

# Financial Statements Blenheim Estates Contractors Limited

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For the year ended 31 December 2011

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## Company Information

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## **Directors' Report**

**For the year ended 31 December 2011**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company during the year is the construction of buildings under contract for third parties

### **Results**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £71,677 (2010 - £105,335)

The directors are satisfied with the financial performance of the company in the year and its financial position at the end of the year

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend

### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- 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

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were

D M Hare  
R L File  
J F D Hoy

## Directors' Report

For the year ended 31 December 2011

### Provision of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

### Auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP, having expressed their willingness to continue in office, will be deemed to be reappointed for the next financial year in accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006 unless the company receives notice under section 488(1) of the Companies Act 2006

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



D M Hare  
Secretary

Date 2 JULY 2012



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Blenheim Estates Contractors Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Blenheim Estates Contractors Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011, which comprise the Profit and loss account, the Balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

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

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Auditing Practices Board's website at [www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm](http://www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm).

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Blenheim Estates Contractors Limited

### **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

*Grant Thornton UK LLP*

Tracey James (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

**Grant Thornton UK LLP**

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

Oxford

Date

*2 July 2012*

## Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2011

	Note	2011 £	2010 £
<b>Turnover</b>	1,2	<b>3,103,462</b>	1,869,742
Cost of sales		<u>(2,989,735)</u>	<u>(1,629,618)</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>113,727</b>	240,124
Administrative expenses	3	<u>(23,853)</u>	<u>(106,029)</u>
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>89,874</b>	134,095
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	<u>(18,197)</u>	<u>(28,760)</u>
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	9	<u><b>71,677</b></u>	<u>105,335</u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2011 or 2010 other than those included in the Profit and loss account

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements



## Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2011

	Note	£	2011 £	£	2010 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	6	609,801		739,268	
Cash at bank and in hand		81,871		8,897	
		<u>691,672</u>		<u>748,165</u>	
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due within one year	7	(492,813)		(620,983)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>198,859</u>		<u>127,182</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>198,859</u>		<u>127,182</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	8		1		1
Profit and loss account	9		<u>198,858</u>		<u>127,181</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	10		<u>198,859</u>		<u>127,182</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on



J F D Hoy  
 Director

2 JULY 2012

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2011

## 1. Accounting Policies

### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

The accounting policies remain unchanged from the prior year

### 1.2 Cash flow

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company

### 1.3 Turnover

Turnover, which excludes Value Added Tax, represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied including any ongoing retention

The attributable profit on long-term contracts is recognised once the outcome can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The profit recognised reflects the proportion of work complete to date on the project based on certified valuation of work in progress. Full provision is made for losses on all contracts in the year in which the loss is first foreseen

### 1.4 Deferred taxation

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 have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exceptions

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

## 2. Turnover

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom

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## 3. Administrative expenses

	2011 £	2010 £
Management charge from related undertakings	-	75,000
Insurance	5,771	15,493
Audit fee	2,750	2,600
Other costs	15,332	12,936
	<u>23,853</u>	<u>106,029</u>

## 4. Staff costs

Salaries and wages of £120,749 (2010 £111,478) for the year ended 31 December 2011 have been included in cost of sales as they relate wholly to contractual performance

## 5. Taxation

	2011 £	2010 £
UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	<u>18,197</u>	<u>28,760</u>

### Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2010 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21% (2010 - 21%) The differences are explained below

	2011 £	2010 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>89,874</u>	<u>134,095</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21% (2010 - 21%)	18,197	28,160
<b>Effects of.</b>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment	-	102
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	-	498
<b>Current tax charge for the year (see note above)</b>	<u>18,197</u>	<u>28,760</u>

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2011

## 6. Debtors

	2011	2010
	£	£
Retentions outstanding	76,925	34,847
Amounts owed by related parties	38,242	518,732
VAT and other taxes	46,175	72,497
Prepayments and accrued income	448,459	113,192
	<u>609,801</u>	<u>739,268</u>

## 7. Creditors:

Amounts falling due within one year

	2011	2010
	£	£
Trade creditors	84,143	64,939
Retentions outstanding	67,276	28,777
Other creditors	10,472	71,006
Amounts owed to related parties	241,031	428,000
Corporation tax	18,095	28,261
Social security and other taxes	1,524	-
Accruals and deferred income	70,272	-
	<u>492,813</u>	<u>620,983</u>

## 8. Share capital

	2011	2010
	£	£
<b>Authorised</b>		
100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
1 Ordinary share of £1	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

## 9. Reserves

	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2011	127,181
Profit for the year	71,677
	<u>198,858</u>
At 31 December 2011	

## Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 10. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	2011	2010
	£	£
Opening shareholders' funds	127,182	21,847
Profit for the year	71,677	105,335
Closing shareholders' funds	198,859	127,182

### 11. Related party transactions

Financial Reporting Standard 8 'Related Party Disclosures' requires the disclosure of the details of material transactions between the reporting entity and any related parties

During the year the company was loaned amounts of £nil (2010 - £50,000) by Blenheim Estates Properties Limited, £241,000 (2010 - £371,006) by Vanbrugh Unit Trust and £31 (2010 - £78,000) by the Blenheim Estate. The full capital values of the loans and the interest accrued thereon was outstanding as at 31 December 2011.

At the end of the year, £38,000 was due from Blenheim Industrial Property Limited for a loan made to that company.

These entities have common ultimate control to the company.

### 12. Controlling party

The entity's ultimate controlling parties are Sir Mark Aubrey Weinberg, Mr Alexander Pepys Muir and Mr Anthony John Thompson, by virtue of their 100% joint shareholding, as trustees of Marlborough 2003 settlement.