Limited Liability Partnership Registration No. OC359134 (England and Wales)

## **JOG HIGHLANDS LLP**

**REPORT AND** FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

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#### LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION

**Designated members** 

Heritage Great Britain PLC

John O'Groats Highlands Limited

Limited liability partnership number

OC359134

Registered office

1st Floor Whitecroft House

51 Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire

SK9 5BQ

**Auditors** 

RSM UK Audit LLP

3 Hardman Street Manchester

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#### MEMBERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The members present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

#### Principal activities

The LLP's principal activity during the period was that of a land owner and developing holiday accommodation.

#### **Designated Members**

The designated members who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Heritage Great Britain PLC John O'Groats Highlands Limited

#### Policy on members' drawings

Members are permitted to make drawings in anticipation of profits which will be allocated to them. The amount of such drawings is set at the beginning of each financial year, taking into account the anticipated cash needs of the LLP.

New members are required to subscribe a minimum level of capital and in subsequent years members are invited to subscribe for further capital, the amounts of which is determined by the performance and seniority of those members.

On a sale of the business or properties or on a resignation of a member, members shall share a return on capital in accordance with the terms of the Partnership Agreement.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to reappoint RSM UK Audit LLP (formerly Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP) as auditor for the ensuing year will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

On behalf of the members

LE-Kearney on behalf of John O'Groats Highlands Limited

**Designated Member** 

17/12/15

# MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The members are responsible for preparing the members' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008 (the 2008 Regulations) requires the members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under the 2008 regulations, the members 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 limited liability partnership and of the profit or loss of the limited liability partnership for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the limited liability partnership will continue in business.

Under the 2008 Regulations the members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the limited liability partnership's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the limited liability partnership and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with those regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the limited liability partnership and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

These responsibilities are exercised by the designated members on behalf of the members.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF JOG HIGHLANDS LLP

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 12. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the Limited Liability Partnership's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 as applied by the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Limited Liability Partnership'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 Limited Liability Partnership and the Limited Liability Partnership's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of members and auditor

As explained more fully in the Members' Responsibilities Statement set out on pages 2, the members 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 (APB'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 http://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 Limited Liability Partnership's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applied to Limited Liability Partnerships by the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008.

#### 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 as applied to limited liability partnerships 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
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small limited liability partnerships' regime.

Graham Bond FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP (formerly Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP), Statutory Auditor

**Chartered Accountants** 

3 Hardman Street

Manchester

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### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

Notes	2015 £	2014 £
	382,625	171,341
	(217,513)	(142,307)
	165,112	29,034
	(291,672) 3,801	(261,616) -
2	(122,759)	(232,582)
	(127,559)	(110,381)
	(250,318)	(342,963)
		Notes  \$\frac{\partial}{2}\$  \[ \begin{align*} 382,625 \\ (217,513) \\ \tag{165,112} \\ (291,672) \\ 3,801 \\ \tag{122,759} \\ (122,759) \\ \tag{127,559} \end{align*}

## STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Loss for the financial year available for division among members		(250,318)	(342,963)
Unrealised surplus/(deficit) on revaluation of properties		476,210	(3,178,158)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		225,892	(3,521,121)

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

		20	15	2014	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	4		4,945,928		4,601,159
Current assets					
Stocks	5	5,627		4,235	
Debtors	6	8,545		12,283	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,889		3,704	
		18,061		20,222	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(13,288)		(84,471)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			4,773		(64,249)
Total assets less current liabilities			4,950,701		4,536,910
Creditors: amounts falling due after					
more than one year	8		(2,899,082)		(2,771,523)
Accruals and deferred income	9		(1,807,499)		(1,807,499)
Net assets/(liabilities) attributable to m	embers		244,120		(42,112)
Represented by:					
Members' other interests:					
Other reserves	10		(874,572)		(624,254)
Revaluation reserve	10		(2,701,948)		(3,178,158)
Members' capital	10		3,820,640		3,760,300
			244,120		(42,112)
Total members interests					
Members' other interests	10		244,120		(42,112)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 (as applied by the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit)(Application of the Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008) applicable to limited liability partnerships subject to the small limited liability partnerships regime and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

E Kearney on behalf of John O'Groats Highlands Limited

**Designated Member** 

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships' issued in March 2010 (SORP 2010).

#### Going concern

As part of its going concern review the Board has followed the guidelines published by the Financial Reporting Council entitled "Going Concern and Liquidity Risk: Guidance for UK Companies 2009". The Board has prepared detailed financial forecasts and cash flows looking 12 months ahead from the date the accounts are signed. In drawing up these forecasts the Board has made assumptions based upon its view of the current and future economic conditions that will prevail over the forecast period.

The LLP is reliant on group support to cover its working capital requirements.

The LLP has support from related parties, including its parent entities. These related parties are considered to have adequate capabilities to provide support as required and have formally confirmed that they will support the LLP and its parent undertaking for at least the next 12 months.

The current cash funding requirements prepared by management have given the members a reasonable expectation that the LLP will have sufficient resources available to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, with the confirmed continued support of its parent entities as noted above. For these reasons, the members consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of rents receivable during the period, exclusive of VAT.

#### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets include investment properties professionally valued by Chartered Surveyors on an existing use open market value basis. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

**Development properties** 

none

Equipment

20% per annum

Fixtures & fittings

20% per annum

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. Depreciation is provided only on those investment properties which are leasehold and where the unexpired lease term is less than 20 years.

Although this accounting policy is in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), it is a departure from the general requirement of the Companies Act 2006 (as applied by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008) for all tangible assets to be depreciated. In the opinion of the members compliance with the standard is necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount of this which might otherwise have been charged cannot be separately identified or quantified.

#### Stock

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### Government grants

Deferred government grants in respect of capital expenditure are repayable up until 10 years from the date of the last payment of the grant and are therefore included as a liability until that point in time.

#### Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for according to the substance of the contractual arrangement as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the LLP after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### **Taxation**

The taxation payable on the partnership profits is solely the personal liability of the individual members consequently neither the partnership taxation nor the related deferred taxation arising in respect of the partnership are accounted for in these financial statements.

#### Members' participation rights

Members' participation rights are the rights of a member against the LLP that arise under the members' agreement (for example, in respect of amounts subscribed or otherwise contributed remuneration and profits).

Members' participation rights in the earnings or assets of the LLP are analysed between those that are, from the LLP's perspective, either a financial liability or equity, in accordance with FRS 25 (IAS 32) Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation and UITF abstract 39 Members' shares in co-operative entities and similar instruments. A member's participation right results in a liability unless the right to any payment is discretionary on the part of the LLP.

Amounts subscribed or otherwise contributed by members, for example members' capital, are classed as equity if the LLP has an unconditional right to refuse payment to members. If the LLP does not have such an unconditional right, such amounts are classified as liabilities.

Where profits are automatically divided as they arise, so the LLP does not have an unconditional right to refuse payment, the amounts arising that are due to members are in the nature of liabilities. They are therefore treated as an expense in the Profit and Loss Account in the relevant year. To the extent that they remain unpaid at the period end, they are shown as liabilities in the Balance Sheet.

Conversely, where profits are divided only after a decision by the LLP or its representative, so that the LLP has an unconditional right to refuse payment, such profits are classed as an appropriation of equity rather than as an expense. They are therefore shown as a residual amount available for discretionary division among members in the Profit and Loss Account and are equity appropriations in the Balance Sheet.

Other amounts applied to members, for example remuneration paid under an employment contract and interest on capital balances, are treated in the same way as all other divisions of profits, as described above, according to whether the LLP has, in each case, an unconditional right to refuse payment.

All amounts due to members that are classified as liabilities are presented in the Balance Sheet within 'Loans and other debts due to members' and are charged to the Profit and Loss Account within 'Members' remuneration charged as an expense'. Amounts due to members that are classified as equity are shown in the Balance Sheet within 'Members' other interests'.

Heritage Great Britain PLC have a priority profit share of £65,000 per annum plus inflation.

Losses are carried forward in other reserves and are extinguished by future profits.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

201	2015	•		Operating loss
	£			Operating loss is stated after charging:
				Depreciation of tangible fixed assets
133,67	158,908			- owned
56	2,400	_		Auditor's remuneration for statutory audit
201	2015			Information in relation to members
Numbe	Number	ľ		
-	2			The average number of members during the year was:
				Tangible fixed assets
Tot	Fixtures & fittings	Equipment	Investment properties	
	£	£	£	
4 = 00 0				Cost or valuation
	778,840	13,472	4,000,000	At 1 April 2014
27,46	3,677	-	23,790	Additions
476,2	<u> </u>		476,210	Revaluation
5,295,98	782,517	13,472	4,500,000	At 31 March 2015
				Depreciation
191,1	188,202	2,951	-	At 1 April 2014
158,9	156,264	2,644		Charge for the year
350,06	344,466	5,595		At 31 March 2015
	,,			Net book value
4,945,92	438,051	7,877	4,500,000	At 31 March 2015
4,601,1	590,638	10,521	4,000,000	At 31 March 2014

II, respect of investment properties or land.

The historical cost of the investment property was £7,201,948 (2014 - £7,178,158).

5	Stocks	2015 £	2014 £
	Finished goods and goods for resale	5,627 	4,235

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

6	Debtors	2015 £	2014 £
	Trade debtors	7,875	2,249
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	4,133
	Other debtors	670	5,901
		8,545	12,283
7	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2015 £	2014 £
	Trade creditors	5,437	44,123
	Other creditors	7,851	40,348
		13,288	84,471
8	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2015 £	. 2014 £
	Other loans	2,899,082	2,771,523
	•		

The other loan is secured by a debenture over the assets of the LLP.

Included within creditors falling due after more than one year is an amount of £2,899,082 (2014 - £2,771,523) in respect of liabilities which fall due for payment after more than five years from the balance sheet date.

#### 9 Accruals and deferred income

Government grants £

Balance at 1 April 2014 & at 31 March 2015

(1,807,499)

During the year ended 31 March 2013 the LLP signed an agreement to receive a development grant from Highlands and Islands Enterprise of up to £1,807,500 or 30% of eligible costs of development at John O'Groats, Scotland. The grant is repayable up until 10 years from the date of the last payment of this grant and is therefore included as a liability until that point in time.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

10	Members' interests							
	·	Membe	rs' other inte	rests		Loans and other debts due	Total	Total
		Members' capital (classified as equity)	Re- valuation reserve	Other reserves	Total	to/(from) members	2015	2014
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Members' interests at 1 April 2014 Loss for the financial year available for	3,760,300	(3,178,158)	(624,254)	(42,112)	-	(42,112)	2,834,033
	discretionary division among members	-	-	(250,318)	(250,318)	-	(250,318)	(342,963)
	Members' interests after loss for the year Surplus arising on revaluation of fixed	3,760,300	(3,178,158)	(874,572)	(292,430)	-	(292,430)	2,491,070
	assets	-	476,210	-	476,210	-	476,210	(3,178,158)
	Introduced by members	155,640	-	-	155,640	-	155,640	644,976
	Repayments of capital	(95,300)	-	-	(95,300)	-	(95,300)	-
	Members' interests at 31 March 2015	3,820,640	(2,701,948)	(874,572)	244,120		244,120	(42,112)

#### Ranking on winding up

If the LLP is wound up, and a surplus sum remains at the conclusion of the winding up, after payment of all money due to the creditors of the LLP and all expenses of the winding up, the liquidator shall pay that surplus sum to the Members in accordance with the respective proportions to the members capital contributions and division of profits.

#### 11 Control

The LLP is controlled by its members as delegated to the management team and as such there is no one controlling party.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

#### 12 Related party transactions

The LLP has taken advantage of the exemption offered by FRSSE to wholly owned subsidiaries within a larger group, with regard to the disclosure of transactions with other group companies.

#### Natural Retreats UK Limited

EJ Kearney, MD Spence and A Wild are directors of the designated member John O'Groats Highlands Limited they together with the controlling party D Gorton have interests in Natural Retreats Management LLC, a company incorporated in the USA, and Natural Retreats Management Limited. Natural Retreats UK Limited was a subsidiary of Natural Retreats Management Limited until December 2014, when following a reorganisation, Natural Retreats UK Limited became a subsidiary of Natural Retreats Management LLC.

Natural Retreats UK Limited recharged costs for services provided of £254,324 (2014 - £228,111) during the year. Also during the year the LLP received income amounting to £382,625 (2014 - £169,971) from Natural Retreats UK Limited. There was a balance of £1,721 (2014 - £4,658) due to Natural Retreats UK Limited and a balance of £4,425 (2014 - £Nil) due from Natural Retreats UK Limited at the year end.

#### **Natural Outfitters Limited**

Natural Outfitters Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Natural Assets Investments Limited along with the designated member John O'Groats Highlands Limited.

During the year the LLP recharged expenses amounting to £Nil (2014 - £3,444) to Natural Outfitters Limited. At 31 March 2015 trade debtors included £Nil (2014 - £4,133) due from Natural Outfitters Limited.

During the year the LLP was recharged expenses amounting to £436 (2014 - £Nil) by Natural Outfitters Limited. At 31 March 2015 trade creditors includes £Nil (2014 - £Nil) due to Natural Outfitters Limited.

#### Heritage Great Britain plc

The designated member Heritage Great Britain plc recharged expenses amounting to £400 (2014 - £Nil) to the LLP. At 31 March 2015 trade creditors included £480 (2014 - £Nil) due to Heritage Great Britain plc.

The LLP has entered into a composite unlimited multilateral guarantee dated 22 December 2014 in respect of the bank borrowings of other group companies and K2 Equity Partners LLP. At 31 March 2015 the total borrowings covered by the guarantee amounted to £4,007,063 (2014: £nil).

D Gorton is a shareholder and ultimate controlling party of the ultimate parent company Natural Assets Investments Limited. D Gorton is also the controller of Nexus Partners LP. At 31 March 2015 other creditors includes £2,899,082 (2014 - £2,771,523) due to Nexus Partners LP with interest of 4.5% above 3 month LIBOR and is repayable in full on 11 June 2022.

The bank holds a debenture for any borrowings, which includes a fixed charge over all present freehold and leasehold property; a first fixed charge over book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital, both present and future; and a first floating charge over all assets and undertaking both present and future.

There is a first legal Scottish charge dated 9 December 2014 over John O'Groats House Hotel, John O'Groats, Wick, KW1 4YR.