# Financial Statements Mar City Land Limited

for the year ended 30 June 2015

Registered number: 08764323



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# Company Information

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### Directors' Report For the year ended 30 June 2015

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015. The comparatives are for the period from incorporation on 6 November 2013 to 30 June 2014.

### **Principal Activity**

The Company operates as the land owning entity for a number of sites which are being developed for residential housing purposes by Mar City Homes Limited, a company within the Mar City PLC Group. The land is held as stock at its book value by the Company.

Individual plots of land from each site are sold on the Company's behalf by Mar City Homes Limited upon the completion of each building and its subsequent sale.

### **Directors and their interests**

The Directors who held office during the period under review and subsequently up to the date of this report are listed below:

M J Everett (appointed 25 June 2015) M A Ryan (resigned 10 December 2015) A T Styles (appointed 10 December 2015) P M Underwood (appointed 10 December 2015)

### **Financial and Operational Restructuring**

The Group within which Mar City Land Limited is a part has undergone a significant financial and operational restructuring following a period of disappointing trading performance. The financial restructuring is expected to be completed shortly. As a consequence of certain breaches within the Group's existing financial arrangements, the loan facilities outstanding with the Company's secured lenders have become effectively repayable on demand. The Company is reliant on the continuing support of its lenders in order to continue in operational existence. These factors create a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Company has maintained an active and productive dialogue with its secured lenders and is expected to conclude a revised financing package shortly. As part of this process, detailed financial forecasts have been prepared up to the period ending June 2018 and these indicate that the Group should be able to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. The directors have therefore applied the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements and the financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result if the Company were unable to continue as a going concern.

### Results and dividends

The Company reported a pre-tax loss for the year ended 30 June 2015 of £356,000 (2014: loss of £511,000). The Company had net liabilities as at 30 June 2015 amounting to £852,000 (2014: net liabilities of £496,000) and a secured debt of £18.8 million (2014: £19.8 million).

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#### Post balance sheet events

There were no material post balance sheet events.

### **Going concern**

As noted on page 4, with its secured loans facilities effectively repayable on demand, there is some uncertainty affecting the Company's ability to continue in operational existence. However, recognising the continuing support of its secured lenders and its parent, Mar City PLC, the Directors have deemed it appropriate to adopt the going concern method in preparing the Company's audited financial statements. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Company were unable to continue as a going concern.

### **Directors' responsibility 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 judgements and accounting 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;
- 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' Liability Insurance and Indemnity**

The Company's parent, Mar City PLC, maintains Directors and Officers Liability insurance. To the extent permitted by UK Law, the Company indemnifies its Directors against claims brought against them as a consequence of the execution of their duties as Directors of the Company.

### Directors' Report For the year ended 30 June 2015

### Disclosure of information to auditor

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

### **Auditor**

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

In preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by Section 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 24 May 2016 and signed on its behalf by

M J Everett Director



# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Mar City Land Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Mar City Land Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015, 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 set out on page 5, 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 Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

### **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 June 2015 and of its loss 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.



# Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Mar City Land Limited

#### **Emphasis of Matter - Going Concern**

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosure made in note 1.2 to the financial statements concerning the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

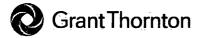
The company incurred a net loss of £356,000 during the year ended 30 June 2015 and at that date the company's current liabilities exceeded its total assets by £852,000 and it had net liabilities of £852,000. The loan facilities with the company's secured lenders are repayable on demand and the company is reliant on the continuing support of its lenders in order to continue in operational existence.

As explained in note 1.2, the directors are having on-going discussions with the secured lenders and the directors have prepared cash flow forecasts to 30 June 2018.

These conditions, along with other matters explained in note 1.2 to the financial statements, indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

### 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 Mar City Land 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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David Munton (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants Birmingham

24 May 2016

# Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 30 June 2015

	Note	Year ended 30 June 2015 £000	Period ended 30 June 2014 £000
Turnover	2	3,417	730
Cost of sales		(2,848)	(608)
Gross profit		569	122
Administrative expenses	3 _	(5)	(5)
Profit on ordinary activities before interest and taxation		564	117
Exceptional items	6	-	(9,444)
Income from shares in group undertakings	9 _		9,343
Profit before interest and taxation		564	16
Interest	7 _	(920)	(527)
Loss before taxation		(356)	(511)
Taxation	8 _		
Loss for the year/period	_	(356)	(511)

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no other recognised gains and losses for the year ended 30 June 2015 or period ended 30 June 2014 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

## **Balance Sheet**

As at 30 June 2015					
	Note	30 June 2015 £000	30 June 2014 · £000		
Current assets					
Stock	10	6,189	9,037		
Debtor: amount due after more than one year	11	14,028	10,616		
		20,217	19,653		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(21,069)	(20,149)		
Total assets less current liabilities		(852)	(496)_		
Net liabilities		(852)	(496)		
Capital and reserves	~				
Called up share capital	13	15	15		
Profit and loss account	14	(867)	(511)		
Equity shareholders' deficit	15	(852)	(496)		

During the year the company's secured lenders issued reservation of rights letters in respect of their loans to the Company, asserting various events of default and thereby entitling the lenders to demand repayment. The Company has, thus, been reliant on the continuing support of its secured lenders to continue in operational existence, as its borrowings are effectively repayable on demand. Recognising the continuing support of its secured lenders and its parent, Mar City PLC, the Directors have deemed it appropriate to adopt the going concern method in preparing the Company's audited financial statements. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Company were unable to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 24 May 2016.

A T Styles Director

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

For the year ended 30 June 2015

#### 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.

### 1.2 Going concern

The Group within which Mar City Land Limited is a part has undergone a significant financial and operational restructuring following a period of disappointing trading performance. The financial restructuring is expected to be completed shortly. As a consequence of certain breaches within the Group's existing financial arrangements, the loan facilities outstanding with the Company's secured lenders have become repayable on demand. The Company is reliant on the continuing support of its lenders in order to continue in operational existence. These factors create a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Company has maintained an active and productive dialogue with its secured lenders and is expected to conclude a revised financing package shortly. As part of this process, detailed financial forecasts have been prepared up to the period ending June 2018 and these indicate that the Group should be able to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future, assuming the continuing support of its lenders.

### 1.3 Cash flow

The company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1.

### 1.4 Turnover

The Company's turnover is derived from plot sales made on its behalf by another company within the Mar City PLC Group. At the point a contract for a house sale is completed by the Group, plots are transferred at book value plus margin.

### 1.5 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not there will be suitable tax profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

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#### 1.6 Stock

Stock in the Company consists of a number of land plots formerly owned by Mar City Developments Limited. This was acquired by the Company by way of a *dividend in specie* at book value whilst Mar City Developments Limited was a subsidiary of the Company. Development work on these land plots is carried out by another company in the Mar City PLC Group.

As units are completed and sold, the book value plus margin of each plot sold is transferred to Mar City Homes Limited.

### 1.7 Financial Instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet. Financial costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity.

### 1.8 Related Party Transactions

All of the share capital of the Company was owned by Mrs M A Ryan from incorporation on 13 November 2013 until it was acquired by Mar City PLC on 17 December 2013. Mr & Mrs Ryan are major shareholders of the Company's ultimate holding company, Mar City PLC.

On 27 November 2013 the Company received by way of a dividend in specie certain assets and liabilities from its subsidiary, Mar City Developments Limited, having a purported and declared net book value of £9.3 million. The transfer included the assignment of secured debt amounting to £8.9 million along with an irrevocable undertaking to discharge or otherwise repay such debt when it fell due for repayment. Notwithstanding the novation of the debt facility agreements to the Company, subsequent drawdowns totalling £0.9 million were made and received by Mar City Developments Limited.

There were no transactions with Mar City Developments Limited during the year ended 30 June 2015.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions in FRS8 Related Party Disclosures not to disclose transactions with other wholly owned members of the Group headed by Mar City PLC on the grounds it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mar City PLC.

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### 2. Turnover

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the principal activity.

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

### 3. Loss for the year

The loss is stated after charging:

	Year ended 30 June 2015 £000	Period ended 30 June 2014 £000
Auditor's remuneration Auditor's remuneration - non-audit	5 -	5 -

### 4. Staff costs

The Company has no employees other than the Directors.

### 5. Directors' costs

No Director received any remuneration from the Company.

### 6. Exceptional items

	Year ended 30 June 2015 £000	Period ended 30 June 2014 £000
Adjustment to secured debt Adjustment to stock value Provision against related party debtor	- - -	556 (117) (9,883)
r		(9,444)

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### 7. Interest

		Year ended 30 June 2015 £000	Period ended 30 June 2014 £000
	Interest payable on bank loans	334	292
	Interest payable on other loans	586	235
	_	920	527
	All loans are secured against land held by the Company.		
8.	Taxation		
		Year ended 30 June 2015 £000	Period ended 30 June 2014 £000
	UK corporation tax charge on loss for the year/period	-	
	Reconciliation of current tax charge		
		Year ended 30 June 2015 £000	Period ended 30 June 2014 £000
	Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(356)	(511)
	Tax on loss on ordinary activities at standard corporation tax rate of 20.75% (2014: 22.16%)	(74)	(113)
	Effects of:		
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	2,190
	Income not taxable for tax purposes Unrelieved tax losses and other deductions arising in the period	74	(2,194) 117
	Current tax charge for the period		
9.	Dividend received		
		30 June 2015 £000	30 June 2014 £000
	Dividend in specie	-	9,343

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 10. Stock

		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Land held for housing development	6,189	9,037
11.	Debtor: Amount due after more than one year		
		2015 £000	2014 £000
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	14,028	10,616
12.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2015 £000	2014 £000
•	Bank and other loans Amounts owed to group undertakings Accruals	18,832 2,236 1	19,814 257 78
	• •	21,069	20,149

The bank and other loans are secured on the land assets at an average interest rate of 5.49%

During the year the Company's secured lenders issued reservation of rights in respect of their loans to the Company, asserting various events of default and thereby entitling the lenders to demand repayment. The borrowings are therefore classified as falling due within one year as they are effectively repayable on demand.

### 13. Share capital

	2015	2014
	£000	£000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
30,000 "A" ordinary shares of 50p	15	15

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#### 14. Reserves

		Profit and loss account	
		2015	2014
		£000	£000
	Opening balance	(511)	-
	Loss for the year/period	(356)	(511)
	Closing balance	(867)	(511)
15.	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' deficit		
		2015	2014
		£000	£000
	Opening shareholders' deficit	(496)	-
	Issue of share capital	-	15
	Loss for the period	(356)	(511)
	Closing shareholders' deficit	(852)	(496)_

### 16. Related party transactions

In the prior period, the Company had a related party debtor balance with Mar City Developments Limited of £8.9 million relating to an irrevocable undertaking to discharge or otherwise repay a secured debt along with interest thereon. A further £0.9 million was also drawn down by Mar City Developments Limited from this facility post novation and added to the Company's debt. The current Directors, having considered the financial position of Mar City Developments Limited, have determined that there is little prospect of such undertakings being honoured. Accordingly, full provision was made in the accounts for the period ended 30 June 2014 for this exposure.

### 17. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The Companys immediate and ultimate parent company and controlling party is Mar City PLC. Details of shareholding in Mar City PLC can be found in the financial statements for that company which are available from Companies House. The smallest and largest group into which the Company is consolidated is that headed by Mar City PLC.