

HOVETOP LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 September 2006

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors submit their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2006 (2005 year ended 30 September 2005)

Principal activity, review of business and future developments

There was no activity during the period

On 25 January 2007 the Company's ultimate parent company, Nouveaustar Limited, was acquired by Marston's Acquisitions Limited (formerly Jennings Brothers Limited), a subsidiary of Marston's PLC

No changes are anticipated in the foreseeable future

Directors

The Directors who held office during the period, and up to the date of this report, were as follows

D Andrew	(appointed 25 January 2007)
R Findlay	(appointed 25 January 2007)
P Inglett	(appointed 25 January 2007)
S J Oliver	(appointed 25 January 2007)
A Darby	(appointed 25 January 2007)
P F W Large	(resigned 25 January 2007)
G Grant	(resigned 25 January 2007)
C J Mitchell	(resigned 25 January 2007)

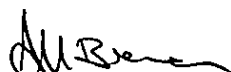
No Director had any interest in the share capital of the Company

The interests of Mr D Andrew, Mr R Findlay, Mr P Inglett, Mr S J Oliver and Mr A Darby in the ordinary share capital of Marston's PLC are disclosed in the financial statements of that company

The interests of Mr P F W Large, Mr G Grant and Mr C J Mitchell in the ordinary share capital of EP Investments 2004 plc, a subsidiary of Nouveaustar Limited, are disclosed in the financial statements of that company

No Director had any interest in the share capital of any other Group company

Approved by the Board on 15 June 2007 and signed on its behalf by



Anne-Marie Brennan *Company secretary*
15 June 2007

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 September 2006

During the current and previous period the Company did not trade, did not incur any liabilities and, consequently, made neither profit nor loss. None of the Directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the Company (2005 £nil)

BALANCE SHEET

At 30 September 2006

	Notes	2006 £	2005 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	2	68,029	68,029
Current assets			
Debtors	3	64,995	64,995
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)	4	(68,029)	(68,029)
Net current liabilities		(3,034)	(3,034)
Net assets		64,995	64,995
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	5	300	300
Profit and loss account		64,695	64,695
Equity shareholders' funds		64,995	64,995

For the period ended 30 September 2006 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985

Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for

- 1) ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and
- 2) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial period, and of its profit or loss for the financial period, in accordance with the requirements of section 226 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company

Approved by the Board of Directors on 15 June 2007 and signed on its behalf by



Paul Inglett Director
15 June 2007

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NOTES

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards

2 Investments

Cost less provisions

At 30 September 2006 and 1 October 2005

Subsidiary
undertakings
£

68,029

Subsidiaries

Goldtrans Limited
Midfleet Limited

Country of incorporation	Shareholding
United Kingdom	100%
United Kingdom	100%

Both Goldtrans Limited and Midfleet Limited are dormant

3 Debtors

Amounts owed by Group undertakings

2006 £	2005 £
64,995	64,995

4 Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)

Amounts owed to Group undertakings

2006 £	2005 £
68,029	68,029

5 Share capital

Authorised

1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each

2006 £	2005 £
1,000	1,000

Allotted, issued and fully paid

300 ordinary shares of £1 each

2006 £	2005 £
300	300

6 Post balance sheet event

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7 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The immediate parent company is Eldridge, Pope & Co , Limited

Prior to 25 January 2007 the Directors regarded Nouveaustar Limited, a company registered in the United Kingdom, as the Company's ultimate parent company and Michael Cannon, the majority shareholder of Nouveaustar Limited, as the ultimate controlling party. The parent undertaking of the smallest group which included the Company, and for which group financial statements were prepared, was EP Investments 2004 plc. The parent undertaking of the largest group which included the Company, and for which group financial statements were prepared, was Nouveaustar Limited.

With effect from 25 January 2007 the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Marston's PLC, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate the financial statements of Hovetop Limited.

Copies of the group financial statements of EP Investments 2004 plc, Nouveaustar Limited and Marston's PLC are available from the Company Secretary, Marston's House, Wolverhampton, WV1 4JT.