

CREST NICHOLSON (CHILTERN) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31st OCTOBER 2008

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Registered No. 1406599

CREST NICHOLSON (CHILTERN) LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors have pleasure in submitting their Report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st October 2008.

Business Review

The Company did not trade during the year but has acted as an undisclosed agent of Crest Nicholson Operations Limited.

Directors

The Directors during the year were:

Mr P Callcutt	
Mr D P Darby	
Mr P D Hills	(resigned 11 th July 2008)
Ms S D Jones	(resigned 11 th July 2008)
Mr A Blackburn	(Appointed 1 st November 2007; resigned 11 th July 2008)
Mr E J Costello	(Appointed 18 th June 2007; resigned 11 th July 2008)
Mr P A Soutar	(Appointed 23 rd July 2007; resigned 11 th July 2008)
Mr P J Bergin	
Mr G C Ketteridge	
Mr S Stone	(Appointed 10 th April 2008)
Mr N C Tinker	(Appointed 10 th April 2008)


Auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG Audit Plc will therefore continue in office.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

By Order of the Board


K M Maguire
Secretary

Crest House
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16 APRIL 2009

CREST NICHOLSON (CHILTERN) LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE DIRECTORS REPORT
AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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 UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements are required by law to 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; and
- 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 disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
CREST NICHOLSON (CHILTERN) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Crest Nicholson (Chiltern) Limited for the year ended 31 October 2008, which comprises the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. 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 directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 2.

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 statement 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 directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements. In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, 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 other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements 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.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company affairs as at 31st October 2008 and of its results for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

KPMG Audit Plc

KPMG Audit Plc
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
London

16 April 2009

CREST NICHOLSON (CHILTERN) LIMITED**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st OCTOBER 2008**

During the financial year and preceding financial year the Company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure but acted only as an undisclosed agent of Crest Nicholson Operations Limited. Consequently, during those years the Company made neither a profit nor a loss and consequently no profit and loss account has been prepared.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st OCTOBER 2008

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2008</u> £'000	<u>2007</u> £'000
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Amounts owed by Group undertakings		19,230	63,927
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2	<u>(19,230)</u>	<u>(63,927)</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Share Capital	3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf on 16 April

2009 by:



P J Bergin
Director

CREST NICHOLSON (CHILTERN) LIMITED**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS****1. Accounting Policy - Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 8 the Company is exempt from the requirement to disclose related party transactions with Castle Topco Limited (formerly Crest Nicholson Group Limited) and its subsidiary undertakings on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Castle Topco Limited.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will continue in operational existence and be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future.

Since the restructuring of the Castle Topco Limited group, which took place on 19 March 2009 and is described in note 5, the new group ("the New Group") headed by Crest Nicholson Holdings Limited is dependent for its working capital requirements on funds provided to it through senior bank facilities totalling £500 million, of which £500 million was drawn on 23 March 2009 and a working capital facility of £40 million, which will be drawn as required. Of these amounts the senior facilities are due for repayment in March 2012 and any amounts drawn on the working capital facility of £40 million are repayable in two tranches of £20 million each in April 2010 and 2011.

Part of the terms of the bank facilities are that each company within the New Group is a guarantor of these bank facilities and hence the going concern status of each group company is closely allied to the going concern status of the New Group.

As part of the restructuring, the Directors prepared financial projections for the period to maturity of the senior facilities. The New Group is subject to risks and uncertainties in the current economic environment. The key factors which can affect the financial performance of the business include the availability of mortgage finance to the housing market, house price deflation, the resultant level of house sales and future build costs. The directors have assessed fully the impact of these variables and any changes in them on the financial performance of the New Group.

In addition, as part of the ongoing management of the business, the trading performance is monitored against the financial projections with a regular assessment of performance against financial covenants contained in the bank facilities agreement being made. On the basis of the latest review the New Group is capable of operating within the bank facilities currently available and meeting its covenant tests.

The Directors have therefore concluded, after making enquiries and considering the uncertainties described above, that there is a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For these reasons, the Directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. These financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the going concern basis of preparation being inappropriate.

2. <u>Creditors</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	£'000	£'000
<u>Amounts falling due within one year</u>		
Trade creditors	8,413	51,531
Other creditors	3,218	11,351
Accruals	7,599	1,045

<u>19,230</u>	<u>63,927</u>
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The above creditors are liabilities incurred on behalf of Crest Nicholson Operations Limited and are recoverable from that company.

3. <u>Capital and Reserves</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Share Capital	£	£
Authorised	<u>£100</u>	<u>£100</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

4. Parent Company and related parties

The immediate parent company is Crest Nicholson Operations Ltd, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent company at 31 October 2008 was Castle Topco Limited (formerly Crest Nicholson Group Limited) which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Copies of its Group accounts can be obtained from the Company's registered office which is shown in the Directors' Report.

The ultimate controlling parties on 31 October 2008 were Uberior Ventures Limited and West Coast Capital Homes Limited. See note 5 for details of post year end change in ownership.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 8 the Company is exempt from the requirement to disclose related party transactions with Castle Topco Limited and its subsidiary undertakings on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Castle Topco Limited

5. Post balance sheet events

Financial restructuring

During the year, following the significant downturn in the housing market, the Castle Topco Limited Group ("the CTL Group") engaged in discussions with its shareholders and lenders with a view to restructuring the finances of the CTL Group.

On 19 March 2009, the High Court sanctioned a scheme of arrangement under the terms of which the debt burden of the CTL Group has been reduced by £630m and an additional £40m working capital facility has been made available. The process has involved a change to the equity and debt structure of the CTL Group, with the trading operations being sold to a new holding company outside the CTL Group, Crest Nicholson Holdings Limited. As a result Castle Topco Limited will be placed into a solvent members' voluntary liquidation in due course.

The restructure has involved a significant debt for equity swap, which has resulted in the CTL Group's existing lenders owning 90% of the equity in the group headed by Crest Nicholson Holdings Limited ("the New Group"). The remaining 10% of the equity is owned by New Group management.

The New Group has senior bank facilities totalling £500 million, of which £500 million was drawn on 23 March 2009 and a working capital facility of £40 million, which will be drawn as required. Of these amounts the senior facilities are due for repayment in March 2012 and any amounts drawn on the working capital facility of £40 million are repayable in two tranches of £20 million each in April 2010 and 2011.

The restructure will reduce the interest burden on the New Group to levels which are more manageable in the current trading environment. Financial covenants have also been revised to reflect a greater focus on cash generation rather than earnings. These are discussed further in note 1.

Closure of regional offices

After the balance sheet date, the CTL Group announced its intention to rationalise its regional network, reducing from six to three the number of regional business operations. These closures were effected through December 2008 and January 2009 at a cost of £2.0m.