RHETORICAL SYSTEMS LIMITED
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

COMPANY NUMBER:

SC 205735



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## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

**DIRECTOR:** 

Jan Anthierens

SECRETARY:

Jan Anthierens

REGISTERED

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### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2010.

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

In October 2005 the parent undertaking decided to terminate the activities of the company and consequently for the company to cease trading.

### **RESULTS, DIVIDENDS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The company was dormant throughout the period as shown on page 6. No dividend is proposed. The company has net liabilities of £6,384,000 at the year end and is dependent upon group support. The intention is to formally liquidate the company although no concrete timeframe is foreseen for this process.

### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the period were as follows:-

Stephen Miller (terminated as of 10/27/2009) Jan Anthierens

### **AUDITORS**

All of the current directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the company's auditors for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information. The directors are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware.

BDO LLP were appointed as auditors of the group on 7 January 2005 and are the current auditors of the Company's ultimate parent Nuance Communications Inc.

By Order of the Board

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Secretary Date:

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### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors 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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They 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

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the shareholders of Rhetorical Systems Ltd

We have audited the financial statements of Rhetorical Systems Ltd for the year ended 30 September 2010 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with sections 495 and 496 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, 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 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

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.

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2010 and of its profit for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### 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 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
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Mr Kevin Cook (senior statutory auditor)
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor
Epsom
United Kingdom
28 March 2011

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

	Year ended 30.9.2010	Year ended 30.9.2009
	£ '000	£ '000
Administrative expenses	-	-
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE AND		
AFTER TAXATION	=s===	-

All recognised gains and losses in the current and prior year are included in the profit and loss account.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

## AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

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Note	30.9.2010 £ '000	30.09.2009 £ '000
3	981	981
	981	981
4	7,365	7,365
	(6,384)	(6,384)
	(6,384)	(6,384)
	====	=====
5	1	1
6	199	199
6	(6,584)	(6,584)
7	(6,384)	(6,384)
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost convention.

### b) Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that continued financial support will be made available by the parent company, Rhetorical Group plc. The continued financial support of Rhetorical Group plc is dependent on it receiving support from its parent Nuance Communications Inc. Nuance Communications Inc have indicated that they will provide support to Rhetorical Group for the foreseeable future and at least twelve months.

At the date of approval of these accounts, the directors of Rhetorical Group plc. have confirmed that continued support will be made available.

### c) Consolidated accounts

The company is exempt from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included in the consolidated accounts of Rhetorical Group plc. These financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

### 2 INVESTMENTS

Rhetorical Systems Limited holds the entire issued share capital of Rhetorical Inc., a company registered in the United States, Rhetorical Inc. formerly marketed and sold Rhetorical products and services throughout North America The investment of \$10 in Rhetorical Inc., is held at no value in the accounts.

### 3 DEBTORS

	30.09.2010 £ '000	30.09.2009 £ '000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	981	981
		*******
	981	981
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

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4	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		30.09.2010 £ '000	30.09.2009 £ '000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings		7,365	7,365
			7,365 =====	7,365 =====
5	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		30.09.2010	30.09.2009
			£ '000	£ '000
	Allotted called up and fully paid 102,000 Ordinary shares of £0.01 each		1	1
			=====	====
6	RESERVES	Share Premium	Profit &	Total
		Account	Loss Account	
		£ '000	£ '000	£ '000
	At 30 September 2009 and 30 September 2010	199	(6,584)	(6,385)
		=====	=====	=====
7	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			
		•	30.09.2010 £ '000	30.09.2009 £ '000
	Loss for the financial year		-	
	Opening shareholders' funds		(6,384)	(6,384)
	Closing shareholders' funds		(6,384)	(6,384)

### 8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions during the period with other group companies. At the year end the company was owed £980,628 (2009 - £980,628) by Rhetorical Inc and owed Rhetorical Group PLC £5,840,925 (2009 - £5,840,925) and Nuance Communications International byba £1,523,730 (2009 - £1,523,730).

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### 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The company has no employees and ceased trading from October 2005. The intention is to formally liquidate both Rhetorical Group Pic and Rhetorical Systems Ltd although no concrete timeframe is foreseen for this process.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

# 10 IMMEDIATE AND ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rhetorical Group PIc, a company incorporated in Scotland, United Kingdom.

The ultimate parent company undertaking is Nuance Communications, Inc. (formerly Scansoft, Inc) a company incorporated in the United States of America.

The group accounts of Nuance Communications, Inc. can be obtained from: Nuance Communications Inc.

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