# Company Registration No. 07466427

**Taylor Wessing Services Limited** 

**Report and Financial Statements** 

30 April 2013

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# Report and financial statements 30 April 2013

## Officers and professional advisers

#### Directors

C A Beckett T G Eyles C Singleton

#### **Registered Office**

5 New Street Square London EC4A 3TW

#### **Bankers**

National Westminster Bank PLC Fleet Street Branch PO Box 281 156 Fleet Street London EC4A 2DX

#### **Solicitors**

Taylor Wessing LLP

#### Auditor

Deloitte LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor London

### Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2013

#### Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the company is the provision of services to Taylor Wessing LLP, its parent undertaking There have been no events since the balance sheet date which materially affect the position of the company

The directors consider the company's current level of business activity and the year-end financial position to be satisfactory, and that this level of activity will be sustained for the foreseeable future

As the company is engaged solely in the supply of services, the company's directors believe that further key performance indicators are not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or financial position of the business.

#### Results and dividends

The result for the year is set out on page 6 in the profit and loss account. No dividends have been proposed for the current or preceding year

#### Financial risk management

The financial position of the company is as shown in the balance sheet on page 7. The company has no third party debt and has access to financial resources from its parent undertaking. Consequently, the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully

#### Going concern

The directors have considered the going concern assumption given the current economic climate and have formed the conclusion that there is a reasonable expectation that the company will continue to operate in the foreseeable future

After making enquiries and considering the above facts, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements

#### **Employees**

The company has a formal information and consultation group with representatives elected from across the business and meets on a regular basis. Updates of topics discussed and outcomes are posted on the firm's intranet and supplement other firm-wide communications.

The company gives full and fair consideration to all applications for employment irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity, religion or disability and decisions are made having regard to an individual's ability to meet the requirements of the role

#### **Directors**

The directors of the company, who served during the year, are as follows

C A Beckett

T G Eyles

C Singleton

### Directors' report (continued)

#### Auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware,
   and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006

Deloitte LLP has indicated its willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for it to be deemed reappointed as auditor will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Director

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### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- · state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, and
- 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 proper accounting records that 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 the system of internal control, for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# Independent auditor's report to the directors of Taylor Wessing Services Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Taylor Wessing Services Limited for the year ended 30 April 2013 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 10. 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 to 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### 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. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **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 30 April 2013 and of its result 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

#### 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

Jeremy Black

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(Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

23 January

2014

## Profit and loss account Year ended 30 April 2013

|  |       | 2013         | 2012         |
|--|-------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Notes | £            | £            |
| Turnover                                     | 1     | 38,334,149   | 35,017,781   |
| Other income                                 |       | 11,830       | -            |
| Administrative expenses                      | 2, 3  | (38,331,930) | (35,010,284) |
| Operating result                             | 4     | 14,049       | 7,497        |
| Taxation on result on ordinary activities    | 5     | (3,360)      | (1,799)      |
| Result for the financial year after taxation | 9     | 10,689       | 5,698        |

All results are derived from continuing operations. There have been no recognised gains or losses attributable to shareholders other than those shown above and accordingly no statement of total recognised gains and losses is presented.

# Balance sheet 30 April 2013

|  | Notes  | 2013<br>£              | 2012<br>£            |
|--|--------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Fixed Assets Tangible Fixed Assets                                   |        | -                      | -                    |
| Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand                      | 6      | 1,056,805<br>2,088,971 | 712,652<br>2,510,153 |
|  |        | 3,145,776              | 3,222,805            |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year                       | 7      | (3,129,388)            | (3,217,106)          |
| Net assets   |        | 16,388                 | 5,699                |
| Capital and reserves Profit and loss account Called up share capital | 9<br>8 | 16,387<br>1            | 5,698<br>1           |
| Total shareholders' funds  |        | 16,388                 | 5,699                |

The financial statements of Taylor Wessing Services Limited registered number 07466427 were approved by the Board of Directors on 23/01 2014

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

T G Eyles

Director

### Notes to the accounts Year ended 30 April 2013

#### 1 Accounting policies and accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Turnover

Turnover comprises amounts billed and receivable in respect of the supply of services to Taylor Wessing LLP Fee income is recognised when services are delivered

All turnover is recognised in relation to the principal activity of the company, and all arises within the United Kingdom

#### Cash flow statement

A cash flow statement has not been presented in accordance with the exemption within Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised) on the basis that a cash flow statement is presented in the consolidated accounts of Taylor Wessing LLP and those accounts include the results of the company

#### Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 8 - Related Party transactions, and not presented details of transactions with Taylor Wessing LLP on the grounds that the results of the company are included in the consolidated accounts of Taylor Wessing LLP

#### 2. Information regarding directors and employees

|   |   | 2013<br>No. | 2012<br>No                              |
|---|---|-------------|---|
|   | Average number of persons employed                      | 551         | 530                                     |
|   |   | £           | £                                       |
|   | Staff costs during the year                             |             |   |
|   | Wages and salaries                                      | 32,090,407  | 29,082,042                              |
|   | Social security costs                                   | 3,670,456   | 3,336,380                               |
|   | Pension costs   | 1,568,878   | 1,384,157                               |
|   | Other staff costs                                       | 809,972     | 851,241                                 |
|   |   | 38,139,713  | 34,653,820                              |
| 3 | Directors' remuneration                                 |             |   |
|   |   | 2013        | 2012                                    |
|   |   | £           | £                                       |
|   | Emoluments  | 147,050     | 128,579                                 |
|   | Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes | 7,185       | 6,938                                   |
|   |   | 154,235     | 135,517                                 |
|   |   |             | ======================================= |

The number of directors who are members of a money purchase pension scheme is two (2012 2)

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 30 April 2013

| 4  | Operating result  |                   |             |
|----|---|-------------------|-------------|
|    |   | 2013              | 2012        |
|    | Operating result is stated after charging   | £                 | £           |
|    |   |                   |             |
|    | Auditors' remuneration  |                   |             |
|    | - Amounts payable for the audit of the company's annual accounts  | 3,000             | 3,000       |
| 5. | Taxation on ordinary activities   |                   |             |
|    | ·   | 2013              | 2012        |
|    | The town shares as well as  | £                 | £           |
|    | The tax charge comprises  |                   |             |
|    | Current corporation tax charge on profits   | 3,360             | 1,799       |
|    | The difference between the total current tax shown above and the amount calculate rate of UK corporation tax for small companies to the profit before tax comprises | d by applying tl  | ne standard |
|    |   | 2013              | 2012        |
|    | Tax on profit on ordinary activities at standard UK corporation tax rate of 23% (2012 24%) Effects of   | <b>£</b><br>3,360 | £<br>1,799  |
|    | Prior year adjustment   |                   |             |
|    | Transfer pricing adjustment   | 458,266           | 420,144     |
|    | Balancing payment made by LLP for tax on TP adjustment  | (458,266)         | (420,144)   |
|    | Current tax charge for the year   | 3,360             | 1,799       |
| 6. | Debtors   |                   |             |
|    |   | 2013<br>£         | 2012<br>£   |
|    | Amounts due from group undertakings   | 430,960           | 146,837     |
|    | VAT   | 288,942           | 118,733     |
|    | Other debtors   | 237,433           | 205,735     |
|    | Prepayments and accrued income  | 99,470            | 241,347     |
|    |   | 1,056,805         | 712,652     |

### Notes to the accounts Year ended 30 April 2013

#### 7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| 5.1.0 , 6.1.1 |   |  |
|---------------|---|--|
| 2013<br>£     | 2012<br>£   |  |
| 73,348        | 108,165   |  |
| 1,090,318     | 1,005,039   |  |
|               | 809   |  |
| 1,957,923     | 2,103,093   |  |
| 3,129,388     | 3,217,106   |  |
|               |   |  |
| 2013          | 2012  |  |
| £             | £   |  |
| 1             | 1   |  |
|               |   |  |
|               |   |  |
| 1             | 1   |  |
|               |   |  |
| Profit and    | Profit and loss account   |  |
| 2013          | 2012  |  |
| £             | £   |  |
| 5,698         | -   |  |
| 10,689        | 5,698   |  |
| 16,387        | 5,698   |  |
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#### 10. Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The ultimate parent company and controlling party of the company is Taylor Wessing LLP Taylor Wessing LLP is the immediate parent company and the parent company of the largest and smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up Copies of the group financial statements of Taylor Wessing LLP, which include the results of Taylor Wessing Services Limited, are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ