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Directors' report and financial statements

for the financial year ended 31 March 2015

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# Directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015

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## Directors and other information

#### Directors

Paul Atkinson Paul Cooper

## Company secretary and Registered office

Paul Cooper Newenham House Northern Cross Malahide Road Dublin D17 AY61

## United Kingdom office

Centurion House 129 Deansgate Manchester M3 3WR England

Registered number: 275494

### Auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
One Spencer Dock
North Wall Quay
Dublin 1

## Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2015

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with Irish law

Irish law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the Company's assets, liabilities and financial position as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the Company for the financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and Irish law)

Under Irish law, the directors shall not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the Company's assets, liabilities and financial position as at the end of the financial year and the profit or loss of the Company for the financial year

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 the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures from those standards being disclosed and explained in the notes to the financial statements, 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to

- correctly record and explain the transactions of the Company,
- enable, at any time, the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, and
- enable the directors to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable those financial statements to be audited

The directors 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

### Accounting records

The measures taken by the directors to secure compliance with the Company's obligation to keep adequate accounting records are the use of appropriate systems and procedures and ensuring that competent persons are responsible for the accounting records. These are kept at Centurion House, 129 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 3WR, England.

## Principal activities

The Company's principal activity during the year under review was to act as a holding company for a fellow subsidiary undertaking of Experian plc

## Results and dividend

The Company has received no income nor incurred any expenditure during the year (2014 US\$Nil) and accordingly no profit and loss account is presented. The directors consider the year end financial position to be satisfactory. The directors do not propose the payment of a dividend (2014 US\$Nil).

## Future developments

The Company will continue to perform their principal activity, to act as a holding company for fellow subsidiary undertakings of Experian plc

## Directors' report (continued)

#### Post balance sheet events

No events of a material nature have occurred since the year-end

#### Directors

The names of the person who were directors during the year ended 31 March 2015 are set out on page 2

#### Directors' and secretary's interests

In accordance with Section 260 of the Companies Act 2014, shares representing 1% or less of the ultimate holding company's issued share capital constitute non-disclosable interests

The duectors and secretary had no other interest in the shares of the Company or any other group company at 31 March 2015

There have been no contracts or arrangements during the period in which a director of the Company was materially interested and which were significant to the Company's business

On behalf of the Board

P A Afkinson

P G Cooper

24 August 2015



# Independent auditors' report to the members of GUS Finance Ireland

## Report on the financial statements

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In our opinion, GUS Finance Irelands' financial statements (the "financial statements")

- give a true and fair view of the company's assets, habilities and financial position as at 31 March 2015 and of its result for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014

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The financial statements comprise

- the balance sheet as at 31 March 2015,
- · the profit and loss account for the year then ended,
- · the accounting policies, and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events

## Matters on which we are required to report by the Companies Act 2014

- We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit
- In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records
- In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

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## Matter on which we are required to report by exception

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Under the Companies Act 2014 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by sections 305 to 312 of that Act have not been made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, 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 Irish 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

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

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We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both



# Independent auditors' report to the members of GUS Finance Ireland - continued

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' 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.

John Dillon

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm

Dublin, Ireland 24 August 2015

# Profit and loss account for the financial year ended 31 March 2015

There was no profit and loss account activity for the year from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015

# Balance sheet at 31 March 2015

| <u> </u>                            | Notes | 2015<br>US\$'000 | 2014<br>US\$'000 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Fixed assets                        |       |                  |                  |
| Investment in a group undertaking   | 3     | 9,625            | 9,625            |
| Current assets                      |       |                  |                  |
| Debtors amounts due within one year | 4     | 692              | 692              |
| Net assets                          |       | 10,317           | 10,317           |
| Capital and reserves                |       |                  |                  |
| Called up share capital             | 5     | -                | -                |
| Profit and loss account             |       | 10,317           | 10,317           |
| Shareholders' funds                 |       | 10,317           | 10,317           |

On behalf of the Board

P A Atkinson

P G Cooper

24 August 2015

## Notes to the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2015

## 1. Accounting policies

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Company, which have been consistently applied in the current and preceding period, are as follows

#### Basis of preparation

The entity financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland (accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and the Companies Acts 2014)

The entity financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

### Reporting cui rency

These financial statements are presented in US dollars, the Company's functional currency

#### Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future having adequate funds to meet obligations as they fall due

## Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and habilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date and revenues, costs and non-monetary assets at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets are money held and amounts to be received in money, all other assets are non-monetary assets.

Profits and losses arising from foreign currency translations and on the settlement of amounts receivable and payable in foreign currency are dealt with in the profit and loss account

## Investments in group undertakings

Investments in group undertakings are shown at cost less any provisions necessary for permanent diminution in value

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date

Tuning differences are temporary differences between profit as computed for tax purposes and profit as stated in the financial statements which arise because certain items of income and expenditure in the financial statements are dealt with in different periods for taxation purposes

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that they are regarded as recoverable. Recoverability is assessed on the basis that more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

# Notes to the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 (continued)

#### 2. Profit and loss account

The Company has received no income nor incurred any expenditure during the year (2014 US\$Nil) and accordingly no profit and loss account is presented

The audit fee for the year for the audit of these financial statements has been paid by a fellow group undertaking Directors' fees for the year were US\$Nil (2014 US\$Nil) No other employee costs have been charged in these financial statements (2014 US\$Nil)

## 3. Investment in a group undertaking

|   | 2015<br>US\$'000 | 2014<br>US\$'000 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Cost less provision for impairment in value |                  |                  |
| At beginning and end of financial year      | 9,625            | 9,625            |

The Company's investment in a group undertaking at 31 March 2015 comprised the whole of the issued preference share capital of GUS 1998 Unlimited (8,376,961 shares of £1 269738 each) GUS 1998 Unlimited is incorporated in England and Wales. The whole of that company's issued ordinary share capital at 31 March 2015 (2 ordinary shares of £1 each) was held by Experian Finance plc, a fellow subsidiary undertaking of Experian plc.

## 4. Debtors - amounts due within one year

|                                    | 2015     | 2014     |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                    | US\$'000 | US\$'000 |
|                                    |          |          |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | 692      | 692      |
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Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, repayable on demand and earn interest at rates based on LIBOR for the currency in which the balances are denominated

## 5. Called up share capital

|  | 2015                              | 2014                              |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Authorised 1,000,000,000 ordinary shares of £0 96 each                                   | US\$1,372,800,000<br>£960,000,000 | US\$1,372,800,000<br>£960,000,000 |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid – presented as equity 2 ordinary shares of £0 96 each | US\$3                             | US\$3                             |
| 2 ordinary shares of 20 90 each  | £2                                | £2                                |

## Notes to the financial statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2015 (continued)

## 6. Cash flow statement

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is Experian plc and the cash flows of the Company are included in the consolidated cash flow statement of Experian plc which covered the year ended 31 March 2015. Accordingly the Company is exempt, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996), from publishing a cash flow statement

## 7. Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 from disclosing transactions with entities that fall within the category of wholly owned by the Experian plc group

## 8. Guarantees and contingent liabilities

The Company has no guarantees or contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2015

## 9. Holding company

The Company's immediate holding company at 31 March 2015 was GUS Holdings Unlimited, incorporated in England and Wales

The Company's ultimate holding company and controlling party is Experian plc, a company incorporated in Jersey. It is the only group in which the results of the Company for the year were consolidated and copies of its consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Experian plc, Newenham House, Northern Cross, Malahide Road, Dublin 17, Ireland

## 10. Post balance sheet events

No events of a material nature have occurred since the year-end that warrant disclosure in these financial statements

#### 11. Approval of financial statements

The directors approved the financial statements on 24 August 2015