company No 1 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 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/auditors responsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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

Independent auditor's report to the members of MCG Company No 1 Limited (continued)

• 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 strategic report or 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.

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 Saunders (Senior statutory auditor)

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For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

28 June 2019

Profit and loss account

For the year ending 31 December 2018			
	Notes	2018 US\$'000	2017 US\$'000
Operating loss	3	(95)	· -
Debt forgiveness	4:	448	(174,405)
Impairment of investments	8	(1,230)	÷
Net finance income	5	47	429
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>.</u>	(830)	(173,976)
Tax on ordinary activities	6	-	. •
Dividend received from subsidiary	7	•	531
Loss for the financial year	_	(830)	(173,445)

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation derives entirely from continuing activities.

There were no recognised gains or losses in other comprehensive income in either year other than those shown in the profit and loss account therefore no statement of other comprehensive income is presented.

The notes on page 11-17 form an integral part of the financial statements.

Balance sheet

At 31 December 2018	Notes	2018 US\$'000	2017 US\$'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	8	•	1,230
Current assets			
Debtors	9	3,950	2,823
Net current assets		3,950	4,053
Creditors: Amounts falling d within one year	ue <i>10</i>	(727)	•
Net current liabilities	·	3,223	4,053
Total net current assets less current liabilities		3,223	4,053
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	H_{-}	9,872	9,872
Share premium account Profit and loss account		(6,649)	(5,819)
Shareholders' funds		3,223	4,053
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The financial statements of MCG Company No 1 Limited (registered number 04897584) were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 28 June 2019.

Notes on pages 11-17 form an integral part of the financial statements.

They were signed on its behalf by:

N Stagg Director

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2018		• • • • •		
	Called-up Capital	Share Premium	Profit and loss account	Total Equity
	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000	US\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2017	197,443	74,105	(94,050)	177,498
Comprehensive loss for the year	(187,571)	(74,105)	88,231	(173,445)
Balance at 31 December 2017	9,872	<u>. </u>	(5,819)	4,053
Comprehensive loss for the year		••.	(830)	(830)
Balance at 31 December 2018	9,872	•	(6,649)	3,223

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Statement of compliance

MCG Company No 1 Ltd is a limited liability company incorporated in England. The registered office is St Paul's House, 4th Floor, 10 Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BP. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

Basis of preparation

The Company is a qualifying entity with regard to FRS 102 as the ultimate parent company Management Consulting Group Plc produces publicly available consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS. Copies of the accounts of Management Consulting Group PLC may be obtained at the following address: Management Consulting Group PLC, St Paul's House, 4th Floor, 10 Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BP.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Functional currency

The functional currency of MCG Company No 1 Limited is considered to be US Dollars as its major cash flows are in US Dollars.

Group accounts

At the end of the year the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of a company incorporated in a member state of the European Economic Community which prepares group financial statements. Accordingly, the preparation of group financial statements is not required under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 and these financial statements represent information about the Company as an individual undertaking.

Going concern

The Company made a loss of US\$830,000 (2017: US\$173,445,000) during the year and had net assets of US\$3,223,000 at 31 December 2018 (2017: US\$4,053,000). The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Directors' report. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Critical accounting policies are defined as those that are reflective of significant judgements and uncertainties and potentially result in materially different results under different assumptions and conditions. Management have not applied any significant judgements in accounting policies and estimation uncertainty.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Cash flow statement

The Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement because it is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of Management Consulting Group PLC and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that company.

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recognised when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at their transaction price (including transaction costs). This includes the financial assets and liabilities classified as financing transactions under FRS 102 as the company has opted to apply the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 from IFRS. This is a permissible accounting policy choice under FRS 102.

Investments represent equity holdings in subsidiary companies. These are carried at cost less impaired amounts and are reviewed annually for impairment.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, comprising shares in group undertakings, are stated at cost less provision for impairment.

Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods difference from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

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.

2. Staff numbers and costs

The company did not have any employees during either the current or the preceding year. The directors did not receive any emoluments from the Company in either year.

3. Operating loss

The auditor's remuneration in respect of the audit of the financial statements of US\$6,450 (2017: \$6,450) was borne by the Company's parent company in the current year. In both the current and prior year, the Company did not pay the auditor for non-audit services.

\$95,000 of expense is recognised in respect of the creation of an intercompany payable with Proudfoot Singapore following the amendment and replacement of an interim dividend declared by the Singapore company in November 2017.

4. Intercompany debt forgiveness

	2018	2017
·	US\$'000	US\$'000
,	•	
Intercompany debt forgiveness	448	(174,405)

The intercompany debt forgiveness credit of \$448,000 can be broken down as follows:

Provisions again intercompany receivables	US\$'000s
Alexander Proudfoot South Africa (Pty)	56
Proudfoot (de Mexico) SC	11
Proudfoot (Malaysia) SDN BHD	530
Proudfoot Netherlands BV	. 2
	599
Reversal of prior year provisions following repayment in full of intercompany balance Alexander Proudfoot Inc. (Canada)	(980)
Intercompany re-assignment of payable previously held by Brazil	
Alexander Proudfoot Services (Germany)	640
Alexander Proudfoot Inc. (Canada)	248
	888
Provision reversals due to intercompany netting	
Management Consulting Group Holdings LLC	(955)
	(448)

In 2017, the balance comprised of \$135,570,000 relating to a waiver of the intercompany loan due from Management Consulting Group Plc, and provisions against intercompany receivables of \$38,834,000.

5	Net finance income		
		2018 US\$'000	2017 US\$'000
	Foreign exchange gains on foreign currency borrowings	. 109	568
	Foreign exchange losses on foreign currency borrowings	(118)	(158)
	Interest income from group loans	56	4
	Interest from investment account	-	15
		47	429
6.	Tax on ordinary activities	. 2010	2017
		2018 US\$'000	2017 US\$'000
	Tax income on profit on ordinary activities.		

Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

UK corporation tax is calculated at 19.00% (2017: 19.25%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

The tax charge for the year is less than the charge expected by applying the applicable rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation:

	2018 US\$'000	2017 US\$'000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	830	173,976
Expected tax charge at 19.00% (2017: 19.25%)	(158)	(33,490)
Factors affecting the tax charge:		
Non – allowable expense		
Group Relief	166	(33,572)
Current year tax charge	(8)	(22)
		•
Group Relief		

The Company has no unrelieved tax losses carried forward (2017: US\$nil).

From 1 April 2017 the main rate of UK corporation tax was reduced from 20% to 19%.

7. Dividend payable

Following the finalisation of the 2017 Proudfoot Singapore (Pte) statutory accounts, an adjustment to the interim dividend paid to MCG Company No 1 Limited in November 2017 was made. This results in the creation of an intercompany creditor with Proudfoot Singapore of SGD 128,478 (equivalent of USD 95,007).

8. Investments held as fixed assets

•	2018	2017
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Shares in group undertakings:		
At 1 January 2018	1,230	1,230
Impairment in investment	(1,230)	. •
At 31 December 2018		•
•		

The shareholdings outlined below were of the subsidiary undertakings' ordinary shares and were held directly by the holding company. During 2018, the investments held in MCG Overseas Limited and Alexander Proudfoot France SAS were fully impaired.

Name of subsidiary	Address	Country of Incorporation	Holding (%)	Shareholding (\$'000)
MCG Overseas Limited	St. Paul's House, 4th Floor, 10 Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BP	United Kingdom	14.05	
MCG Overseas Holdings B.V.	Van der Valk Boumanlaan 13 l, 3446 GE Woerden, The Netherlands	Netherlands	81	_
Alexander Proudfoot France SAS	195 Avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92200 Neuilly -sur -Seine, France	France	100	
Alexander Proudfoot Europe S.A.	523 Avenue Louise, Brussels 1050, Belgium	Belgium	100	-
Alexander Proudfoot S.A.	Capitan Haya 60, 2nd Floor, 28020 Madrid, Spain	Spain .	100	-
Alexander Proudfoot South Africa	4th Floor Aloe Grove, Houghton Estate Office Park, 2 Osborn Road, Houghton, 2198, South Africa	South Africa	100	-
Alexander Proudfoot GmBH	C/o Regus Business Centre, An der Welle 4, 60322 Frankfurt am Main, Germany	Germany	100	

8. Investments held as fixed assets (continued)

Alexander Proudfoot Inc	161 Bay Street, 27th Floor, Canada Trust Tower, BCE Place, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2S1, Canada	Canada	100	•
Proudfoot Malaysia SDN BHD	(c/o: Systems & Associates SDN BHD), Plaza 138, Suite 18.03, 18th Floor, 138 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Malaysia	100	-
Alexander Proudfoot Services GmBH	C/o Regus Business Centre, An der Welle 4, 60322, Frankfurt am Main, Germany	Germany	100	•
Proudfoot (de Mexico) SC	Río Guadiana No. 11, Col. Cuauahtémoc, 06500 México, D.F.	Mexico	100	-
Proudfoot Singapore	(Abogado Pte Ltd), 8 Marina Boulevard #05-02, Marina Bay Financial Centre Tower, Singapore 018981	Singapore	100	-

9. Debtors

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	2018 US\$'000	2017 US\$'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	54,262	41,657
Provisions against intercompany undertakings	(50,312)	(38,834)
Total	3,950	2,823

Amounts set out below, amounts owed by group undertakings were interest free during the current and prior year. Amounts due are repayable in part or full at any time.

During 2018, there were various short-term loan advances entered with Alexander Proudfoot South Africa (Pty) Ltd, a 100% owned subsidiary of the company. A total of \$1,725,000 was advanced to Alexander Proudfoot South Africa (Pty) Ltd. The entity pays interest based on the loan agreement using the three-monthly USD LIBOR rate plus a margin per the loan agreements at the time of the loan is taken out.

No loan was repaid in 2018 by Alexander Proudfoot South Africa (Pty) Ltd and therefore the loan balance remains as \$1,725,000 for 31st December 2018. The interest charged for the loan was \$31,000 for the year.

10. Creditors

	2018	2017
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings:		
Management Consulting Group PLC	1	-
Proudfoot Singapore Pte	95	-
Alexander Proudfoot Services GmbH	631	-
	727	•

As a result of intercompany restructuring prior to the sale of Alexander Proudfoot - Servicos Empresariais Ltda, an intercompany payable of €551,000 (equivalent of \$640,000) owing to Alexander Proudfoot Services GmbH was reassigned to MCG Company No 1 Limited.

The amounts set out above, represent amounts owed to group undertakings. These were interest free during the current year. Amounts due are repayable in part or full at any time.

11. Called up share capital

•	2018	2017
	'000	'000 '
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
110,226,396 ordinary shares of £0.05 each (2017: £0.05)	£5,516	£5,516
Translated into functional currency at date of issue	\$9,872	\$9,872

12 Related party transactions

As described in note 13 the Company is part of a group headed by Management Consulting Group PLC. The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions contained in Section 1A of FRS 102, and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which are fully owned subsidiaries of the ultimate parent company, Management Consulting Group PLC. There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure in the current or prior year. The consolidated financial statements of Management Consulting Group PLC, within which the results of this company are included, can be obtained from the address given in note 13.

13 Immediate and ultimate parent company

The immediate and ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Management Consulting Group PLC, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, which holds 87.14% of the ordinary share capital. MCG Overseas Limited, itself a subsidiary of Management Consulting Group PLC, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, holds the remaining 12.86% of the ordinary share capital.

The only group in which the financial statements are consolidated is that headed by Management Consulting Group PLC. Copies of the financial statements of Management Consulting Group PLC may be obtained at the following address: Management Consulting Group PLC, St Paul's House, 4th Floor, 10 Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BP.