Company Registration No: 05039276

## RBS ASSET FINANCE EUROPE LIMITED (Formerly RBSSAF (17) Limited)

# DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 December 2006

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## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

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**Bristol** 

Registered in England and Wales.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### **CHANGE OF NAME**

On the 23 May 2007, the Company changed its name from RBSSAF (17) Limited to RBS Asset Finance Europe Limited

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

This directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies under section 246(4)(a) of the Companies Act 1985

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 loss for the financial year was £8,203 (2005 profit £100) The directors do not recommend that a dividend be paid (2005 £nil)

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

#### SHARE CAPITAL

On the 9 May 2007 the Company increased its authorised share capital by €1,000 by the creation of 1,000 ordinary shares of €1 00 each

#### **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 2006 to date the following changes have taken place

	<b>Appointed</b>	Resigned
Directors		
T V Castledine		9 May 2007
P A Tubb		9 May 2007
I Basterreche	9 May 2007	·
A S Devine	9 May 2007	
S Hackett	9 May 2007	
W E Lang	9 May 2007	
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#### 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.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the directors of the Company holding office at the date of approval of this report confirm that .

- (1) so far as each of the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's Auditors are unaware, and
- (2) so far as each of the directors are aware they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's Auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and shall be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of S 234ZA of the Companies Act 1985.

#### **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES**

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

## 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

Credit risk is the risk arising from the possibility that the Company will incur losses from the failure of lessees to meet their obligations. Credit risk is managed through The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Group Credit Risk Management Framework to enable the Group to achieve appropriate risk versus reward performance whilst maintaining credit risk exposure in line with approved risk appetite on a Group basis. The Company has credit exposure to 1 lessee. The finance lease receivables on the balance sheet represents the maximum credit exposure.

#### 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 2007, 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 2006 bears to the amounts invoiced by suppliers during the period then ended equated to nil days proportion of 365 days (2005: 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 2 July 2007

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RBS ASSET FINANCE EUROPE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of RBS Asset Finance Europe Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2006 which comprise the income statement, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related Notes 1 to 18. 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

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and international Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities. 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 are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We report to whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and the other information contained in the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements

#### 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, in accordance with those IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2006 and of its loss for the year then ended, and

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- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Bristol, United Kingdom

## INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2006

	Note	2006 £	2005 £
CONTINUING OPERATIONS			
Revenue	3	1,202	283
Other operating income	4	67	15
Administrative expenses	5	(11,834)	
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	5	(10,565)	298
Finance costs	7	(1,152)	(155)
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		(11,717)	143
Taxation credit/(charge) on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	8	3,514	(43)
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	16	(8,203)	100

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

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2006			
as at 31 bosonibor 2000		2006	2005
	Note	£	£
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Finance lease receivables	9	10,365	13,165
		10,365	13,165
CURRENT ASSETS			
Finance lease receivables	9	2,688	2,395
Trade and other receivables	10	3,081	3,993
Cash and cash equivalents	11	10,118	21,305
		15,887	27,693
TOTAL ASSETS		26,252	40,858
CURRENT LIABILITIES	12	(295)	(756)
Trade and other payables Bank overdraft and loans	13	(34,000)	(5,055)
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		(34,295)	(5,811)
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			(04.045)
Bank loans	13	- (58)	(34,945)
Deferred tax liabilities	14	(36)	
		(58)	(34,945)
TOTAL LIABILITIES		(34,353)	(40,756)
NET (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		(8,101)	102
EQUITY			

The financial statements on pages 6 to 15 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 2 July 2007 They were signed on its behalf by -

S J Caterer Director

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

Share capital

Retained earnings

TOTAL (DEFICIT)/EQUITY

2

100

102

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(8,103)

(8,101)

15

16

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2006

	Note	2006 £	2005 £
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	17	(5,187)	(18,695)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
New bank loans raised Repayments of borrowings		(6,000)	40,000
NET CASH (USED IN)/FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(6,000)	40,000
NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(11,187)	21,305
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		21,305	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR		10,118	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 (IFRS) as adopted for use in the EU

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

#### 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 BORROWING COSTS

All borrowing costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred

#### J CASH FLOW STATEMENT

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

#### **k** 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

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Credit risk is the risk arising from the possibility that the Company will incur losses from the failure of lessees to meet their obligations. Credit risk is managed through The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Group Credit Risk Management Framework to enable the Group to achieve appropriate risk versus reward performance whilst maintaining credit risk exposure in line with approved risk appetite on a Group basis. The Company has credit exposure to 1 lessee. The finance lease receivables on the balance sheet represents the maximum credit exposure.

#### 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

REVENUE	2006 £	2005 £
Finance leases		
Rentals receivable Amortisation	3,708 (2,506)	2,878 (2,595)
	1,202	283
Capital cost of asset additions financed:		
Finance leases	<del>-</del>	17,883

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4	OTHER OPERATING INCOME	2006 £	2005 £
	Fee income	67	15
5	OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT		
	Operating profit has been arrived at after charging	2006 £	2005 £
	Management charge	11,834	
	Costs incurred in respect of audit services to the Company are included in the manage	ment charge as s	hown below
		£	£
	Auditors' remuneration - for audit services	903	<u> </u>
6	STAFF COSTS		
	All directors and employees are employed and remunerated by The Royal Bank of Scorecharge to the company in the year	tland plc, which d	lid not make a
	The average monthly number of employees was nil (2005 nil)		
7	FINANCE COSTS	2006 £	2005 £
	Interest payable to group undertakings	1,152	155
8	TAXATION	2006 £	2005 £
	A) ANALYSIS OF (CREDIT)/CHARGE FOR THE YEAR		
	Current tax (credit)/charge - Group relief (receivable)/payable on (losses)/profits for the year	(4,090)	561
	Deferred tax - origination and reversal of timing differences - Current year	576	(518)
	Taxation (credit)/charge on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	(3,514)	43
	B) FACTORS AFFECTING THE TAX (CREDIT)/CHARGE FOR THE YEAR		
	(Loss)/profit before tax	(11,717)	143
	Tax on (loss)/profit at the standard rate of 30% (2005 30%)	(3,514)	43
	Tax (credit)/charge	(3,514)	43

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	2006	se	lease payr	nents
	2006 £	2005 £	2006 £	200
mounts receivable under finance leases	_			
fithin one year	3,708	3,708	2,688	2,39
the second to fifth years inclusive	11,697	15,405	10,365	13,16
	15,405	19,113	13,053	15,56
ess uneamed finance income	(2,352)	(3,553)	N/A	N/
resent value of minimum lease	13,053	15,560	13,053	15,56
ayments receivable				
nalysed as				
Non-current finance lease receivables (recoverable	after 12 months)		10,365	13,16
Current finance lease receivables (recoverable with	in 12 months)		2,688	2,39
			13,053	15,56
The Company entered into a finance leasing arrang Unguaranteed residual Values of assets leased und			nsaction which exp	pires in
Jnguaranteed residual values of assets leased und at £nil (2005 £nil)	er manoc leades	at the balance		
The interest rate inherent in the lease is variable at interest rate contracted approximates 8 50 per cent	the contract date to (2005 4 58 per co	for all the lease ent) per annum	term The averag	je effective

The fair value of the Company's finance lease receivables at 31 December 2006 is estimated at £13,053 (2005 £15,560)

10	TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES	2006 £	2005 £
	Trade debtors  Deferred taxation (Note 14)  Amounts due from group undertakings  Other debtors	3,027 54 3,081	961 518 2 2,512 3,993

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

11 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2006 £	2005 £
Bank account with group undertakings	10,118	21,305

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

12	TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	2006 £	2005 £
	Amounts falling due within one year		
	Amounts due to group undertakings	15	571
	Other creditors	280	185
		295	756
	The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other payables approxima	ites to their fair va	alue
13	BANK OVERDRAFT AND LOANS	2006	2005
10		£	£
	Loan amount due to group undertakings	34,000	40,000
		34,000	40,000
	The boπowings are repayable as follows		
	On demand or within one year	34,000	5,055
	In the second year	-	2,610 32,335
	In the third to fifth year inclusive		32,333
		34,000	40,000
	Less Amounts due for settlement within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)	(34,000)	(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 Scotland plc against advances made to the Company's immediate holding company and its subsidiaries

The effective interest rate on the bank loan is variable at 5 26% and matures in 2007

The directors consider that the carrying amount of bank overdraft and loans approximates to their fair value

#### 14 DEFERRED TAX

Movements during the year	Deferred taxation £
At 1 January 2005 Credit to income statement	(518)
At 1 January 2006 Charge to income statement	(518) 576
At 31 December 2006	58
Full provision has been made for the potential amount of deferred taxation shown below 2006	2005 £
Accelerated capital allowances on assets financed58	(518)

## . NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

15	SHARE CAPITAL	2006	2005	
		Ordinary shares	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	Authorised	100	100	
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	2	2	
	The Company has one class of ordinary voting shares which carry no right to fixed it	ncome		
16	RETAINED EARNINGS	£		
		£.		
	Balance at 1 January 2005 Profit for the financial year	100		
	Balance at 1 January 2006	100		
	Loss for the financial year	(8,203)		
	Balance at 31 December 2006	(8,103)		
17	NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT	2006	2005	
	(Loss)/profit before tax	£ (11,717)	£ 143	
	Adjustments for			
	Interest expense	1,152	155	
	Decrease/(increase) in receivables	5,927	(19,033)	
	Decrease in payables	95	185	
	Cash generated by operations	(4,543)	(18,550)	
	Income taxes received	504	•	
	Interest paid	(1,148)	(145)	
	Net cash from operating activities	(5,187)	(18,695)	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period, the company entered into the following related party transactions	2006 £	2005 £
Royal Bank Leasing Limited		
Transactions during the period  - Management charge paid to related party  - Interest on loan paid to related party  - Loans repaid to related party  - Additional borrowing from related party	11,834 1,152 (6,000)	155 - 40,000
Group relief owed by/(to) related party Outstanding balance owed to the related party	3,025 (30,988)	(561) (40,571)
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc		
Bank account held with related party	10,118	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 pic and Royal Bank Leasing Limited are fellow subsidiaries of the ultimate holding company The Royal Bank of Scotland Group pic.