# FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Report and Accounts 31 March 2015

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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

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### FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Registered number: 06251593

Director's Report

The director presents his report and accounts for the period ended 31 March 2015.

#### **Principal activities**

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

#### **Directors**

The following person served as a director during the period:

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 23 July 2015 and signed on its behalf.

A. RichDirector

#### FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED

### Report to the director on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED for the period ended 31 March 2015

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 period ended 31 March 2015 which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet 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

23 July 2015

# FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Profit and Loss Account for the period from 27 June 2014 to 31 March 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Administrative expenses		(4)	(7)
Operating loss		(4)	(7)
Interest payable	2	(2,692)	(3,320)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(2,696)	(3,327)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities  Loss for the period		(2,696)	(3,327)

### FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2015

	Notes		2015 £'000		2014 £'000
Fixed assets Investments	3				
Current assets Debtors	4	567	-	567	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(90,821)		(88,125)	
Net current liabilities			(90,254)	-	(87,558)
Total assets less current liabilities			(90,254)	•	(87,558)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	6		(13,452)		(13,452)
Net liabilities			(103,706)		(101,010)
Called up share capital Share premium Profit and loss account	7 8 9		270 24,930 (128,906)		270 24,930 (126,210)
Shareholders' funds			(103,706)	-	(101,010)

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.

A. Rich Director

Approved by the board on 23 July 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	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	Interest payable	2,692_	3,320

#### 3 Investments

On 19 July 2007 the company acquired Thresher 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.

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Cost less impairment at 31 March 2015 (2014: 26 June 2014)		

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			2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Amounts owed by group undertal the company has a participating it		s in which	567	567

5	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	32,318	29,626
	Related parties bonds	55,000	55,000
	Other creditors	3,503	3,499
		90,821	88,125

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	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	Related party bonds	11,652	11,652
	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	1.800	1,800
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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	2015 Number	2015 £'000	2014 £'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	250
			_	270	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	2015 £'000
	At 27 June 2014	24,930
	At 31 March 2015	24,930
9	Profit and loss account	2015 £'000
	At 27 June 2014 Loss for the period	(126,210) (2,696)
	At 31 March 2015	(128,906)

#### 10 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.

#### 11 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.l 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.

# FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Detailed profit and loss account for the period from 27 June 2014 to 31 March 2015

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Administrative expenses	(4)	(7)
Operating loss	(4)	(7)
Interest payable	(2,692)	(3,320)
Loss before tax	(2,696)	(3,327)

# FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED Detailed profit and loss account for the period from 27 June 2014 to 31 March 2015

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Administrative expenses		
General administrative expenses:		
Sundry expenses	-	3
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Legal and professional costs:		
Accountancy fees	4	4
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### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED

**HELD AT:** 

54 Jermyn Street, London, SW1 5LX

ON:

23 July 2015

**PRESENT:** 

A. Rich

(Chairman)

**NOTICE OF MEETING:** 

The Director read the notice convening the meeting.

**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT:** 

The report of the accountant to the members was taken as read.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 MARCH 2015:

The Company's Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2015 were laid before the meeting and it was resolved that these be approved and adopted.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** 

There being no other business the meeting then terminated.

CHAIRMAN

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SOLE DIRECTOR OF FIRST QUENCH ACQUISITIONS LIMITED

**HELD AT:** 

54 Jermyn Street, London, SW1 5LX

ON:

23 July 2015

**PRESENT:** 

A. Rich

(Chairman)

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2015:

The Company's Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2015 were approved by the director and it was resolved that they be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **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 one outstanding issue 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.

### ACCOUNTING REFERENCE DATE

It was resolved that the accounting reference date of the company to be changed to 31 March 2015 subsequent to the management decision of placing the company into liquidation imminently.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

There being no other business the meeting then terminated.

**CHAIRMAN**