# FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Report and Accounts

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### FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED **Company Information**

### Director

A. Rich

### Accountants

Weber & Associates Limited 5 St John's Lane London EC1M 4BH

### Registered office

5 New Street Square London EC4A 3TW

### Registered number 06251593

### FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Registered number: 06251593

Director's Report

The director presents his report and accounts for the year ended 26 June 2014.

### **Principal activities**

The company's principal activity during the year was that of a holding company.

#### **Directors**

The following persons served as directors during the year:

A. Rich

### **Director's responsibilities**

The director is responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the director must not approve the accounts unless he is 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 accounts, the director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The director is 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 him to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. He is 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.

### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 24 March 2015 and signed on its behalf.

A. Rich Director

### FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED

Report to the director on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED for the year ended 26 June 2014

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED for the year ended 26 June 2014 which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at http://rulebook.accaglobal.com/

Our work has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at http://www.accaglobal.com/factsheet163.

Weber & Associates Limited

Weber & Associates Limited Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors 5 St John's Lane London EC1M 4BH

24 March 2015

## FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 26 June 2014

	Notes	2014 £'000	2013 as restated (see note 10) £'000
Administrative expenses		(7)	(4)
Operating loss	٠	(7)	(4)
Interest payable	. 2	(3,320)	(5,700)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(3,327)	(5,704)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities  Loss for the financial year		(3,327)	(5,704)

### FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 26 June 2014

	Notes	2014 £'000	2013 as restated (see note 10) £'000
Loss for the financial year		(3,327)	(5,704)
Total recognised gains and losses related to the year		(3,327)	(5,704)
Prior year adjustments	10	(2,599)	
Total recognised gains and losses since last accounts		(5,926)	

### FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Balance Sheet as at 26 June 2014

N	lotes		2014		2013 as restated (see note
			£'000		10) £'000
Fixed assets Investments	3	. •			<u>-</u>
Current assets Debtors	4	567	-	567	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(88,125)		(84,798)	
Net current liabilities	•		(87,558)		(84,231)
Total assets less current liabilities			(87,558)		(84,231)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	6		(13,452)		(13,452)
Net liabilities			(101,010)		(97,683)
Called up share capital	7		270		270
Share premium Profit and loss account	8 9		24,930 (126,210)		24,930 (122,883)
Shareholders' funds		•	(101,010)		(97,683)

The director is satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Director

Approved by the board on 24 March 2015

### 1 Accounting policies

### Basis of preparation

The principal accounting policies adopted are described below. These have all been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding year.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards.

#### Going concern

The company forms part of the First Quench Group which ceased to trade in 2009 following the administration of the sole trading company in the group, First Quench Retailing Limited. The company will be placed into liquidation following the resolution of an outstanding matter relating to a commercial settlement which the company is party to. The timing of the completion of this settlement is currently uncertain. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on other than going concern basis.

#### **Taxation**

UK corporation 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.

Full provision is made for deferred taxation resulting from timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the accounts and their recognition for tax purposes. Deferred taxation is calculated on an un-discounted basis at the tax rates which are expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences will reverse.

A net 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 from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

### Investments

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

2	Interest payable	2014	2013
	• •		as restated
			(see note 10)
		£'000	£'000
	Interest payable	3,320	5,700

### 3 Investments

On 19 July 2007 the company acquired Threshers Wines Holdings Limited for a consideration of £1. On 28 April 2010, Threshers Wines Holdings Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of First Quench Acquisitions Limited, went into liquidation.

	2014	2013
	£'000	£'000
Cost less impairment at 26 June	<u> </u>	

Details of the fixed assets investments and their current status comprise:

Company	Country of incorporation	Holding %	Date of commence ment of insolvency process	Insolvency process
Thresher Wines Holdings LTD	Great Britain	100	28.04.2010	Creditors voluntary liquidation
Thresher Wines Group LTD	Great Britain	100	28.04.2010	Creditors voluntary liquidation
First Quench Retailing LTD	Great Britain	100	29.10.2009	Administration Dissolved on
Thresher Leasing LTD	Great Britain	100	-	29.03.2011
Debtors			2014 £'000	2013 £'000
Amounts owed by group under the company has a participating		s in which	567	567

5	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2014	2013 as restated (see note 10)
		£'000	£'000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the		
	company has a participating interest	29,626	26,306
	Related parties bonds	55,000	55,000
	Other creditors	3,499	3,492_
		88,125	84,798

Included in the related party bonds is a sum of £50 million nominal amount unsecured loan stock issued at par which is repayable on demand. This loan stock carries an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.25% per annum.

6	Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	2014	2013 as restated (see note 10)
		£'000	£'000
	Related party bonds	11,652	11,652
	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the	1,800	1,800
	company has a participating interest	13,452	13,452

The related party bonds include £11.4 million nominal amount of unsecured loan stock issued at par on which interest is charged at 10% per annum.

7	Share capital	Nominal value	2014 Number	2014 £'000	2013 £'000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid: Ordinary shares	1 pence	2,000,000	20	20
	A Ordinary shares	1 pence	25,000,000	250 270	250 270

On 17 May 2007 the company issued 1 ordinary share of 1 pence for 10 pence and on 19 July 2007 issued 1,999,999 ordinary shares of 1 pence for 10 pence. A share premium account was formed on these transactions.

On 26 August 2008 the company's authorised share capital was increased from 2,000,000 ordinary shares to 27,000,000 ordinary shares by the creation of 25,000,000 Class A ordinary shares of 1 pence each.

On the same date and co-terminous £25 million of the loan stock was re-deemed and replaced by 25 million of the Class A ordinary shares issued at 1 pence each. A share premium of £24,750,000 was recognised on this transaction.

8	Share premium	2014 £'000
	At 27 June 2013	24,930
	At 26 June 2014	24,930
9	Profit and loss account	2014 as restated (see note
	At 27 June 2013 as previously stated Prior year adjustments	<b>£'000</b> (120,284) (2,599)
	At 27 June 2013 as restated Loss for the year	(122,883) (3,327)
	At 26 June 2014	(126,210)

### 10 Prior year adjustment

The adjustment to the prior year results reflects the understatement of interest on the £75 million related party bonds. This relates to a temporary increase in the interest rate by 5% during 2008. The cumulative effect of this understatement amounted to £2.6 million. The effect of which has been reflected in Note 9 of the financial statements. The overall impact of interest adjustment in the balance sheet is the increase in intercompany creditors.

### 11 Related party transactions

Balances outstanding from and to related party undertakings are disclosed in the notes 4, 5 and 6 to the financial statements. Interest accrued on related party bonds is disclosed in the note 2 to the financial statements.

### 12 Ultimate controlling party

First Quench Acquisitions Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Quench Group Limited. First Quench Group Limited has £200,000 of called up share capital of which 75% is held by Haig Luxembourg Holdco S.a.r.I and 25% is held by Pension Corporation Investments No 3 LP Inc.

First Quench Group Limited is the parent company of the largest and the smallest group of which First Quench Acquisitions Limited is a member.