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Company Registration number

SC170335

Charity Registration number

SC029043

Registered Office

Canal House

1 Applecross Street

Glasgow G4 9SP

Directors

Capita Trust Corporate Limited

Capita Trust Corporate Services Limited

J M Stirling J M Wallace

Secretary

J M Wallace

Bankers

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

Clydesdale Bank PLC

Auditors

Grant Thornton UK LLP Registered Auditors Chartered Accountants

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

For the year ended 31 March 2007

The directors present their report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2007

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is to promote, encourage and assist the restoration, development and use of the Forth and Clyde Canal, Union Canal and other canals and navigable waters in Scotland as amenity, recreational and/or commercial waterways

Business review

The pre arranged finance lease, covering the restoration expenditure, with the National Australia Bank, dated 31 May 2000, came into effect on 12 April 2002. The overdraft was then replaced by an obligation under a finance lease. Interest received in the year of £4,578,930 net of finance lease charges of £3,343,641 and income from charitable activities of £86,919 was offset by other costs of £1,661,722.

The net expenditure for the year amounted to £339,514 (2006 £413,288)

Aim, objectives and review of performance

The first charitable objective of the company was to fill a funding gap in the Millennium Link Lowlands canals restoration project. The aim of the company is to provide assistance in the restoration and development of navigable waters in Scotland. The company will seek to realise its objectives by helping to finance projects which meet with the company's aims. At this stage of the company's development the company is looking to build up significant funds to meet the aims of the company.

Risk management

The directors have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the company to build up unrestricted reserves in anticipation of future major restoration and development projects on the canals and navigable waters in Scotland

Directors

The directors as at 31 March 2007 were as follows

Capita Trust Corporate Limited
Capita Trust Corporate Services Limited
J M Stirling
J M Wallace

Capita Trust Corporate Services Limited were appointed as a director on 31 October 2006

Mr A W Gower resigned as a director on 31 October 2006

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 March 2007

Appointment of directors

The Board appoints directors with the relevant skills As set out in the company's Articles of Association the number of directors is to be 4

Director induction and training

New directors receive training with regard to their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the company's Memorandum and Articles of Association, the decision making process and the financial performance and plans of the company

Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the year. In preparing those 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,

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 proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

In accordance with company law, as the company's directors we clarify that

so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and

as the directors of the company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

Auditors

Grant Thornton UK LLP offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD the Wells

John M Wallace 23 July 2007

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF MILLENNIUM LINK TRUST (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

We have audited the financial statements of Millennium Link Trust (Limited by Guarantee) for the year ended 31 March 2007 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and notes 1 to 15 These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 the directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

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 We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Report of the Directors is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company 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 directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed

We read other information contained in the Report of the Directors, and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies within it

Basis of 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 judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company'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.

Grant Thornton *****

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF MILLENNIUM LINK TRUST (LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) (CONTINUED)

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2007 and of its deficit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985,
- the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2007

GRANT THORNTON UK LLP REGISTERED AUDITORS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

GLASGOW 5 October 2007

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 31 March 2007

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The principal accounting policies of the company are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005) issued March 2005

FUND ACCOUNTING

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for expenditure on the general objectives of the company

Restricted funds are to be used for specified purposes laid down by the donor Expenditure for those purposes is charged to the fund

Designated funds are unrestricted funds, which have been designated for specific purposes by the directors

INCOMING RESOURCES

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income

- incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned
- investment income is recognised when receivable
- grants in respect of fixed assets are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are receivable

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred

- charitable expenditure comprises these costs incurred by the company in the delivering of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them
- governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the statutory requirements of the company and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 March 2007

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, over their expected useful lives, in equal annual instalments

The rates generally applicable are

Canal works and structures

2%

LEASED ASSETS

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account, on a straight line basis, over the lease term

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCLUDES PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 March 2007

	Note	Unrestricted income fund 2007	Unrestricted designated fund 2007	Total 2007 £	Total 2006 £
Incoming resources					
Investment income interest received		4,578,930		4,578,930	4,226,939
Incoming resources from charitable activities	1	86,919		86,919	84,590
Total incoming resources		4,665,849		4,665,849	4,311,529
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	2	1,655,419		1,655,419	1,653,090
Governance costs Other resources expended interest paid	4	6,303 3,343,641		6,303 3,343,641	18,933 3,052,794
Total resources expended		5,005,363		5,005,363	4,724,817
Net expenditure for the year	3	(339,514)		(339,514)	(413,288)
Gross transfer between funds		1,568,500	(1,568,500)		
Net movement in funds		1,228,986	(1,568,500)	(339,514)	(413,288)
Fund balances at 1 April 2006		3,475,863	72,202,568	75,678,431	76,091,719
Fund balances at 31 March 2007		4,704,849	70,634,068	75,338,917	75,678,431

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the deficit for the financial year

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	70,634,067	72,202,567
Current assets			
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7	72,749 95,738,954	70,850 92,963,592
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	95,811,703 (4,850,079)	93, 034,442 (4,624,139)
Net current assets		90,961,624	88,410,303
Total assets less current habilities		161,595,691	160,612,870
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9	(86,256,774)	(84,934,439)
		75,338,917	75,678,431
The funds of the charity: Unrestricted funds			
Income Designated	11 12	4,704,849 70,634,068	3,475,863 72,202,568
Total charity funds		75,338,917	75,678,431

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 July 2007 and signed on their behalf by

Jim Stirling Director

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2007

IN	NCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Op	perating loss is stated after charging	2007	2006
Oı	perating lease charges canals	£ 86,919	84,590
-1	F	<u> </u>	
R	ESOURCES EXPENDED CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
		2007 £	200 6
	epreciation lanagement lease	1,568,500 86,919	1,568,500 84,590
		1,655,419	1,653,090
N	ET EXPENDITURE		
Ne	et expenditure is stated after charging		
		2007 £	2006
	uditors remuneration udit fees	4,900	4,890
	on audit	2,350	2,209
IN	NTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2007	2006

5 DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Finance charges on finance leases

Other than the directors the company does not have any employees Capita Trust Corporate Limited received fees of £1,050 during the year, none of the other directors receives any remuneration

3,052,794

3,343,641

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 March 2007

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Canal works & structures £
Cost at 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007	78,425,000
Depreciation at 1 April 2006 Charge for year	6,222,433 1,568,500
Depreciation at 31 March 2007	7,790,933
Net book value at 31 March 2007	70,634,067
Net book value at 1 April 2006	72,202,567

All tangible fixed assets were the subject of a finance lease (long leasehold) and are held for charitable purposes

7 DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2007 £	2006 £
Accrued Income	72,749	70,850

8 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2007 £	2006 £
Amounts due under finance leases Accruals	3,815,406 1,034,673	3,815,406 808,733
	4,850,079	4,624,139

Amounts due under finance lease contracts are secured on the assets to which they relate

9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2007 £	2006 £
Amounts due under finance leases	86,256,774	84,934,439

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 March 2007

Designated funds

	For the year ended 31 Water 20				 	
0	BORROWINGS					
					2007 £	2006 £
	Within one year				r	ı.
	Finance leases				3,815,406	3,815,406
	After one and within two years Finance leases				3,815,406	3,815,406
	After two and within five years Finance leases				11,446,218	11,446,218
	After five years Finance leases			_	70,995,150	69,672,815
					90,072,180	88,749,845
1	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS MO	VEMENTS IN	YEAR			At 31
		At 1 April 2006 £	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Transfers £	March 2007 £
	Unrestricted funds	3,475,863	4,665,849	(5,005,363)	1,568,500	4,704,849
	Unrestricted funds are the surplus	of general incom	e over general	funds		
2	DESIGNATED FUNDS MOVI	EMENTS IN YE	AR			
				At 1 Aprıl 2006 £	Transfer £	At 31 March 2007 £
						70 (24.0(0

Designated funds are monies set aside by the directors for a particular purpose. The designated fund represents grants received in respect of acquiring the company's fixed assets. A transfer is made annually from the fund to the unrestricted fund in line with the depreciation charged on the fixed asset.

72,202,568

70,634,068

(1,568,500)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

For the year ended 31 March 2007

13 LEASING COMMITMENTS

Financial

At 31 March 2007 the company had annual commitments under operating leases as follows

	2007	2006
	£	£
Land works and structures		05.000
Expiry after five years	87,300_	85,020

14 LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

The company was incorporated as one Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital In the event of the winding up of the company a member is liable to contribute a sum not exceeding £1 At 31 March 2007 there were 3 members (2006 3 members)

15 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

A Funding agreement requires that, if surplus cash becomes available, the first £4m of the 'surplus' is to be paid to a third party. This is considered to be unlikely within the next five years