AA SPC CO LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT

AND

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

The directors present their report and audited financial statements of AA SPC Co Limited for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors, who held office in the year, were as follows

Sir Trevor Chinn

Derek Elliott Jonathan Kaye (Resigned 24 October 2006) (Resigned 24 November 2006)

Robin Hooper Philip Muelder (Appointed 24 November 2006) (Appointed 24 October 2006)

Robert Lucas Timothy Parker Charles Sherwood Paul Woolf

Paul Woolf is the appointed company secretary

At no time did any director, holding office at 31 December 2006, have any interest in the shares of the Company, or any other company within the AA Limited group, except for interests in the shares of the ultimate parent company, AA Limited (formerly AA Top Co Limited)

Details of the interests of all the directors in the shares in the ultimate parent company, AA Limited, are shown in that company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company's principal activity is that of a holding and financing company

#### REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

From the perspective of the company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the group and are not managed separately. Accordingly, the principal risks and uncertainties of the AA Limited Group, which include those of the company, are discussed in the Finance Director's Review of the group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

The Company continues to hold external borrowings in subordinated preference certificates. The funds raised from these borrowings have been advanced to the Company's subsidiary undertaking, AA Junior Mezzanine Limited, in the form of subordinated permanent securities.

On 15 March 2006, the AA Group restructured its borrowings. As part of this, the Company received a repayment of £525 0m on subordinated permanent securities from its subsidiary undertaking, AA Junior Mezzanine Co Limited. The Company then repaid £510 0m of subordinated preference certificates.

### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The loss for the period, as set out in the profit and loss account on page 5, was £5 1m (2005 £6 0m). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the period (2005 £nil) and the loss has been transferred to reserves.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006 (continued)

#### FINANCIAL RISKS AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company is part of the AA Group. Its financial risks are managed centrally by the Group Treasury team taking into account the Company's position as part of the group with due consideration being given to the impact of transactions with other group entities. The most important components of financial risk impacting the Company are interest rate risk and liquidity risk in respect of amounts owed by group undertakings. These comprise subordinated permanent securities issued by the Company's subsidiary, AA Junior Mezzanine Co Limited. They are unsecured, bear interest at 16.5% p.a. compounded quarterly and have no repayment terms. They are convertible into ordinary shares of AA Junior Mezzanine Co Limited at the option of the Company at any time. The total of outstanding subordinated permanent securities, plus any unpaid interest, is convertible into the same number of £1 ordinary shares.

Interest rate risk arises from intercompany balances which bear interest at LIBOR plus a margin. The company is also exposed to interest rate risk arising on the Subordinated Preference Certificates. The directors have reviewed the Company's exposure to interest rates and have concluded that the risk is appropriate in relation to financial results of the Company. No action has therefore been taken to mitigate the Company's exposure to movements in interest rates.

Liquidity risk is the risk that cash may not be available to pay obligations when due This risk is managed centrally by the Treasury team, within parameters set by the Group The directors are satisfied that the Company is not subject to significant liquidity risk

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss for that period. The directors are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2006 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 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' REPORT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006 (continued)

# **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

In the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time when the report is approved

- So far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (that is, information needed by the Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the Company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

PAUL WOOLF DIRECTOR April 2007

Registered Office Fanum House Basing View Basingstoke Hampshire RG21 4EA

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AA SPC CO LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of AA SPC Co Limited for the year ended 31 December 2006 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and related notes and which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies

# Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we 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 consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

#### 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 judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, 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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2006 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- 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

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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# **PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	Notes	2006	2005
		£m	£m
Interest receivable and similar income	2	51 8	88 4
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(58 5)	(97 0)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	4	(6 7)	(8 6)
TAXATION ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	6	1 6	26
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	_	(5 1)	(6 0)

All items dealt with in arriving at the loss before taxation relate to continuing activities

As the financial statements have been drawn up under the historical cost convention, there is no difference between the profit and loss account, reported above, and its historical cost equivalent

The Company has no recognised gains or losses in 2006 and 2005 other than the results for the financial period reported above and, therefore, no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses is presented

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements

# **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2006**

	Notes	2006 £m	2005 £m
FIXED ASSETS Investments in group undertakings	7		<del>-</del>
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Investments – short term deposits	8	99 3 	563 5 27 3 590 8
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	9	(0 3)	(0 2)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		99 0	590 6
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		99 0	590 6
CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than one year)	10	(111 8)	(598 3)
NET LIABILITIES		(12 8)	(7 7)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT	12 13 14	0 5 (13.3) (12 8)	0 5 (8 2) (7 7)

The financial statements on pages 5 to 12 were approved by the board of directors on April 2007 and were signed on its behalf by

PAUL WOOLF DIRECTOR

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements

#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the UK and under the historical cost convention and the Companies Act 1985. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied on a consistent basis with the prior period are set out below.

#### Basis of preparation

The Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of AA Limited, whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available. The Company is also exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement under FRS 1 (Revised)

The Company has a deficit on net assets as at 31 December 2006. A group undertaking has committed to provide support to enable the Company to continue to meet its current liabilities as they fall due for at least the 12 months following the date of approval of the financial statements. Therefore, the financial statements have been prepared using the going concern assumption.

#### **Taxation**

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by 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 different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

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 in the foreseeable future from which the reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis

#### Investments

Fixed asset investments in group undertakings are stated at cost, less any provisions for impairment

Current asset investments are bank deposits with a maturity date of less than one year and are stated at cost

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

# 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Company's balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. They are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into

# a) Debt instruments

Debt is recognised in the balance sheet as the cash proceeds received less finance costs incurred directly in connection with the issue of the instrument. Finance costs in respect of the instruments, including discounts on issue, are capitalised at inception and charged to the profit and loss account over the term of the instrument to achieve a constant rate on the balance outstanding.

# b) Equity instruments

An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all its liabilities. It is initially recognised as cash proceeds less issue costs.

#### 2 INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2006 £m	2005 £m
Bank interest receivable Inter-group interest from subordinated permanent securities	1 4 50 4 51 8	1 8 86 6 88 4
3 INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
	2006 £m	2005 £m
Unwinding of discount on subordinated preference certificates (see note 10) Amortisation of issue costs	38 3 20 2	94 3 
	58 5	97 0

# 4 LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The loss on ordinary activities before tax is stated after charging an audit fee of £15,000 (2005 £15,000)

# 5 EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

Sir Trevor Chinn, Tim Parker and Paul Woolf are directors of the Company's ultimate parent company, AA Limited, and of other subsidiaries within the group. Their total emoluments are disclosed in the financial statements of AA Limited, as it is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of their emoluments, no additional disclosure is made within these financial statements. The other directors did not receive any emoluments. The directors are subject to service contracts with the Company's ultimate parent company, AA Limited. The Company had no other employees.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# 6 TAXATION ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The tax credit is made up as follows.	2006 £m	2005 £m
Current tax Current year Adjustment in respect of previous periods	(1 6)	(2 1) (0 5)
Total tax credit for the year	(1 6)	(2 6)

The difference between the total current tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the loss before tax is as follows

	2006 £m	2005 £m
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(67)	(8 6)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities at standard UK Corporation tax rate of 30% (2005 30%) Effects of	(2 0)	(2 6)
Notional transfer pricing income Permanent timing differences Adjustment to prior periods	0 4 - -	0 5 (0 5)
Current tax credit for the period	(1 6)	(2 6)
7 INVESTMENTS IN GROUP UNDERTAKINGS		
Cost At 1 January and at 31 December	2006 £ 2	2005 £ 2

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

# 7 INVESTMENTS IN GROUP UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

The principal trading undertakings at 31 December 2006 were as follows

Subsidiary undertakings	Country of incorporation	% holdings in ordinary shares	Principal activity
AA Junior Mezzanine Co Limited (1)	England	100	Holding company
AA Acquisition Co Limited	England	100	Holding company
AA Senior Co Limited	England	100	Holding company
AA Corporation Limited	England	100	Holding company
The Automobile Association Limited	Jersey	100	Roadside services
Automobile Association Developments Limited	England	100	Roadside services
Automobile Association Underwriting Services Limited	England	100	Roadside and insurance services
Volkswagen Assistance Limited	England	100	Roadside services
AA Ireland Limited	Ireland	100	Roadside and insurance services
AA Road Services Limited	England	100	Roadside services
Automobile Association Insurance Services Limited	England	100	Roadside and insurance services
A A Reinsurance Company (Guernsey) Limited	Guernsey	100	Financial services
AA The Driving School Agency Limited	England	100	Franchise operation
Tourist Accommodation Management Services Limited	Ireland	100	Accommodation registration
Taylor Price Insurance Services Limited	England	100	Insurance services
Premium Funding Limited	England	100	Insurance services
Joint Ventures			
AA Financial Services	England	(2)	Personal Finance
Automobile Association Personal Finance Limited	England	50	Personal Finance
<u>Associates</u>			
ACTA SA	France	20	Roadside services
A C T A Assistance SA	France	20	Roadside services
Europe Net SA	Luxembourg	20	Roadside services
ARC Transistance SA	Belgium	20	Roadside services

- (1) All principal undertakings are indirectly held by the Company, except for AA Junior Mezzanine Co Limited, which is a direct subsidiary undertaking
- (2) AA Financial Services is an unincorporated entity in which there is a 50% interest
- (3) The percentage of voting rights are the same as the percentage holdings in ordinary shares

#### 8 DEBTORS

	2006	2005
	£m	£m
Amounts owed by group undertakings –		
subordinated permanent securities (note 10)	97 7	561 4
Amounts owed by other group undertakings	16	21
	99.3	563 5

The amounts owed by group undertakings comprise subordinated permanent securities issued by the Company's subsidiary, AA Junior Mezzanine Co Limited They are unsecured, bear interest at 16 5% p a compounded quarterly and have no repayment terms. They are convertible into ordinary shares of AA Junior Mezzanine Co Limited at the option of the Company at any time. The total of outstanding subordinated permanent securities, plus any unpaid interest, are convertible into the same number of £1 ordinary shares.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# 9 CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)

	2006 £m	2005 £m
Amounts owed to group undertakings	03	02

The amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and have no repayment terms and bear interest at LIBOR plus a margin

# 10 CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than one year)

Borrowings	2006 £m	2005 £m
Debenture loans Subordinated preference certificates	111 8	598 3
Maturity of debt		
In more than five years	111 8	598 3

The subordinated preference certificates were issued on 30 September 2004 at a subscription price of £554 5m with a nominal value of £3,283 3m, redeemable at par on 30 September 2015. The certificates are included in the balance sheet at the value of their proceeds plus amortised discount to the balance sheet date. The discount, amortised on a compound basis, is charged to net interest payable and similar charges in the profit and loss account over the term of the instrument to give an effective rate of 16.5%, compounded quarterly. The certificates are unsecured

Subordinated preference certificates are stated net of unamortised issue costs of £3 5m (2005 £23 7m)

On 15 March 2006, the AA Group restructured its borrowings. As part of this, the company received a repayment of £525 0m on subordinated permanent securities from its subsidiary undertaking, AA Junior Mezzanine Limited. The Company then repaid £510 0m of subordinated preference certificates. A further £35m of subordinated preference certificates were repaid in November.

#### 11 DEFERRED TAXATION

There is no provision for deferred tax in the year and there are no unrecognised deferred tax timing differences that fall to be disclosed (2005 £nil)

# 12 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2006 £	2005 £
Authorised 547,950 ordinary shares of £1 each	547,950	547,950
Allotted, called up and fully paid 547,950 ordinary shares of £1 each	547,950	547,950
13 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	2006 £m	2005 £m
At 1 January Loss for the year At 31 December	(8.2) (5 1) (13.3)	(2 2) (6 0) (8 2)

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 14 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT

	2006 £m	2005 £m
Loss for the financial period	(5 1)	(6 0)
Net decrease in shareholders' deficit	(5 1)	(6 0)
Shareholders' deficit at 1 January	(7 7)	(1 7)
Shareholders' deficit at 31 December	(12 8)	(7 7)

# 15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is exempt from the requirement to disclose related party transactions with other group undertakings under FRS 8. There are no other related party transactions which require disclosure.

# 16 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company's assets have been provided as security for bank loans provided to three of the Company's subsidiary companies, AA Junior Mezzanine Co Limited, AA Acquisition Co Limited and AA Senior Co Limited

#### 17 ULTIMATE OWNERSHIP

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of AA Limited (formerly AA Top Co Limited), a Company registered in England and Wales, which is also the Company's ultimate parent undertaking

AA Limited is also the parent of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements and its registered office is situated at Fanum House, Basing View, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 4EA Copies of the financial statements of AA Limited are available from the Company Secretary at this address