Advanced Checking Services Limited

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2013

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Company Information

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Mr DJ Wilson

Company Secretary

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Directors' report

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013.

Results and dividends

The loss for the period, after taxation, amounted to £115,070 (2012 – £93,017 loss). No interim dividends were paid during the period and the directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2012 – £nil).

Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of the Company is that of the provision of data checking services.

Change in accounting reference date

During the previous financial period, the Directors of the Company agreed to change the accounting reference date from 28 February to 31 March. Accordingly the comparative financial information in these financial statements reflects the figures for the thirteen month period from 1 March 2011 to 31 March 2012. The comparative period is therefore not directly comparable with the current year financial information.

Directors

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

Mr Richard Anthony Law Mr David John Wilson

Mr John Constantin served as company secretary during the year.

Directors' liabilities

During the period the company had in force an indemnity provision in favour of the directors against liability in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure of information to the auditors

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the company's auditor, the directors have taken all the steps that they are obliged to take as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Directors' report (continued)

Political and charitable donations

During the year the company made charitable donations of £100 (2012 – £nil). No political donations were made in the period (2012 – £nil).

Small company exemptions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Auditors

Ernst & Young LLP were auditors of the Company during the year and are deemed re-appointed as the company's auditor under the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the Board

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John Constantin
Company Secretary

11 December 2013

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. 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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 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 auditors' report

to the members of Advanced Checking Services Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Advanced Checking Services Limited for the year ended 31 March 2013 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 17. 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 Chapter 3 of Part 16 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 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 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. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report and Financial Statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2013 and of its loss for the period 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 matter 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 auditors' report (continued)

to the members of Advanced Checking Services Limited

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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Gary Harding (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP (Statutory Auditor) Manchester

Date: 12 Occabe 2013

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 March 2013

		Year	13 months
		ended	ended
		31 March	31 March
		2013	2012
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	2	513,385	417,021
Cost of sales		(202,274)	(128,450)
Gross profit		311,111	288,571
Administrative expenses (excluding exceptional items)		(396,801)	(357,954)
Other operating income	3	-	-
Operating loss before exceptional items		(85,690)	(69,383)
Exceptional items	5	(30,500)	(36,513)
Operating loss	4	(116,190)	(105,896)
Interest receivable and similar income	8	-	489
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(116,190)	(105,407)
Tax	9	1,120	12,390
Loss for the financial year	14	(115,070)	(93,017)

The results for the period are derived from continuing operations.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

for the year ended 31 March 2013

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss attributable to the shareholders of the company of £115,070 in the year ended 31 March 2013 (2012 – £93,017 loss).

Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2013

		31 March 2013	31 March 2012
	Natas	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed assets	Notes	£	E
Tangible assets	10	33,956	4,956
		33,956	4,956
Current assets			
Debtors	11	221,753	153,098
Cash at bank and in hand		141,493	36,423
		363,246	189,521
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(472,045)	(154,250)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(108,799)	35,271
Net (liabilities)/assets		(74,843)	40,227
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	13	1,334	1,334
Share premium account	14	69,666	69,666
Profit and loss account	14	(145,843)	(30,773)
Shareholders' (deficit)/funds	15	(74,843)	40,227

Approved by the Board

DJ Wilson Director

11 December 2013

Company Registration No. SC294766

As at 31 March 2013

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2013 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 11 December 2013 and the balance sheet was signed on the Board's behalf by Mr D Wilson.

Advanced Checking Services Limited is a company incorporated and domiciled Scotland.

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

Statement of cash flows

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 1 (revised) not to prepare a statement of cash flows, on the basis that the ultimate parent company presents a cash flow statement in its consolidated accounts.

Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax, represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied and is recognised on the despatch of goods.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value based on prices prevailing at the date of purchase, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and equipment

4 years straight line

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Operating lease commitments

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Going concern

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources and support from its parent to continue operational existence for the foreseeable future. Although the Company has both a net liabilities and net current liabilities position at 31 March 2013 this includes £365,976 of intercompany creditors from the parent company. The parent company has confirmed that it will not demand repayment of this debt for at least 12 months from the date of these accounts. On this basis, after making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources and borrowing facilities to continue operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the company continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution schemes are recognised in the profit and loss account in the period in which they become payable.

As at 31 March 2013

2. Turnover

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, represents the amount of goods and services invoiced to customers in the United Kingdom.

3. Other operating income

Year	13 months
ended	ended
31 March	31 March
2013	2012
£	£
-	-

4. Operating loss

This is stated after charging:

Other operating income

	Year ended 31 March 2013 £	13 months ended 31 March 2012 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned by the company Operating lease rentals – land and buildings Operating lease rentals – other	3,141 27,600 10,201	1,497 27,595 15,036

Fees paid to the auditors for UK audit and non-audit services were borne by the parent company.

5. Exceptional items

During the period, the Company incurred exceptional expenses totalling £30,500 (2012: £36,513) which represent staff reorganisation costs.

As at 31 March 2013

6. Directors' emoluments

Mr RA Law and Mr DJ Wilson are both also directors of the ultimate parent undertaking, GB Group PLC, and fellow subsidiaries. In the year to 31 March 2013, the two directors received emoluments totalling £659,000 (2012: £718,000). Further information can be found in the GB Group PLC financial statements.

The directors do not believe it is practicable to apportion these amounts between services as directors of the Company and their services as directors of the holding and fellow subsidiary companies.

There were no directors accruing retirement benefits borne by the Company during the period (2012: nil).

7. Staff costs

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Staff costs		
	Year	13 months
	ended	ended
	31 March	31 March
	2013	2012
	£	£
Wages and salaries	211,474	172,927
Social security costs	21,130	18,524
Pension costs	1,458	-
	234,062	191,451
The average monthly number of employees during the year was made up as	follows:	
The average monthly number of employees during the year was made up as	Year	13 months
	ended	ended
	31 March	31 March
	2013	2012
	No.	No.
Sales and administration	5	5
Interest receivable		
	Year	13 months
	ended	ended
	31 March	31 March
	2013	2012
	£	£
Bank interest	-	489

As at 31 March 2013

9. Taxation

(a) Tax on loss on ordinary activities

The tax credit is made up as follows:

	Year	13 months
	ended	ended
	31 March	31 March
	2013	2012
	£	£
Current tax: UK corporation tax credit on loss for the period	(1,120)	(12,390)
Total current tax (note 9 (b))	(1,120)	(12,390)

(b) Factors affecting current tax credit for the period

The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24% (2012: 26%). The differences are explained below:

	Year ended	13 months ended
	31 March	31 March
	2013	2012
	£	£
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(116,190)	(105,407)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24% (2012 – 26%)	(27,886)	(27,406)
Effects of:	2,400	2,817
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Surrendered for group relief	10,906	9,585
Losses carried forward	15,268	-
Other timing differences	(1,149)	3,119
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(659)	(505)
	(1,120)	(12,390)

(c) Factors that may affect the future tax charges

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 24% to 23% has been substantively enacted and is effective from 1 April 2013. In addition, the Government has already announced its intention to further reduce UK corporation tax to 21% from 1 April 2014 and 20% from 1 April 2015.

As at 31 March 2013

10. Tangible fixed assets	10.	Tangible	e fixed	assets
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		Plant an	d machinery
	Cost:		£
	At 31 March 2012		10,103
	Additions		32,141
	At 31 March 2013		42,244
	Depreciation:		
	At 1 March 2012		5,147
	Provided during the year		3,141
	At 31 March 2013		8,288
	Net book value:		
	At 31 March 2013		33,956
	At 31 March 2012		4,956
11.	Debtors		
		31 March	31 March
		2013	2012
		£	£
	Trade debtors	203,945	102,980
	Other debtors and prepayments	4,298	37,728
	Corporation tax	13,510	12,390
		221,753	153,098

As at 31 March 2013

12.	Creditors:	amounts	falling	due	within	one	year
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	-			31 March	31 March
				2013	2012
				£	£
	Trade creditors			33,148	26,997
	Social security and other taxes			11,683	27,875
	Amounts owing to group undertakings			365,976	65,745
	Other creditors			61,238	33,633
				472,045	154,250
13.	Issued share capital				
	·	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
		2013	2012	2013	2012
	Authorised	No.	No.	£	£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,334	1,334	1,334	1,334
		31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
		2013	2012	2013	2012
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	No.	No.	£	£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,334	1,334	1,334	1,334

14. Statement of movement on reserves

	Share premium	Profit and loss
	£	account £
At 28 February 2011 (unaudited) Loss for the period	69,666 -	62,244 (93,017)
At 31 March 2012 Loss for the year	69,666	(30,773) (115,070)
At 31 March 2013	69,666	(145,843)

As at 31 March 2013

15. Shareholder's (deficit)/funds

133,244 (93,017)
40,227 (115,070)
(74,843)

16. Related party transactions

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of GB Group PLC and has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 8 not to disclose transactions with other group companies and investees of the group qualifying as related parties.

17. Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The immediate and ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is GB Group PLC which is registered in England and Wales. The Company is included in the consolidated financial statements of GB Group PLC. Copies of GB Group PLC's financial statements may be obtained from The Company Secretary, GB House, Kingsfield Court, Chester Business Park, CH4 9GB.