# Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited

### Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 3 April 2010

Registered Number: 05386788

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#### Report of the Directors

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 3 April 2010

#### Principal activities, review of business and future developments

The Company's principal activity is that of a financing vehicle. The directors consider that in the conditions prevailing during the year, the development of the Company's business and its financial position at the end of the year were satisfactory. The directors do not expect any development in the Company's business in the coming year that is significantly different from its present activities of a financing vehicle.

Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The Company's registered office is Waterside House, 35 North Wharf Road, London W2 1NW. The Company is part of Marks and Spencer group of companies (the Group)

The financial statements are made up to the nearest Saturday to 31 March each year. The current financial year is the 53 weeks ended 3 April 2010 (the 'year')

#### Results and dividends

The Company made a profit after taxation of £1,257,000 (last year of £2,733,000) during the year. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (last year £nil)

#### **Directors**

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were as follows

GJ Oakley A Mellor resigned 1 September 2009 appointed 30 July 2009

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#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors of Marks and Spencer Group plc manage the Group's risk at a Group level, rather than at an individual business unit level. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that a discussion of the Company's risks would not be appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited business. The principal risks and uncertainties of Marks and Spencer Group plc which include those of the Company are discussed on pages 56 and 57 of the Group's annual report which does not form part of this report. Copies of the Marks and Spencer Group plc annual report are available from the Company Secretary at Waterside. House, 35. North. Wharf. Road, London. W2. 1NW. or are available on the website www.marksandspencer.com.

#### Key performance indicators

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the Company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

Report of the Directors continued

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors 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 prepared the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 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.

#### Indemnity provision

Marks and Spencer Group plc maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance which gives appropriate cover for any legal action brought against its directors and those directors of its subsidiary companies. Indemnities have been granted to the Company's directors by Marks and Spencer Group plc to the extent permitted by law. Qualifying third party indemnity provisions (as defined by section 234 of the Companies Act 2006) were in force during the year ended 3 April 2010 and remain in force, in relation to certain losses and liabilities which the directors may incur to third parties in the course of acting as directors of the Company.

#### Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

The directors confirm that, so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware and that each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

#### Independent auditors

A resolution to re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting

On behalf of the Board

Director

1 December 2010

## Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MARKS AND SPENCER (SPRUCEFIELD) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited for the year ended 3 April 2010 which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities 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 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 Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, 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

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### 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 3 April 2010 and of its profit for the year then ended.
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, 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 Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

#### 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

Stuart-Watson (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

London

December 2010

### Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited Statement of comprehensive income

	53 weeks ended 3 April 2010		52 weeks ended 28 March 2009
	Notes	£000	£000
Revenue	2	1,767	3,856
Cost of sales		(21)	(60)
Profit before taxation	4	1,746	3,796
Income tax expense	5	(489)	(1,063)
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year attributable to equity holders of the Company	·	1,257	2,733

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Statement of comprehensive income and therefore no separate statement of other comprehensive income has been presented

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### Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited Statement of financial position

		As at 3 April 2010	As at 28 March 2009
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ASSETS	Notes	£000	£000
Non-current assets			
Investment in another Group undertaking	6	1,100	1,100
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		1,100	1,100
Current assets		•	
Amounts owed by another Group undertaking	9	72,135	71,506
Total assets		73,235	72,606
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Current liabilities			
Amounts owed to another Group undertaking	9	(2,363)	(2,417)
Current tax liabilities		(489)	(1,063)
Total liabilities		(2,852)	(3,480)
Net assets		70,383	69,126
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EQUITY			
Called up share capital	8	2,100	2,100
Share premium account		9,000	9,000
Retained earnings		59,283	58,026
Total shareholders' equity		70,383	69,126

The financial statements on pages 4 to 13 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 1 December 2010

A Mellor Director

### Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited Statement of changes in equity

	Share capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 30 March 2008	2,100	9,000	55,293	66,393
Profit for the year	-	-	2,733	2,733
At 28 March 2009	2,100	9,000	58,026	69,126
At 29 March 2009	2,100	9,000	58,026	69,126
Profit for the year	<u> </u>	-	1,257	1,257
At 3 April 2010	2,100	9,000	59,283	70,383

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union, International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) interpretations and with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRSs

The following IFRSs, IFRIC interpretations and amendments have been adopted in the financial statements for the first time in this financial period

IAS 1 (Revised) - 'Presentation of Financial Statements' is effective for the year ended 3 April 2010. The standard requires a change in the format and presentation of the Company's primary statements but has no impact on reported profits or equity.

IFRS 7 – 'Financial Instruments – Disclosures' (amendment) is effective for the year ended 3 April 2010. The amendment requires enhanced disclosures about fair value measurement and liquidity risk

The following IFRSs, IFRIC interpretations and amendments are effective for this accounting period but are not considered to be relevant to the Company's current activities and operations,

- IFRS 8 'Operating Segments'
- IAS 23 'Borrowing Costs' (amendment)

The following IFRSs, IFRIC interpretations and amendments have been issued but are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Company,

- IFRS 3 (Revised) 'Business Combinations'
- IFRIC 17 'Distributions of Non-Cash Assets to Owners'
- IFRIC 18 'Transfers of Assets from Customers'

A summary of the Company's significant accounting policies adopted is given below

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, except as disclosed in the accounting policies below

#### Revenue

Revenue represents interest receivable from other Group undertakings which is recognised on an accruals basis

#### Cost of sales

Cost of sales represents interest paid to another Group undertaking and is recognised on an accruals basis

#### Taxation

The tax charge comprises current tax payable

The current tax charge represents an estimate of the amounts payable to tax authorities in respect of the Company's taxable profits and is based on an interpretation of existing tax laws

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

#### Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are held at cost less impairment

#### Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity

#### Statement of cash flows

There were no cash movements for Marks and Spencer (Sprucefield) Limited as all transactions are settled using Intercompany loans and current accounts and therefore no Statement of cash flows is presented in these accounts Refer to note 7 for details of non-cash movements

#### Financial instruments

#### Financial assets

Loans to other Group undertakings and all other receivables are non-derivative financial assets, initially recognised at fair value, then subsequently carried at amortised cost. All receivables from other Group undertakings are not considered to be overdue or impaired.

#### Financial liabilities

Loans from other Group undertakings and all other payables are initially recorded at fair value, which is generally the proceeds received. They are then subsequently carried at amortised cost. All payables to other Group undertakings are repayable on demand.

#### Financial risk management

#### Interest rate risk

The Company's exposure to interest rate fluctuations is limited to interest bearing loans to and from other Group undertakings where the interest rates are agreed with the Group company. Please refer to note 9 for details of the impact of a change in interest rates.

#### Liquidity risk

The Company's exposure to liquidity risk is managed by funding cash flow requirements from the parent company

#### Credit risk

The Company's exposure to credit risk is limited to amounts receivable from and payable to other Group undertakings

#### Fair value estimation

The fair values of receivables and payables are approximate to their book values

#### Capital risk management

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide optimal returns for shareholders

#### Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of the financial statements under IFRSs requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors including the expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are discussed below.

#### Impairment of investments

The Company is required to test whether investments have suffered any impairments. Investments are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. When a review for impairment is conducted, the recoverable amount is determined based on the higher of the fair value less costs to sell, and the value in use calculation.

#### 2 REVENUE

	53 weeks ended 3 April 2010	52 weeks ended 28 March 2009
	£000	£000
Interest income	1,767	3,856
	1,767	3,856

#### 3 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS AND EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

The Company had no employees during the year (last year none) No director received emoluments in respect of their services to the Company during the year (last year finil)

#### 4 PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Auditors' remuneration of £3,000 (last year £3,000) in respect of the Company's annual audit has been borne by Marks and Spencer plc in the current and prior years

#### **5 INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

#### A Taxation charge

	53 weeks ended 3 April 2010	52 weeks ended 28 March 2009
	0003	£000
UK Corporation tax at 28% (last year 28%)		
- current year	489	1,063
Total income tax expense	489	1,063

A number of changes to the UK Corporation tax system were announced in the June 2010 Budget Statement. The Finance (No 2) Act 2010 includes legislation to reduce the main rate of corporation tax from 28% to 27% from 1 April 2011. Further reductions to the main rate are proposed to reduce the rate by 1% per annum to 24% by 1 April 2014. The changes had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and, therefore, are not included in these financial statements. The effect of the changes to be enacted by the Finance (No 2) Act 2010 is currently being assessed by management.

#### 5 INCOME TAX EXPENSE continued

#### B Taxation reconciliation

The tax on the Company's profit before taxation is the same as the theoretical amount that would arise using the weighted average tax rate applicable to profit of the Company as follows

	53 weeks ended 3 April 2010	52 weeks ended 28 March 2009 £000
	£000	
Profit before taxation	1,746	3,796
Taxation at standard UK rate of 28% (last period 28%)	489	1,063
Total income tax expense	489	1,063
6 INVESTMENT IN GROUP UNDERTAKINGS		
	As at	As at
	3 April 2010	28 March 2009
	£000	£000
Cost and net book value		
At start and end of the year	1,100	1,100

The directors consider that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets

The investment of £1,100,000 is in Marks and Spencer (Lisburn) Limited. The investment represents 100% of the ordinary share capital of Marks and Spencer (Lisburn) Limited, a company incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The subsidiary's principal activity is a financing vehicle for Marks and Spencer Group plc.

#### **7 NON-CASH MOVEMENTS**

The Company does not have a bank account. All transactions are settled using intercompany loans and current accounts. The movements for the year comprise the following.

	53 weeks ended	52 weeks ended
	3 April 2010	28 March 2009
	£000	£000
Profit before taxation	1,746	3,796
Funds generated from operations	1,746	3,796
Funds from operating activities		
Tax paid	(1,063)	(1,143)
Net funds generated from operating activities	683	2,653
Net movement in intercompany balances	683	2,653

In the current and prior years the tax was paid by another Group undertaking and settled using intercompany accounts

#### **8 SHARE CAPITAL**

	As at 3 April 2010	As at 28 March 2009
	£000	£000
Authorised, issued, called up and fully paid		
2,100,004 ordinary shares of £1	2,100	2,100

#### 9 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the Company had the following related party transactions and balances

		53 weeks ended 3 April 2010 £000	52 weeks ended 28 March 2009 £000
Transactions			
Interest income from another Group undertaking	Parent	1,767	3,856
	_	1,767	3,856
Interest expense to another Group undertaking	Other	(21)	(60)
		(21)	(60)
	····	As at	As at
		3 Aprıl 2010	28 March 2009
		£000	£000
Balances			
Investment in another Group undertaking	Other _	1,100	1,100
		1,100	1,100
Loan payable to another Group undertaking	Other	(1,370)	(1,351)
	_	(1,370)	(1,351)
Loan receivable from another Group undertaking	Parent	72,135	71,506
	_	72,135	71,506
Current account payable to another Group undertaking	Parent	(992)	(1,066)
	Other	(1)	<del>-</del>
	_	(993)	(1,066)
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As at 3 April 2010 the £72,135,000 (last year £71,506,000) loan to the parent company undertaking is interest bearing. Overall the interest received during the year was £1,767,000 (last year £3,856,000). As at 3 April 2010 the £1,370,000 (last year £1,351,000) loan from another Group undertaking is interest bearing. Overall the interest paid during the year was £21,000 (last year £60,000). The current accounts payable of £993,000 (last year £1,066,000) are non interest bearing.

Interest rates are set within individual intercompany loan agreements, however, they are approximately in line with LIBOR A 2% increase / decrease in the interest rate of the loan to another Group undertaking would result in a gain / loss of £1,443,000 in the statement of comprehensive income, before taxation A 2% increase / decrease in the interest rate of the loan from another Group undertaking would result in a loss / gain of £27,000 in the statement of comprehensive income, before taxation

#### 10 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate parent undertaking is Marks and Spencer plc which is the smallest group to consolidate these financial statements. The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Marks and Spencer Group plc, a company registered in England and Wales, which is the parent undertaking of the largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the Marks and Spencer Group plc consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Waterside House, 35 North Wharf Road, London W2 1NW