# DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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M.C. Faulkner (appointed 25/04/07)
B.K. Cuthbert (appointed 20/03/07)
C.T.M. Ind (appointed 25/04/07)
D.R. Calam (appointed 25/04/07)
K.M.P. Grassby (appointed 25/04/07)

Waterlow Secretaries Limited (appointed 12/02/07 & resigned

20/03/07)

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2008.

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group 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;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the group is that of the provision of securities lending data and services.

The company was incorporated on 12 February 2007 and commenced trading on 25 April 2007. These accounts present the results for the group for the period from incorporation to 30 June 2008.

#### **Business review**

The group has made significant progress since it commenced trading in April 2007. There has been a steady increase in Annual Contract Revenue, a key indicator of performance. Gross profit margins and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) continue to be in line with target.

The group believes it is well positioned to continue its growth plans. Recent events have highlighted the need for transparency and information on securities lending and the group continues to see significant interest and revenue growth from its Hedge Fund customers and other investment management practitioners. Its core Securities Lending customer base continues to operate robustly.

The impact of current market conditions and the worldwide temporary short selling bans on total lendable volumes has been limited so far. Group's proprietary data (DESLI Index) indicates an actual increase in stock lending activity of almost 15% and only a 10% reduction in total global volumes lent since September 1st, 2008.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### Results

The loss for the period, after taxation, amounted to £9,100,708. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the period were:

D.R. Calam (appointed 25/04/07)

B.K. Cuthbert (appointed 20/03/07)

M.C. Faulkner (appointed 25/04/07)

K.M.P. Grassby (appointed 25/04/07)

C.T.M. Ind (appointed 25/04/07)

D.T. Smith (appointed 04/03/08)

Waterlow Secretaries Limited (appointed 12/02/07 & resigned 20/03/07)

#### Going concern

The directors have reviewed the group's projected working capital requirements and fixed asset expenditure and believe that the company has sufficient funding for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Provision of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Auditors**

On 19 June 2008 Creaseys LLP resigned as auditors and KPMG LLP were appointed to fill the casual vacancy arising.

The auditors, KPMG LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies/Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 31 October 2008 and signed on its behalf.

D.T. Smith Director

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SECURITIES LENDING SERVICES GROUP LIMITED

We have audited the group and parent company financial statements (the "financial statements") of Securities Lending Services Group Limited for the period ended 30 June 2008, which comprise the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account, the Consolidated Balance Sheet, the Company Balance Sheet, the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 1.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant 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 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 group 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 group's and 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SECURITIES LENDING SERVICES GROUP LIMITED

#### **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 group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30
  June 2008 and of the group's loss for the period 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.

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**KPMG LLP** 

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31 October 2008

# CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
Turnover	1,2	12,536,928
Cost of sales		(5,843,169)
Gross profit		6,693,759
Administrative expenses		(10,610,689)
Operating loss	3	(3,916,930)
Interest receivable		436,930
Interest payable	7	(5,500,676)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(8,980,676)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	8	(120,032)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation		(9,100,708)

All amounts relate to acquired operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2008 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

			2008
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Intangible fixed assets	9		49,848,262
Tangible fixed assets	10		260,494
			50,108,756
Current assets			
Debtors	12	4,205,849	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,681,144	
		7,886,993	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(8,161,832)	
Net current liabilities			(274,839)
Total assets less current liabilities			49,833,917
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(57,334,625)
Net liabilities			(7,500,708)
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	15		1,600,000
Profit and loss account			(9,100,708)
Shareholders' deficit	16		(7,500,708)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf or 31 October 2008.

D.T. Smith **Director** 

# COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	£	2008 £
Fixed assets			
Fixed asset investments	11		45,746,147
Current assets			
Debtors	12	11,116,841	
Cash at bank		98,509	
		11,215,350	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,485,434)	
Net current assets			8,729,916
Total assets less current liabilities			54,476,063
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(57,334,625)
Net liabilities			(2,858,562)
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	15		1,600,000
Profit and loss account			(4,458,562) ————
Shareholders' deficit	16		(2,858,562)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 31 October 2008.

D.T. Smith Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	17	4,255,384
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	18	(1,663,839)
Taxation		(34,752)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	18	(249,993)
Acquisitions and disposals	18	(24,753,977)
Cash outflow before financing		(22,447,177)
Financing	18	26,128,321
Increase in cash in the period		3,681,144

# RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS/DEBT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
Increase in cash in the period  Cash inflow from increase in debt and lease financing	3,681,144 (25,198,692)
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows Other non-cash changes	(21,517,548) (32,885,933)
Movement in net debt in the period	(54,403,481)
Net debt at 30 June 2008	(54,403,481)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 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 directors have reviewed the group's projected working capital requirements and fixed asset expenditure and believe that the company has sufficient funding for the foreseeable future. The financial statements have therefore been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### 1.2 Basis of consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of Securities Lending Services Group Limited and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries').

The results of subsidiaries acquired during the period are included from the effective date of acquisition.

The results of subsidiaries sold are included up to the effective date of disposal.

#### 1.3 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

#### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

S/Term Leasehold Property - 33% straight line
Fixtures & fittings - 33% straight line
Computer equipment - 33% straight line

#### 1.5 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

#### 1.6 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight line basis over the period until the date the rent is expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.7 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

#### 1.8 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the period.

#### 1.9 Goodwill

Acquired goodwill is valued at the fair value of consideration received less the fair value of assets acquired by the group (see note 27). It is written off in equal annual installments over its estimated useful economic life of 10 years.

#### 2. Turnover

A geographical analysis of turnover is as follows:

16 months ended 30 June 2008 £ 6,097,619 6,439,309

12,536,928

United Kingdom Rest of world

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 3. Operating loss

The operating loss is stated after charging:

16 months ended 30 June 2008 £

Amortisation - intangible fixed assets Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:

- owned by the group

Operating lease rentals:

- other operating leases Difference on foreign exchange 79,160 197,566

6,005

6,584,060

#### 4. Auditors' remuneration

16 months ended 30 June 2008 £ 12,000

Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates in respect of:

The auditing of accounts of subsidiaries of the company pursuant to legislation

30,000

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 5. Staff costs

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

16 months ended 30 June 2008 £ 3,472,441 345,847 180,566

Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs

3,998,854

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the period was as follows:

16 months ended 30 June 2008 No. 45

#### 6. Directors' remuneration

16 months ended 30 June 2008 £

Emoluments

664,104

Company pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes

19,616

During the period retirement benefits were accruing to 3 directors in respect of money purchase pension schemes.

The highest paid director received remuneration of £290,550.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

7.	Interest payable	
		16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts On other loans	579,998 4,920,678
		5,500,676
8.	Taxation	
		16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
	UK corporation tax charge on loss for the period	120,032
	Factors affecting tax charge for the period	
	The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the U differences are explained below:	K (30%). The
		16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
	Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(8,980,676)
	Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30%	(2,694,203)
	Effects of:	
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation Utilisation of tax losses	2,987,336 (12,118) (160,983)
	Current tax charge for the period (see note above)	120,032

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

9.	Intangible fixed assets			
	_			Goodwill
	Group			£
	Cost On acquisition of subsidiaries			56,432,322
	At 30 June 2008			56,432,322
	Amortisation			
	Charge for the period			6,584,060
	At 30 June 2008			6,584,060
	Net book value			
	At 30 June 2008			49,848,262
10.	Tangible fixed assets			
10.	Taligible fixed assets		Furniture,	
		Land and buildings	fittings and equipment	Total
	Group	£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 12 February 2007	-	-	-
	Additions	101,807 (46,669)	148,186	249,993 (46,669)
	Disposats On acquisition of subsidiaries	(46,669 <i>)</i> 47,061	298,855	345,916
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	At 30 June 2008	102,199	447,041	549,240
	Depreciation			
	At 12 February 2007	-	-	-
	Charge for the period	11,444	67,716	79,160
	On acquisition of subsidiaries	40,390	214,405	254,795
	On disposals	(45,209)	-	(45,209)
	At 30 June 2008	6,625	282,121	288,746
	Net book value			_
	At 30 June 2008	95,574	164,920	260,494

#### 11. Fixed asset investments

The shares of all companies except DataExplorers Limited and Spitalfields Advisors Limited are held via DataExplorers Limited.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 11. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Company	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost or valuation	
At 12 February 2007 Additions Disposals	57,950,000 (12,203,853)
At 30 June 2008	45,746,147

Details of the principal subsidiaries can be found under note number 26.

On 25 April 2007 the company acquired interests in the following companies pursuant to sale and purchase agreements that were entered into with the various vendors, for a total consideration of £56,500,000 plus fees of £1,450,000:

Company	Interest acquired
DataExplorers Limited	100%
Performance Explorer Limited	30%
IndexExplorer Limited	32.5%
Spitalfields Advisors Limited	100%

On 26 April 2007 the interests acquired in Performance Explorer Limited and IndexExplorer Limited were transferred to DataExplorers Limited pursuant to an inter group transfer agreement. DataExplorers Limited already owned majority stakes in these companies.

On 30 June 2008 the trade and assets of Performance Explorer Limited, IndexExplorer Limited and Risk Explorer Limited were hived up into DataExplorers Limited and these companies ceased to trade.

#### 12. Debtors

	Group	Company
	2008	2008
	£	£
Trade debtors	2,994,933	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	9,677,838
Other debtors	8,230	863,851
Prepayments and accrued income	1,202,686	575,152
	4,205,849	11,116,841

All amounts are due within one year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

13.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		Group 2008 £	Company 2008 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Corporation tax Social security and other taxes Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	750,000 254,860 - 126,164 441,511 272,795 6,316,502 - 8,161,832	750,000 12,732 871,854 - 61,675 13,938 775,235 - 2,485,434
14.	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
		Group 2008 £	Company 2008 £
	Bank loans Other loans	13,150,000 44,184,625	13,150,000 44,184,625
	l	57,334,625	57,334,625
	Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:		
		Group 2008 £	Company 2008 £
	Between one and two years		40.007.500
	Bank loans	12,087,500	12,087,500
	Over five years	4 000 500	1 062 500
	Bank loans Loan notes	1,062,500 44,184,625	1,062,500 44,184,625
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 14. Creditors:

Amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:

	Group 2008 £	Company 2008 £
Repayable by instalments Repayable other than by instalments	1,062,500 44,184,625	1,062,500 44,184,625
	45,247,125	45,247,125

Loan notes are repayable in full in the event of a sale or listing or, if earlier, 25 April 2017. Interest is accrued daily at a rate of 8% per annum. See note 23 for loan notes held by related parties.

At 30 June 2008 Securities Lending Services Group Limited had a bank facility with Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander Limited. There are cross guarantees in place to guarantee this loan from other group companies, DataExplorers Limited and Spitalfields Advisors Limited.

#### 15. Share capital

	2008 £
Authorised	-
2,500,000 Ordinary - A shares of £1 each	2,500,000
2,500,000 Ordinary - B shares of £1 each	2,500,000
2,500,000 Ordinary - C shares of £1 each	2,500,000
2,500,000 Ordinary - D shares of £1 each	2,500,000
	10,000,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid	
815,860 Ordinary - A shares of £1 each	815,860
400,532 Ordinary - B shares of £1 each	400,532
156,005 Ordinary - C shares of £1 each	156,005
227,603 Ordinary - D shares of £1 each	227,603
	1,600,000

One share was issued for cash at par on the date of incorporation, 12 February 2007. The remaining shares were issued on 25 April 2007 at par either as cash or as part of a share for share exchange on acquisition of shares in DataExplorers Limited, Spitalfields Advisors Limited, Performance Explorer Limited and IndexExplorer Limited.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 16. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' deficit

Group	2008 £
Opening shareholders' funds Loss for the period Shares issued during the period	(9,100,708) 1,600,000
Closing shareholders' deficit	(7,500,708)
Company	2008 £
Opening shareholders' funds	- (4 458 562)

Opening shareholders' funds
Loss for the period (4,458,562)
Shares issued during the period 1,600,000

Closing shareholders' deficit (2,858,562)

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 not to present its own profit and loss account.

The loss for the period dealt with in the accounts of the company was £4,458,562.

### 17. Net cash flow from operations

	16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
Operating loss Amortisation of intangible fixed assets Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Increase in debtors Increase in creditors	(3,916,930) 6,584,060 79,160 (2,200,901) 3,709,995
Net cash inflow from operations	4,255,384

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

18.	Analysis of cash flows for headings netted in cash flow statement	
		16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance	
	Interest received Interest paid	436,930 (2,100,769)
	Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(1,663,839)
		16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
	Capital expenditure and financial investment	_
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(249,993)
		16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
	Acquisitions and disposals	
	Purchase of fixed asset investments Cash acquired from subsidiaries	(27,663,597) 2,909,620
	Net cash outflow from acquisitions and disposals	(24,753,977)
		16 months ended 30 June 2008 £
	Financing	
	Issue of ordinary shares New secured loans Repayment of loans Issue of loan notes Redemption of loan notes	929,629 15,000,000 (1,100,000) 32,827,523 (21,528,831)
	Net cash inflow from financing	26,128,321
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

### 19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	12 February 2007 £	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes £	30 June 2008 £
Cash at bank and in hand:	-	3,681,144	-	3,681,144
Debt:				
Debts due within one year	-	(750,000)	-	(750,000)
Debts falling due after more than one year	-	(24,448,692)	(32,885,933)	(57,334,625)
Net debt	-	(21,517,548)	(32,885,933)	(54,403,481)

#### 20. Major non-cash transactions

Non-cash changes consist of capitalised interest on loan notes and loan notes issued in exchange for shares in subsidiaries.

#### 21. Pension commitments

The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group into individuals own pension funds. Contributions payable by the group for the period were £180,566.

#### 22. Operating lease commitments

At 30 June 2008 the Group had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings
	2008
Group	£
Expiry date:	
Within 1 year	116,065
After more than 5 years	180,290
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### 23. Related party transactions

Following incorporation on 12 February 2007, the company acquired the entire share capital of DataExplorers Limited and Spitalfields Advisors Limited together with the minority shareholdings in Performance Explorer Limited and IndexExplorer Limited not already owned by DataExplorers Limited from M C Faulkner and B K Cuthbert and other vendors. The total acquisition cost for these transactions, including fees of £1,450,000, was £57,950,000 as set out in note 11.

The amounts paid to M C Faulkner and B K Cuthbert were £22,210,994 and £12,939,300 respectively together with an amount of £5,333,333 paid to a trust of which B K Cuthbert's dependent children are beneficiaries. The amount paid to the trust was all in cash whilst the amounts paid to M C Faulkner and B K Cuthbert were a combination of £7,666,667 and £1,333,333 in cash, £14,143,795 and £5,508,924 in unsecured loan notes, £400,532 in B Ordinary shares to M C Faulkner and £156,005 in C Ordinary Shares to B K Cuthbert and in the case of B K Cuthbert £5,941,038 in A Loan Notes.

During the year all of the A Loan Notes were redeemed and a total of £250,911 interest was paid on these A Loan Notes.

During the year the company redeemed an element of the unsecured loan notes which are held by its shareholders and also paid some interest in cash on redemption of those loan notes. Details of accrued interest and interest capitalised are shown below together with the amount of the original capital outstanding at 30 June 2008.

	accrued 30 June 2008 £	capitalised 30 June 2008 £	outstanding 30 June 2008 £
Ventry Nominees Limited	365,967	1,880,178	23,418,648
Dr B.K. Cuthbert	28,600	288,867	1,688,249
A. Cuthbert	33,713	29,753	2,300,817
M.C. Faulkner	160,006	819,332	10,241,661
J.C.E. Pittam	39,351	201,504	2,518,812
W.A.L. Duff Gordon	10,904	49,598	704,169
P. Menzies	244	1,247	15,593
A. Moore	325	1,663	20,791
T. Knox	54 	277	3,466
_	639,164	3,272,419	40,912,206

#### 24. Post balance sheet events

On 21 August 2008 the existing bank facility was refinanced with HSBC for £14 million made up of Facility A loan of £8m and Facility B loan of £6 m. The amount of the facility with Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander Limited as at 30 June 2008 was £13.9 million.

#### 25. Controlling party

There is no one ultimate controlling party.

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Principal subsidiaries			
Company name	Country	Percentage Shareholding	Description
DataExplorers Limited	England and Wales	100	Developing software for use in the securities lending industry
Spitalfields Advisors Limited	England and Wales	100	Provision of consultancy services
Performance Explorer Limited	England and Wales	100	Provision of securities lending transaction data
IndexExplorer Limited	England and Wales	100	Web-based data vending service
Risk Explorer Limited	England and Wales	100	Providing service to measure risk in securities lending programs
Report Explorer Limited	England and Wales	100	Provision of information relating to securities lending exposure
DataExplorers Inc	USA	100	Provision of information relating to securities lending exposure

#### 27. Acquisitions and Disposals

#### **Acquisitions**

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	Vendors' book value £	Fair value to the group £
Assets and liabilities acquired		
Tangible fixed assets Debtors Cash at bank Loans and finance leases	93,038 1,458,998 2,909,620 (2,943,978)	93,038 1,458,998 2,909,620 (2,943,978)
Net assets acquired	1,517,678	1,517,678
Satisfied by		
Consideration: Cash Shares and loan notes Acquisition costs		26,216,114 30,283,886 1,450,000
		57,950,000
Goodwill arising on consolidation (see note 9)		56,432,322

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Pre-aquisition results for substantial acquisitions were as follows:

### Results for the period from 1 July 2006 to 25 April 2007

	Turnover £	Operating profit £	Profit before taxation £	Taxation £
DataExplorers Limited and its subsidiaries	4,397,983	568,606	633,725	263
Spitalfields Advisors Limited	821,015	294,030	300,134	31,673

There is no difference between profit after tax and the recognised gains and losses for the period.

Results for the year ended 30 June 2006

Profit/(loss) after taxation and minority interests £

DataExplorers Limited and its subsidiaries Spitalfields Advisors Limited

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