Company number 04996826 (England and Wales)

# Directors' report and financial statements

For the 15 months ended 31 March 2013

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#### COMPANY INFORMATION

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#### DIRECTORS REPORT

FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the 15 months ended 31 March 2013

#### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of a holding company

#### Results and dividends

The profit and loss account for the financial period is set out on page 5. The directors consider the year end position to be satisfactory

No dividend was paid or proposed during the year (2011 £nil)

#### **Future developments**

The directors do not anticipate any changes to the company's activities in the foreseeable future

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

Given the company's nature as a holding company the directors do not consider there to be specific risks and uncertainties affecting the company. The company is dependent on the operations of subsidiary companies and fellow group companies to support the recoverability of the various intergroup balances.

#### **Directors**

The directors set out below have held office during the 15 months ended 31 March 2013 and to the date of this report

G Kilmister (appointed 4 April 2012) M Wood (appointed 19 April 2012) A Sleeth (resigned 4 April 2012) N Louden (resigned 4 April 2012)

#### Financial risk management

The company's objective regarding financial risk management is to keep exposure of price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk to a minimum. Financial risk management, including the use of financial instruments and the related currency, liquidity, credit and interest rate risks, is dealt with by the central functions of ALS group on behalf of the company. Many of the company's balances are with other members of the ALS group, and assessments are made by management as to the recoverability of these balances in the overall context of the group.

The ultimate holding company, ALS Limited, has confirmed that it will continue to provide adequate financial support to enable the company to continue in operational existence to pay its debts as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. Consequently, the directors consider it appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

The director's are responsible for preparing the Director's Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. 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 judgements 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.

#### Provision of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors report confirms that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

KPMG LLP were appointed as auditor during the year

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office

Approved by the board on I July

2013 and signed on its behalf by

M Wood Director



# Independent Auditor's report to the members of Eclipse Acquisitions Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Eclipse Acquisitions Limited for the 15 month period ended 31 March 2013 set out on pages 5 to 12. 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 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 set out on page 2, 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 (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 Financial Reporting Council's website at www frc org uk/auditscopeukprivate

#### 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 2013 and of its loss 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 period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

# Independent Auditor's report to the members of Eclipse Acquisitions 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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Hywel Jones (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants 8 Princes Parade, Liverpool, L3 1QH

4 July 2013.

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	15 months ended 31 March 2013 £	Year ended 31 December 2011 £
Administrative expenses	2	(70,014)	(104,096)
Operating loss		(70,014)	(104,096)
Income from fixed asset investments	2	-	150,000
Amounts written off investments	4	(601,229)	(6,404,842)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	2	(671,243)	(6,358,938)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	3	-	-
Loss for the financial year	8,9	(671,243)	(6,358,938)

All of the results above anse from continuing operations

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2013

	Note	31 March 2013 £	31 December 2011 £
Fixed assets Investments	4	8,552,658	9,655,346
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	5	4,119,520 - 4,119,520	4,143,898 250,000 4,393,898
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	6	(17,282,687)	(255,000)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(13,163,167)	4,138,898
Total assets less current liabilities		(4,610,509)	13,794,244
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	6	-	(17,733,510)
Net liabilities		(4,610,509)	(3,939,266)
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Capital contribution Profit and loss account	, 7 8 8	2 1,625,387 (6,235,898)	2 1,625,387 (5,564,655)
Total shareholders' deficit	9	(4,610,509)	(3,939,266)

The financial statements on pages 5 to 12 were approved by the board of directors on  $^{18}$   $_{2013}$  and signed on its behalf by

M Wood Director

Registered company number 04996826

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard ('FRS') 18, "Accounting policies", the directors confirm that the accounting policies used by the company are the most appropriate, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

At the balance sheet date, the company was a wholly owned subsidiary of the ALS Limited group whose consolidated financial statements are available from <a href="https://www.alsglobal.com">www.alsglobal.com</a> and include the results of the company Therefore the company has taken the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements in accordance with \$400 of the Companies Act 2006, where the results of the company are included in the consolidated financial statements of a parent company which are publicly available. These financial statements are therefore prepared for the company alone.

#### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are based on historical cost convention and are in accordance with current Financial Reporting Standards (FRS)

#### 1.2 Cash flow statements

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available to it under FRS 1 (revised 1996), "Cash flow statements", which provides that where a company is a member of a group and its financial statements are included in the consolidated financial statements of a parent company that are publicly available and includes a cash flow statement, the company does not have to prepare a cash flow statement. These financial statements are available from <a href="https://www.alsglobal.com">www.alsglobal.com</a>

#### 13 Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are valued at cost, except where the directors consider that there has been a permanent diminution in value. Provision is made against the cost of an investment to reduce its value where a permanent diminution is considered to have occurred. Income from investments is recognised when the right to receive payment has been established.

#### 14 Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in the local currency at actual exchanges rates as at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Any gain or loss arising from a change in the exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is included as an exchange gain or loss in the profit and loss account.

#### 1.5 Going concern assumption

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons

The company is dependent for its working capital on funds guaranteed by other group companies ALS Limited (formerly Campbell Brothers Limited), the ultimate parent company, has provided the company with an undertaking that for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, it will continue to make available such funds and guarantees as are needed by the company. This should enable the company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### 2 Notes to the profit and loss account

The loss for the financial period includes a credit of £24,067 (2011 charge of £104,096) in regard to foreign currency translation differences on monetary assets and liabilities, and a charge of £94,081 (2011 £nil) in regard to balances written off in respect of dormant subsidiaries which were struck off during the period

Dividends received from subsidiaries were £nil (2011 £150,000) No directors received any remuneration in respect of services to this company (2011 £nil)

No directors received any remuneration in the current or proceeding years in respect of services to this company. The fees paid to the company's auditor, by Eclipse Scientific Limited for the audit of the company were £2,000 (2011 £3,000)

#### 3 Taxation on loss on ordinary activities

#### (a) Analysis of charge in the year

	15 months	Year
	ended 31	ended
	March	31
	2013	December
		2011
	£	£
Current tax		
UK corporation tax	_	-
Current tax	-	-
Deferred tax		
Deferred tax for the current year		
Taxation on ordinary activities		
raxation on ordinary activities		

# (b) Factors affecting the current taxation charge for the year

	15 months ended 31 March 2013 £	Year ended 31 December 2011 £
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(671,243)	(6,358,938)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of UK corporation tax of 24% (2011 26 5%)	(161,098)	(1,685,119)
Effects of Non-deductible expenses Income not taxbable Movement in tax losses Group relief surrendered for no consideration Total current tax	169,825	1,697,283 (39,750) - 27,585

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### (b) Factors affecting the current taxation charge for the year (continued)

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 26% to 25% (effective from 1 April 2012) was substantively enacted on 5 July 2011, and further reductions to 24% (effective from 1 April 2012) and 23% (effective from 1 April 2013) were substantively enacted on 26 March 2012 and 3 July 2012 respectively This will reduce the company's future current tax charge accordingly

The March 2013 Budget announced that the rate will further reduce to 20% by 2015 in addition to the planned reduction to 21% by 2014 previously announced in the December 2012 Autumn Statement. It has not yet been possible to quantify the full anticipated effect of the announced further 3% rate reduction, although this will further reduce the company's future current tax charge accordingly.

#### 4 Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary undertakings	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 January 2012	18,992,245	18,992,245
Disposals	(2,502,535)	(2,502,535)
At 31 March 2013	16,489,710	16,489,710
Impairment		
At 1 January 2012	9,336,899	9,336,899
Charge in the year	601,229	601,229
On disposals	(2,001,076)	(2,001,076)
At 31 March 2013	7,937,052	7,937,052
Net book value		
At 1 January 2012	9,655,346	9,655,346
At 31 March 2013	8,552,658	8,552,658

During the period an impairment charge of £601,229 (2011 £6,404,842) was recorded to reduce the carrying value of the fixed asset investments to their recoverable value based on cash flows for trading companies and net assets for dormant subsidiaries. In addition, a number of dormant subsidiaries were struck off

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

4	Fixed asset investments (continued)		_			
	The company's principal subsidiary undertak	The company's principal subsidiary undertakings, are as follows				
	Company	Place of incorporation	Nature of business			
	Advanced Micro Services (Laboratories) Ireland Limited	Ireland	Scientific testing  Laboratory supplies Scientific testing Dormant Dormant			
	Hypergraph Laboratory Supplies Limited Eclipse Scientific Holdings Limited Eclipse Scientific Analysis Limited PMS Micro Limited	England and Wales England and Wales England and Wales England and Wales				
	All the above companies are 100% owned					
5	Debtors		31 March 2013	31 December 2011		
	Amounts falling due within one year		£	£		
	Amounts owed by group undertakings		4,119,520	4,143,898		
6	Creditors					
	Amounts falling due within one year		31 March 2013	31 December 2011		
	Accruals Deferred consideration Amounts owed to group undertakings		17,282,687 17,282,687	5,000 250,000 - 255,000		
	The amounts owed to group undertakings are interest free					
	Amounts falling due after more than one	year	31 March 2013	31 December 2011		
			£	£		
	Amounts owed to group undertakings		_	17,733,510		

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

7	Called-up share capital	31	31
		March 2013 £	December 2011 £
	Authorised 1,000 (2011 1,000) Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	Allotted, called-up and fully paid 2 (2011 2) Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
8	Reserves		
		Capital contribution	Profit and loss account
		£	£
	At 1 January 2012 Loss for the period At 31 March 2013	1,625,387	(5,564,655) (671,243) (6,235,898)
9	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds		
		31 March 2013 £	31 December 2011 £
	Opening shareholders' (deficit) / funds Loss for the period Closing shareholders' deficit	(3,939,266) (671,243) (4,610,509)	2,419,672 (6,358,938) (3,939,266)

### 10 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at the year end (2011 £nil)

#### 11 Financial commitments

At 31 March 2013, the company had no annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases (2011 £nil)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE 15 MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2013

#### 12 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 'Related party disclosures' from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that consolidated financial statements are prepared for the ultimate parent company and the company is wholly owned

### 13 Immediate and ultimate controlling undertaking

At 31 March 2013, the company was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Eclipse Scientific Group Limited, which is registered in the United Kingdom

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party of the company is ALS Limited (formerly Campbell Brothers Limited), a company registered in Australia and listed on the Australian Stock Exchange

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by ALS Limited (formerly Campbell Brothers Limited). The consolidated financial statements of this group for the year ended 31 March 2013 can be accessed from the company's website at www alsglobal com.