

Lower Hope Investments Limited
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2019

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

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RG Woolf

SECRETARY: RG Woolf

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**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Board of Directors
on the Unaudited Financial Statements of
Lower Hope Investments Limited**

The following reproduces the text of the report prepared for the directors in respect of the company's annual unaudited financial statements. In accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the company is only required to file a Balance Sheet. Readers are cautioned that the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings and certain other primary statements and the Report of the Directors are not required to be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Lower Hope Investments Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, 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 Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed within the ICAEW's regulations and guidance at <http://www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance>.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Lower Hope Investments Limited, as a body, in accordance with our terms of engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Lower Hope Investments Limited and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the Board of Directors of Lower Hope Investments Limited, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Lower Hope Investments Limited and its Board of Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Lower Hope Investments Limited has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit of Lower Hope Investments Limited. You consider that Lower Hope Investments Limited is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Lower Hope Investments Limited. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

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Lower Hope Investments Limited (Registered number: 10843676)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 £	£	2018 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	4		7,933		11,107
Tangible assets	5		-		366
Investments	6		6,087,345		13,581,874
			<u>6,095,278</u>		<u>13,593,347</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	953,260		933,526	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>215,276</u>		<u>37,364</u>	
		1,168,536		970,890	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>186,960</u>		<u>7,833,847</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			<u>981,576</u>		<u>(6,862,957)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>7,076,854</u>		<u>6,730,390</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Allotted, issued and fully paid share capital			170,004		170,004
Retained earnings			<u>6,906,850</u>		<u>6,560,386</u>
			<u>7,076,854</u>		<u>6,730,390</u>

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2019.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.
- (b)

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2019

The financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

In accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006, the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings has not been delivered.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 27 August 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

WSC Richards CBE OBE KSG DL - Director

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2019**

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Lower Hope Investments Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" including the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The directors have considered the financial requirements of the company and consider that it will be able to operate within its agreed finance facilities for the next 12 months. The directors therefore consider it appropriate to prepare financial statements on the going concern basis.

Please see the Post Balance Sheet Events note for information on the impact of COVID-19.

Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Lower Hope Investments Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under Section 399(2A) of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements.

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

Intangible assets

The Irish Rugby Football Union debenture is amortised over its life of 10 years on a straight line basis.

Tangible fixed assets

The company's tangible fixed assets have been written down to a net book value of £nil in the year as the residual value was immaterial.

Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are held at valuation. As each of the companies' only asset or liability is a balance due to Lower Hope Investments Limited this balance is used as the valuation.

Fixed asset investments

Listed investments are valued at market value.

Unlisted investments are valued by the directors based on estimated market value or realisable value.

Taxation

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

3. EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2018 - 3) .

4. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Other intangible assets £
COST	
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	<u>31,736</u>
AMORTISATION	
At 1 January 2019	20,629
Charge for year	<u>3,174</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>23,803</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2019	<u>7,933</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>11,107</u>

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5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and machinery etc £
COST	
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	<u>1,295</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2019	929
Charge for year	<u>366</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>1,295</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2019	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>366</u>

6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments £	Totals £
COST OR VALUATION				
At 1 January 2019	7,821,861	4,526,597	1,233,416	13,581,874
Additions	-	284,187	99,992	384,179
Disposals	-	(221,577)	(136,020)	(357,597)
Revaluations	(7,651,855)	170,354	(39,610)	(7,521,111)
At 31 December 2019	<u>170,006</u>	<u>4,759,561</u>	<u>1,157,778</u>	<u>6,087,345</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2019	<u>170,006</u>	<u>4,759,561</u>	<u>1,157,778</u>	<u>6,087,345</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>7,821,861</u>	<u>4,526,597</u>	<u>1,233,416</u>	<u>13,581,874</u>

Listed investments originally cost £4,800,133.

Unlisted investments originally cost £805,024.

The above cost figures are the costs for tax purposes.

Shares in group undertakings originally cost £717,110.

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7. **DEBTORS**

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	500	500
Amounts owed by participating interests	675,000	677,261
S455 tax	12,479	29,428
Corporation tax	6	21,985
Directors' current accounts	164,229	112,791
Deferred tax asset	79,279	91,561
Prepayments	4,818	-
	<u>936,311</u>	<u>933,526</u>
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
S455 tax	<u>16,949</u>	<u>-</u>
Aggregate amounts	<u>953,260</u>	<u>933,526</u>

8. **CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2019 £	2018 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	50	-
Amounts owed to participating interests	170,006	7,813,783
Accruals and deferred income	16,904	20,064
	<u>186,960</u>	<u>7,833,847</u>

9. **DEFERRED TAX**

	£
Balance at 1 January 2019	(91,561)
Charge to Statement of Income and Retained Earnings during year	<u>12,282</u>
Balance at 31 December 2019	<u>(79,279)</u>

10. **DIRECTORS' ADVANCES, CREDITS AND GUARANTEES**

During the prior period, as part of the reorganisation of companies under common control, directors' loans due to subsidiary companies of £220,383 were transferred into the company. These were subsequently repaid. A further £112,791 was withdrawn by the directors, including interest charged on the overdrawn loan of £3,822 at the official rate.

During the reorganisation in the prior year a share for share exchange was completed with the directors for their shares in the now subsidiary companies. In total 170,004 of £1 ordinary shares were issued to two of the directors.

At the year end £164,229 was due from the directors including interest charged at 2.5% of £1,858.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the prior period a reorganisation of companies under common control was carried out with the companies becoming subsidiaries following a share for share exchange. The assets and liabilities of the subsidiary companies was transferred into Lower Hope Investments Limited by way of loans from subsidiaries. At the prior period end £7,813,783 was due to the subsidiaries. Dividends of £7,643,777 were paid by the subsidiaries in the year leaving loans of £170,006 due to the company.

As part of the reorganisation loans to other entities controlled by the directors are became due to Lower Hope Investments Limited in the prior period. One loan, for £675,000, is interest free and repayable on demand. The other loan was initially for £43,636 which was subsequently repaid. Interest of £2,261 at the authorised rate was charged on this which was still outstanding at the prior period end but has been repaid during the current year. This loan was also repayable on demand.

12. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS - COVID-19 IMPACT

There has been a minimal impact on company operations as a result of COVID-19 since the end of the financial year. The company employs three staff: one is working from home; another is furloughed and the third is working normally with appropriate social distancing in practice. Government guidelines will continue to be followed. We believe there is no significant risk associated with stakeholders, investment brokers or general suppliers.

The main assets of the company are its investments, whilst in the short-term, the value of the investment portfolio held has fallen but the longer-term view is that markets will recover. Cash reserves are sufficient to cover operating expenses for the foreseeable future and the directors confirm the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The situation will be kept under review by the directors as part of the risk management process.

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