## Miller (Ardent House) Limited

Registered number: SC333202

**Directors' report and financial statements** 

For the year ended 31 December 2016

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### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Directors** Andrew Sutherland

Euan J E Haggerty David T Milloy

Registered number

SC333202

Registered office

Miller House 2 Lochside View Edinburgh Park Edinburgh Midlothian EH12 9DH

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Section 1A of FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

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 for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting 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 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the Company is to hold an investment in four property development partnerships.

#### Results and dividends

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £720,810 (2015 - loss £86,351).

No dividend was paid during the year (2015 - nil).

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Andrew Sutherland Euan J E Haggerty David T Milloy

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, KPMG LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditor.

#### Small companies note

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

Euan J E Haggerty

Director

Date: 22 June 2017



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MILLER (ARDENT HOUSE) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Miller (Ardent House) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 set out on pages 5 to 12. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Section 1A of FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

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 auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 1, 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

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at 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 company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; 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 is consistent with the financial statements.

Based solely on the work required to be undertaken in the course of the audit of the financial statements and from reading the Directors' report:

- we have not identified material misstatements in that report; and
- in our opinion, that report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

### 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Hugh Harvie (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

Saltire Court

20 Castle Terrace

Edinburgh

EH1 2EG

26 June 2017

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

		2016	2015
	Note	£	£
Administrative expenses		-	(1,351)
Operating profit/(loss)			(1,351)
Income from investments	4	194,190	-
Amounts written off investments	6	(1,000,000)	-
Loss before tax		(805,810)	(1,351)
Tax on loss	5	85,000	(85,000)
Loss for the year		(720,810)	(86,351)
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There was no other comprehensive income for 2016 (2015: £NIL).

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

## MILLER (ARDENT HOUSE) LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: SC333202

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

Fixed assets	Note		2016 £		2015 £
Investments Current assets	6		2,162,896		3,308,706
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	2		2	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,970,057)		(3,395,057)	
Net current liabilities			(2,970,055)		(3,395,055)
Total assets less current liabilities			(807,159)		(86,349)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	9		2		2
Profit and loss account	10		(807,161)		(86,351)
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

**Euan J E Haggerty** 

Director

Date: 22 June 2017

David T Milloy

Director

Date: 22 June 2017

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

#### 1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons:

The Company is a subsidiary within the Miller Developments Holdings Limited group. The financial arrangements applicable to the Company form part of a wider group arrangement involving the operations of its parent company Miller Developments Holdings Limited, and its subsidiaries.

In relation to the Company's working capital requirements, the directors of the group have prepared cash flow forecasts which indicate there will be sufficient resources available to continue in operational existence by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The directors are satisfied the Company has sufficient resources available to it to be able to continue to fund the Company's operations and accordingly the financial statements continue to be prepared on a going concern basis.

#### 1.3 Valuation of investments

Investments in unlisted Company shares, whose market value can be reliably determined, are remeasured to market value at each balance sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income for the period. Where market value cannot be reliably determined, such investments are stated at historic cost less impairment.

#### 1.4 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

#### 1.5 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.5 Financial instruments (continued)

and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### 1.6 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.7 Taxation

Tax is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### 2. Auditors' remuneration

Auditor remuneration is paid by the company's parent, Miller Developments Holdings Limited and is disclosed in the accounts of that company.

#### 3. Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 0 (2015 - 0).

#### 4. Income from investments

	2016 £	2015 £
Distributions received from joint venture interest	194,190	-
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 5. Taxation

	2016 £	2015 £
Current tax on profits for the year	(85,000)	85,000

#### Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2015 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 - 20.25%). The differences are explained below:

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	2016 £	2015 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(805,810)	(1,351)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 - 20.25%)  Effects of:	(161,162)	(274)
Non-tax deductible amortisation of impairment Utilisation of tax losses	200,000	- 274
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods  JV profits taxable within this company	(85,000) -	- 85,000
Group relief surrendered / (received) for a nil consideration  Total tax (credit) / charge for the year	(38,838) (85,000)	85,000
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#### Factors that may affect future tax charges

Reductions in the UK corporation tax rate to 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) and to 18% (effective from 1 April 2020) were substantively enacted on 26 October 2015. This will reduce the Company's future current tax charge accordingly.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 6. Fixed asset investments

	Loans to joint venture undertakings £	Capital in respect of JV undertakings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2016	2,603,850	704,856	3,308,706
Additions	-	127,500	127,500
Repayments		(273,310)	(273,310)
At 31 December 2016	2,603,850	559,046	3,162,896
Impairment			
Charge in year	1,000,000		1,000,000
At 31 December 2016	1,000,000		1,000,000
Net book value			
At 31 December 2016	1,603,850	559,046	2,162,896
At 31 December 2015	2,603,850	704,856	3,308,706

Amounts written off investments is an impairment charge to development work in progress.

### Investments in joint ventures

The Company has the following investments in joint ventures:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
Miller Cromdale (West Wing) LLP	UK	Ordinary	50 %	Property Development
Miller Cromdale (Ardent House) LLP	UK	Ordinary	50 %	Property Development
Miller Cromdale Esslemont LLP	UK	Ordinary	50 %	<b>Property Development</b>
Miller Cromdale Liberty LLP	UK	Ordinary	50 %	Property Development

#### 7. Debtors

	2016 £	2015 £
Other debtors	2	2
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#### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016

#### 8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

Creations. Amounto running due within one year		
	2016 £	2015 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings (note 11)	2,970,057	3,310,057
Corporation tax	-	85,000
	2,970,057	3,395,057
Share capital		
Shares classified as equity	2016 £	2015 £
Snares classified as equity		
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
2 Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

#### 10. Reserves

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#### **Profit & loss account**

Profit and loss includes all current and prior period retained profits and losses.

#### 11. Related party transactions

As at the 31 December 2016 the Company was ultimately a wholly owned subsidiary of MDL Holdings Limited and so it is exempt from the requirements of FRS102.33 to disclose transactions with other subsidiaries headed by MDL Holdings Limited.

#### 12. Controlling party and parent undertaking

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Miller Developments Holdings Limited, a Company incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom.

At 31 December 2015 the Company's ultimate parent Company was MDL Holdings Limited, a Company incorporated and domiciled and the United Kingdom. The Company is ultimately controlled by GSO Capital Partners LP, a division of the Blackstone Group LP.

The largest Company in which the results for the year ended 31 December 2016 of the Company is consolidated is that of MDL Holdings Limited. The consolidated financial statements of this group will be available to the public and may be obtained from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF.