Company Registration No: 05039276

# **RBSSAF (17) LIMITED**

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 December 2005**

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## **OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

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S J Caterer A C Farnell P A Tubb

SECRETARY: C J Whittaker

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AUDITORS: Deloitte & Touche LLP

Bristol

Registered in England and Wales

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005.

#### **ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW**

The principal activity of the company, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Bank Leasing Limited, is the provision of fixed asset finance usually involving individually structured facilities.

The retained profit for the year was £100 (2004: £nil).

By continuing to seek new leasing opportunities, the directors anticipate material changes in both the type and level of activities of the Company.

## **DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY**

The present directors and secretary, who have served throughout the year except where noted below, are listed on page 1.

From 1 January 2005 to date the following changes have taken place:

Secretary	Appointed	Resigned
M L Thomas C J Whittaker	18 November 2005	18 November 2005

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare accounts for each financial year and have elected to prepare them in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. They are responsible for preparing accounts that present fairly the financial position, financial performance, and cash flows of the Company. In preparing these accounts, 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company, and to enable them to ensure that the Annual report and accounts complies with the Companies Act 1985. 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.

#### **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES**

In terms of Section 309C of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended), Mr A C Farnell has been granted Qualifying Third Party Indemnity Provisions by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

No director had an interest in the shares of the company.

The interests of Mr T V Castledine, Mrs S J Caterer, Mr A C Farnell and Mr P A Tubb in the share capital of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc group are disclosed in the financial statements of Royal Bank Leasing Limited.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Interest rate risk

The Company's policy is to avoid interest rate risk. Any movement in interest rates associated with the financing of the lease is charged or credited to the lessee.

Credit risk

As the company has 1 lease, the finance lease receivables on the balance sheet represent credit exposure to that counterparty.

#### POLICY AND PRACTICE ON PAYMENT OF CREDITORS

The company follows the policy and practice on payment of creditors determined by The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ('RBSG'), as outlined below.

In the year ending 31 December 2006, RBSG will adhere to the following payment policy in respect of all suppliers. RBSG is committed to maintaining a sound commercial relationship with its suppliers. Consequently, it is RBSG's policy to negotiate and agree terms and conditions with its suppliers, which includes the giving of an undertaking to pay suppliers within 30 days of receipt of a correctly prepared invoice submitted in accordance with the terms of the contract or such other payment period as may be agreed.

The proportion which the amount owed to trade creditors at 31 December 2005 bears to the amounts invoiced by suppliers during the period then ended equated to nil days proportion of 365 days (2004: nil days).

#### **ELECTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

The Company has elected to dispense with the requirement to hold annual general meetings, lay accounts before a general meeting and re-appointment of auditors annually.

## **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

S J Caterer Director

Date: 30 August 2006

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RBSSAF (17) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of RBSSAF (17) Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2005 which comprise the income statement, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related Notes 1 to 19. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 described in the directors' report, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted for use in the European Union. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and whether the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with t Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanatio we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company and other members of the Group is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the company, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion, we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2005 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted for use in the European Union and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Delotte & Touche LLP Delotte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Bristol, United Kingdom

September 2000

# INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2005

	Note	2005	Period from 10 February 2004 to 31 December 2004
CONTINUING OPERATIONS		£	£
Revenue	3	283	-
Other operating income	4	15_	
OPERATING PROFIT	5	298	-
Finance costs	7	(155)	
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		143	•
Taxation charge on profit on ordinary activities	8	(43)	
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	16	100	-

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2005			
as at 51 December 2005		2005	2004
	Note	£	£
		_	_
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Finance lease receivables	9	13,165	<u>-</u>
		13,165	_
CURRENT ASSETS			
Finance lease receivables	9	2,395	-
Trade and other receivables	10	3,993	2
Cash and cash equivalents	11	21,305	<del>-</del>
		27,693	2
TOTAL ASSETS		40,858	2
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	12	(756)	-
Bank overdraft and loans	13	(5,055)	···
		(5,811)	
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES Bank loans	13	(34,945)	-
		(34,945)	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		(40,756)	-
·		(40,730)	
NET ASSETS		102	2
EQUITY			
E-COLL 1			
Share capital	15	2	2
Retained earnings	16	100	
TOTAL EQUITY		102	2

The financial statements on pages 6 to 15 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 August 2006. They were signed on its behalf by :-

> S J Caterer Director

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2005

			Period from 10 February 2004 to
		2005	31 December 2004
	Note	£	£
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	17	(18,695)	· •
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New bank loans raised		40,000	
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		40,000	
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		21,305	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		21,305	

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted for use in the EU for the first time. The disclosures required by IFRS 1 concerning the transition from UK GAAP to IFRSs are given in note 19.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

#### b INCOME UNDER FINANCE LEASES

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

Finance lease income, which includes the amortisation of the investment in the lease, is allocated to accounting periods so as to reflect a constant periodic rate of return on the net investment outstanding in respect of the leases.

#### c TAXATION

Provision is made for taxation at current enacted rates on taxable profits, arising in income or in equity, taking into account relief for overseas taxation where appropriate.

Deferred taxation is accounted for in full for all temporary differences between the carrying amount of an asset or liability for accounting purposes and its carrying amount for tax purposes, except in relation to overseas earnings where remittance is controlled by the Group, and goodwill.

Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered.

## d AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE UNDER FINANCE LEASES

A lease is recognised when there is a contractual right to the asset's cash flows and derecognised when all contractual rights and obligations expire. Amounts due from lessees under finance leases are recorded as receivables at the amount of the net investment in the leases. The difference between the gross receivable and the present value of the receivable is recognised as unearned finance income.

Progress payments made prior to the commencement of the primary lease are included at cost together with the amount of any interest charged on such payments.

## e TRADE RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables are measured at initial recognition fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in profit or loss when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired. The allowance recognised is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition.

#### f CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and demand deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

#### g BANK BORROWINGS

Interest-bearing bank loans and overdrafts are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Finance charges, including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs, are accounted for on an accruals basis in the profit or loss using the effective interest rate method and are added to the carrying amount of the instrument to the extent that they are not settled in the period in which they arise.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### h TRADE PAYABLES

Trade payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### I CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The cash flow statement has been presented using the indirect method of cash flows from operating activities.

#### j RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Interest rate risk

The Company's policy is to avoid interest rate risk by passing the risk onto the lessee.

Credit risk

As the company has 1 lease, the finance lease receivables on the balance sheet represent credit exposure to one counterparty.

#### 2 IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The Company's immediate parent company is Royal Bank Leasing Limited.

The Company's ultimate holding company, ultimate controlling party, and the parent of the largest group into which the company is consolidated is The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc that is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland. Financial statements for The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc can be obtained from The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh, EH12 1HQ.

The smallest subgroup into which the company is consolidated has as its parent company The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in Scotland. Copies of the consolidated financial statements for this subgroup can be obtained from The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, Gogarburn, PO Box 1000, Edinburgh, EH12 1HQ.

3	REVENUE	2005 £	Period from 10 February 2004 to 31 December 2004 £
	Finance leases:		
	Rentals receivable Amortisation	2,878 (2,595)	<u>-</u>
		283	_
	Capital cost of asset additions financed:		
	Finance leases	17,883	
4	OTHER OPERATING INCOME	2005 £	Period from 10 February 2004 to 31 December 2004 £
	Fee income	15	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 5 OPERATING PROFIT

There is no charge in this year's financial statements for auditors' remuneration as the fee is to be charged in the financial statements of the immediate parent undertaking (2004 - £nil).

## 6 STAFF COSTS

All directors and employees are employed and renumerated by The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, which did not make a recharge to the company in the year.

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) was nil (2004:nil)

7	FINANCE COSTS	2005 £	Period from 10 February 2004 to 31 December 2004 £
	Interest payable to group undertakings	155	-
8	TAXATION	2005 £	Period from 10 February 2004 to 31 December 2004 £
	A) ANALYSIS OF CHARGE FOR THE YEAR/PERIOD		
	Current tax charge: - Group relief payable on profits for the year/period	561	-
	Deferred tax - origination and reversal of timing differences: - Current year/period	(518)	_
	Taxation charge on profit on ordinary activities	43	
	B) FACTORS AFFECTING THE TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR/PERIOD		
	Profit before tax	143	
	Tax on profit at the standard rate of 30% (Period from 10th February 2004 to 31 December 2004: 30%)	43	-
	Capital allowances for period (more)/less than depreciation	518	-
	Tax charge	561	

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

9	FINANCE LEASE RECEIVABLES	IANCE LEASE RECEIVABLES Gross investment in lease		Present value of minimulease payments	m
		2005 £	2004 £	2005 £	2004 £
	Amounts receivable under finance leases:				
	Within one year Between two and five years	3,708 15,405	-	2,395 13,165	-
	·	19,113	-	15,560	-
	Less: unearned finance income	(3,553)		N/A	N/A
	Present value of minimum lease payments receivable	15,560	-	15,560	•
	Analysed as:				
	Non-current finance lease receivables (recoverable Current finance lease receivables (recoverable wit			13,165 	
				15,560	-
	The Company entered into a finance leasing arran-	gement for a vehicle	there is 1 tra	ansaction which expires in	2010

The Company entered into a finance leasing arrangement for a vehicle, there is 1 transaction which expires in 2010.

Unguaranteed residual values of assets leased under finance leases at the balance sheet date are estimated at £nil. (2004: £nil)

The interest rate inherent in the leases is fixed at the contract date for all the lease term. The average effective interest rate contracted approximates 4.58 per cent (2004: 0 per cent) per annum.

The fair value of the Company's finance lease receivables at 31 December 2005 is estimated at £15,560 (2004: £nil).

10 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	2005 £	2004 £
Trade debtors	961	-
Deferred taxation (Note 14)	518	-
Amounts due from group undertakings	2	2
Other debtors	2,512	
	3,993	2

The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other receivables approximates to their fair value.

11	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2005 £	2004 £
	Bank account with group undertakings	21,305	

The directors consider that the carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates to their fair value.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Capital allowances on assets financed

	·		
12	TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2005	2004
	Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£
	Amounts due to group undertakings Other creditors	571 185	- -
		756	_
	The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other payables approximately	mates to their fair	value.
13	BANK OVERDRAFT AND LOANS	2005 £	2004 £
	Loan amount due to group undertakings	40,000	_
	The borrowings are repayable as follows:		
	On demand or within one year In the second year In the third to fifth year inclusive	5,055 2,610 32,335	- - -
	Less: Amounts due for settlement within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)	40,000 (5,055)	-
	Amounts due for settlement after 12 months	34,945	-
	A right of set-off exists over the Company's bank account with The Royal Bank of Sc against advances made to the Company's immediate holding company and its subsite		
	The effective interest rate on the bank loan is variable at 4.58% and matures in 2010	).	
	The directors consider that the carrying amount of bank overdraft and loans approximately	nates to their fair	value.
14	DEFERRED TAX		
	Movements during the year:		Deferred taxation £
	At 1 January 2005		-
	Credit to profit and loss account		518

2004

2005

518

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15	SHARE CAPITAL	2005	2004
		Ordin	ary shares of £1 each
	Authorised	100	100
	Allotted, called up and not paid	2	2
	The Company has one class of ordinary voting shares which carry no right to fixed in	come.	
16	RETAINED EARNINGS		
	Balance at 1 January 2004 Net result for the year	£ -	
	Balance at 1 January 2005 Net profit for the year	100	
	Balance at 31 December 2005	100	:
17	NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT	2005	Period from 10 February 2004 to 31 December 2004
	Profit before taxation	£ 143	£
	Interest expense Increase in receivables Increase in payables	155 (19,033) 185	-
	Cash generated by operations	(18,550)	-
	Interest paid	(145)	
	Net cash from operating activities	(18,695)	-

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period, the company entered into the following related party transactions.		
	2005	2004
	£	£
Royal Bank Leasing Limited		
Transactions during the period		
- Share capital issued	-	2
- Interest on loan paid to related party	155	-
- Additional borrowing from related party	40,000	
Group relief owed by related party	(561)	<u>-</u>
Outstanding balance owed (to)/by the related party	(40,571)	2
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc		
Bank account held with related party	21,305	

The amounts outstanding are unsecured and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received. No provisions have been made for doubtful debts in respect of the amounts owed by related parties. Both The Royal Bank of Scotland Plc and Royal Bank Leasing Limited are fellow subsidiaries of the ultimate holding company The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc.

#### 19 EXPLANATION OF TRANSITION TO IFRS

This is the first year that the company has presented its financial statements under IFRS. This is also the first year the company has traded and therefore no trading accounts under UK GAAP have been previously prepared. An explanation of the transition to IFRS is therefore not needed.