O'Melveny and Myers LLP Financial Statements Year ended 31st January 2006

O'MELVENY & MYERS LLP



Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2006

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Company number

OC307988

Auditors

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Report to the members

The Management Committee of O'Melveny & Myers LLP presents this report on behalf of the members together with the audited financial statements of the partnership for the year ended 31 January 2006.

Firm Structure

O'Melveny & Myers LLP has been established to carry on the practice of law as a limited liability partnership in the United Kingdom in accordance with the applicable professional regulations.

O'Melveny & Myers LLP was formed on 13 May 2004. On 19th November 2004, the business previously carried on by O'Melveny & Myers, an English general partnership, was transferred to O'Melveny & Myers LLP.

It is a condition of admission as a member of the UK LLP that such a member shall also be a member of the UK LLP's associated US firm also called O'Melveny & Myers LLP, which is a limited liability partnership organised and existing under the laws of the State of California.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the UK partnership comprise the provision of professional legal advisory services. It operates in association with the US LLP referred to above in the following offices: Beijing, Brussels, Century City, Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, New York, San Francisco, Shanghai, Silicon Valley, Tokyo and Washington D.C.

Results

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 6.

Designated Members

The designated members (as defined in the Limited Liability Partnership Act 2000) of O'Melveny & Myers LLP during the year were John D. Daghlian, Matthew D. J. Hudson and Stephen J. Stern (Resigned 30th October 2005).

Members' subscription and repayment of members' capital

Under the terms of the Members' Agreement relating to the UK LLP, the partners of the LLP can be required to make capital contributions to the LLP as determined from time to time by the Management Committee. It is intended that any member's capital so contributed will be repayable to the contributing member within 30 days following the date on which that member ceases to be a member of the LLP.

Members' profit shares

Members can be remunerated out of the profits of O'Melveny & Myers LLP (and can also be separately remunerated from the profits of the associated US firm in their capacity as partners in that firm) and are required to make their own provision for pensions and other benefits. Profits are allocated and divided between the members after finalisation of the financial statements. Certain members, as designated from time to time in a separate agreement between such members and the US LLP, hold such portion of the interest allocated to them in the profits of the UK LLP for the benefit of the partners of the US LLP. Members' profit shares normally comprise:

- · a base component, reflecting the role and seniority of each member;
- an allocation of residual profits not retained for future investment in the business.

Report to the members (continued)

Creditor Payment Policy

O'Melveny & Myers LLP does not follow a specific standard or code for the payment of creditors. It agrees payment terms with its suppliers when it enters into purchase contracts. It then seeks to adhere to these arrangements providing it is satisfied that the supplier has provided the goods and services in accordance with the agreed terms and conditions.

Going concern

The Management Committee considers that the financial resources available to the business from the Californian LLP are adequate to meet its operational needs for the foreseeable future. Consequently the going concern basis has been adopted in preparing these financial statements.

Responsibilities of the Members and Management Committee

The law relating to UK limited liability partnerships ('LLPs') requires the members to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the partnership at the end of the financial year and of the profit and loss and cash flows for that period. In preparing those financial statements the members are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and estimates that these are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the limited liability partnership will continue in business

The members are also responsible for ensuring that proper accounting records are kept which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the partnership and which will enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985, as applied to limited liability partnerships. The members are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the LLP and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These responsibilities are exercised by the Management Committee on behalf of the members. The Management Committee confirms it has complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

On behalf of the Management Committee

Matthew D. J. Hudson Designated Member 11 November 2006

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independent auditors' report to the members of O'Melveny & Myers LLP

We have audited the financial statements of O'Melveny & Myers LLP (the 'LLP') for the year ended 31st January 2006 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Members' Responsibilities the LLP's members' are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the LLP's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985, as it applies to the LLP in accordance with the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000, and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, 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.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, as applied to limited liability partnerships. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Members' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the LLP has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding members' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Members' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the members in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the LLP's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the LLP's affairs as at 31st January 2006 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, as applied to limited liability partnerships.

Price William Coopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London

11 November 2006

	Notes		
		2006	2005
Turnover	2	12,132,421	3,868,914
Operating Costs			
Staff costs Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed	3	(4,691,863)	(1,654,981)
assets	4	(456,433)	(224,161)
Other operating charges	4	(4,485,801)	(3,296,114)
		(9,634,097)	(5,175,256)
Operating profit / (loss)		2,498,324	(1,306,342)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		(266,684)	(432,870)
Net Interest payable	5	(36,020)	(10,875)
		2,195,620	(1,750,087)
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	6	2,195,620	(1,750,087)
Profit / (loss) for the financial year before members' remuneration and profit shares available for division			
among members		2,195,620	(1,750,087)_

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no other recognised gains or losses in the period other than those set out above.

Balance sheet at 31 January 2006

		2000	2225
	Notes	2006	2005
Fixed Assets	Notes		
Tangible assets	9	3,082,343	2,804,436
Current Assets			
Debtors receivable within one year	8	1,416,068	662,425
Cash at bank and in hand		252,562	1,184,200
		1,668,630	1,846,625
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,070,562)	(1,113,858)_
Net Current (Liabilities) / Assets		(401,932)	732,767
Creditors - amounts falling due after one year	11	(4,701,769)	(7,854,182)
Provisions	12	(83,333)	(33,333)
Net Liabilities		(2,104,691)	(4,350,311)
Members' other interests			
Members' capital	14	50,000	-
Other reserves	14	(2,154,691)_	(4,350,311)
Members' other interests		(2,104,691)	(4,350,311)
Total Members' interest			
Loans and other debts due to members	14	4,701,769	7,854,182
Members' capital	14	50,000	-
Members' other interests	14	<u>(2,154,</u> 691)	(4,350,311)_
Members' other interests		2,597,078	3,503,871

The financial statements on pages 6 to 17 were approved on 11 November 2006 and signed on behalf of the members of O'Melveny & Myers LLP by:

Matthew HudsonDesignated Member

\cdot Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 January 2006

	Notes	2006	2005
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities	15	3,057,637	(598,230)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	16	(36,020)	(10,875)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	16	(850,842)	(2,702,503)
Transactions with members	16	(3,102,413)	4,420,127
(Decrease) / Increase in cash in the year		(931,638)	1,108,519
(Decrease) / increase in cash in the year	17	(931,638)	1,108,519
Net funds at beginning of year	17	1,184,200	75,681
Net funds at end of year		252,562	1,184,200

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2006

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting polices have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the O'Melveny & Myers LLP's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are the second statutory accounts for O'Melveny & Myers LLP and reflect the results for the year to 31 January 2006.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable United Kingdom accounting standards including the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships, and under historical cost convention except that they have been modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The polices have remained unchanged from the previous year.

Going concern

O'Melveny & Myers LLP has the support of its associated US law firm of the same name. Accordingly these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Foreign Currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are retranslated at the rates prevailing at that date. Translation differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

Turnover

Turnover represents amounts chargeable to clients for professional services provided during the year, inclusive of direct expenses incurred but excluding value added tax.

Taxation

The taxation payable on the partnership profits is the personal liability of the members during the year and consequently neither taxation nor related deferred taxation are accounted for in the financial statements. Amounts retained for members' personal tax liabilities if any are treated in the same way as other profits of the partnership and included in the 'Members' interest' or in 'Loans and other debts due to members' depending on whether or not an allocation of profits has occurred.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2006

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the costs less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed asset any equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Software	5 Years
Furniture & Fixtures	7 Years
Office Art	7 Years
Office Machines and Equipment	5 Years
Library	5 Years
Architectural Fees/Leasehold Improvements	10 Years

Retirement Benefits

O'Melveny & Myers LLP operates a defined contribution pension scheme for staff. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account when they become payable.

Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line method.

Related Party Transactions

From time to time O'Melveny & Myers LLP has also received advances from the Californian limited liability partnership which have been included in the financial statements. At 31 January 2006 amounts totalling £4,701,769 were due as a result of these transactions.

Allocation of profits and losses and drawings

Unallocated profits and losses are included in other reserves within members' other interests. There were no drawings in the period covered by these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2006

2 Turnover

Fee income comprises amounts rendered (excluding VAT) and movements in accrued revenue in respect of the provision of services completed for clients during the period.

	2006 £	2005 £
Fee income	12,132,421	3,868,914
3 Employees		
Salaries	4,106,513	1,374,125
Social security costs	357,135	220,777
Other benefits (including pension costs)	228,215	60,079
	4,691,863	1,654,981
The average number of employees employed during the year was:		
Assistants	23	8
Paralegals	3	1
Secretaries	13	6
Support Staff	9	4
	48	19

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2006 (Continued)

4 Other operating costs		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets:	2006 £	2005 £
Depreciation of owned assets	456,433	224,161
Other operating costs		
Occupancy	1,907,379	1,319,941
Maintenance and repairs	36,526	35,667
Office housekeeping	60,268	20,821
Delivery and postage	26,602	21,088
Equipment costs	83,287	55,092
Books and reference database	54,676	42,984
Communication	157,216	68,892
Photocopying	(7,647)	(4,210)
Business taxes	17,521	168,907
Insurance	68,402	102,959
Outside services	298,836	106,276
Other operating costs	227,513	267,467
Disbursements written off	914	35,815
Attorneys' expenses	714,585	374,397
Recruiting	646,804	627,277
Contribution	697	322
Foreign exchange loss	192,222	52,419
	4,485,801	3,296,114

Auditors' remuneration for the year was £30,000 (2005 - £40,000), fees paid to the auditors for non audit services were £31,715 (2005 - £26,822).

A charge for depreciation from the associated firm is included in these financial statements of £47,128 (2005 - nil).

5 Net interest payable

	£	£
Interest payable Interest receivable	(36,340) 320 (36,020)	(10,895) 20 (10,875)

6 Tax on loss on of ordinary activities

These financial statements do not incorporate any charge or liability for taxation on the results of the LLP, as the relevant income tax is the responsibility of the individual members.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2006 (Continued)

7 Members' profit shares

The basis on which profits are shared among members is set out in note 1. The average monthly number of members during the year was 11 (2005 - 9).

	2006 £	2005 £
The average profit per member is calculated by dividing the profit for the financial year by the average number of members.	199,602	-
The profit attributable to the member with the largest entitlement to profit (in their capacity as a trustee member on behalf of other members of the firm).	1,646,715	-
8 Debtors		
	2006 £	2005 £
Trade debtors	176,296	137,399
Other debtors	6,460	408,138
Prepayments and accrued income	1,233,312	116,888
	1,416,068	662,425

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2006 (Continued)

9 Tangible assets

	Software	Furniture & Fixtures	Art, drapery & carpets	Office machines and equipment	Library	Leasehold property	Telephone	Total
Costs					,			1
At Beginning of Year	32,273	23,788	14,253	224,968	104,495	2,820,734	14,881	3,235,392
Opening balance adjustments	4,782	193	226	10,224	15,312	629'26	190	128,606
Revised Costs	37,055	23,981	14,479	235,192	119,807	2,918,413	15,071	3,363,998
Additions	11,992	458,744	687	187,681	34,952	110,855	45,931	850,842
Disposals and write-offs		1	ı	1		(416,930)	•	(416,930)
At end of year	49,047	482,725	15,166	422,873	154,759	2,612,338	61,002	3,797,910
Depreciation								
At Beginning of Year	29,280	6,138	1,335	38,863	65,695	285,760	3,885	430,956
Opening balance adjustments	4,253	(480)	(10)	1,228	11,116	9,685	(240)	25,552
Revised Depreciation	33,533	5,658	1,325	40,091	76,811	295,445	3,645	456,508
Additions	2,838	36,195	2,117	66,415	18,066	276,514	7,160	409,305
Disposals and write-offs	ı	1	1	•	•	(150,246)	• •	(150,246)
At end of year	36,371	41,853	3,442	106,506	94,877	421,713	10,805	715,567
Net book amount at end of year	12,676	440,872	11,724	316,367	59,882	2,190,625	50,197	3,082,343
At end of Prior year	2,993	17,650	12,918	186,105	38,800	2,534,974	10,996	2,804,436

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2006 £	2005 £
Trade creditors	92,158	72,203
Other taxation and social security costs	246,087	146,675
Accruals and deferred income	1,732,317	894,980
	2,070,562	1,113,858
11 Creditor amounts falling due after more than a year		
Due to associated law firm (note 14)	4,701,769	7,854,182

Included in the above figure is accrued income of £2,109,825 (2005 - £629,478).

12 Provisions

	As at 1 February 2005	Utilised in the year	Charged in the year	At 31 January 2006
	£	£	£	£
Property dilapidations provision	33,333		50,000	83,333

The dilapidations provision is in respect of work to be carried out at the end of the lease of the property. The provision is due to expire in 2014. The provision has not been discounted.

13 Commitments under operating leases

The firm's annual commitments under operating leases are as follows:

	2006		2005	
	Land and buildings	Other	Land and buildings	Other
	£	£	£	£
Due within one year	-	-	-	-
Due within two to five years	-	30,600	-	30,114
Over five years	931,003	-	931,003	-
·	931,003	30,600	931,003	30,114

14 Members' interests					
	Members' capital	Other reserves	Total	Loans and other debts due to members	Total
Members interest as at 1 February 2004	-	(2,600,224)	(2,600,224)	3,434,055	833,831
Loss for the year ended 31 January 2005 available for division among members	-	(1,750,087)	(1,750,087)	-	(1,750,087)
Loans from members	-	~	-	4,420,127	4,420,127
Members' interest as at 31 January 2005		(4,350,311)	(4,350,311)	7,854,182	3,503,871
Profit for the year ended 31 January 2006 available for division among members	-	2,195,620	2,195,620	-	2,195,620
Capital contribution from members	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000
Loans from members	-	-	-	(3,152,413)	(3,152,413)
Members interest as at 31 January 2006	50,000	(2,154,691)	(2,104,691)	4,701,769	2,597,078

Under the terms of the Members' Agreement relating to the UK LLP, the partners of the LLP can be required to make capital contributions to the LLP as determined from time to time by the Management Committee. It is intended that any member's capital so contributed will be repayable to the contributing member within 30 days following the date on which that member ceases to be a member of the LLP

15 Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash outflow from operating activities

	2006 £	2005 £
Operating profit / (loss)	2,498,324	(1,306,342)
Depreciation	409,305	224,161
Increase in creditors	956,705	914,938
Net adjustment to fixed assets	(103,054)	_
Increase / (decrease) in provisions	50,000	(66,831)
Increase in debtors	(753,643)	(364,156)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) from operating activities	3,057,637	(598,230)

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2006 (Continued)

16 Analysis of cash flows			
		2006	2005
		£	£
Returns on investments			
Interest received		320	20
Interest paid		(36,340)	(10,895)
		(36,020)	(10,875)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(850,842)	(2,702,503)
Transactions with members			
Drawings and distributions		-	-
(Repayment of) / Loans from members		(3,152,413)	4,420,127
Capital contributions		50,000	-
Capital payments to members		-	-
		(3,102,413)	4,420,127
7 Analysis of net funds			
	2005	Cash flow	2006
Net funds			
Cash at bank and in hand	1,184,200	(931,638)	252,562

18 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party is considered to be the members of O'Melveny & Myers LLP.