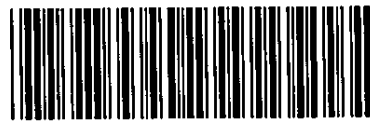


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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Period ended 4 October 2008

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Period ended 4 October 2008

The Directors present their report together with the unaudited financial statements of the Company for the 53 weeks ended 4 October 2008 (2007: 52 weeks ended 29 September 2007). The Company is dormant and has not traded during the period.

Future developments

No changes are anticipated in the nature of the business in the foreseeable future.

Directors

The Directors who served the Company during the period and up to the date of this report were as follows:

A Darby
D Andrew
S J Oliver
R Findlay
P Inglett

Signed by order of the Directors



Anne-Marie Brennan
Company Secretary

Approved by the Directors on 5 December 2008

HOVETOP LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

As at 4 October 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	3	<u>68,029</u>	<u>68,029</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	4	<u>64,995</u>	<u>64,995</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>(68,029)</u>	<u>(68,029)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(3,034)</u>	<u>(3,034)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>64,995</u>	<u>64,995</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	6	300	300
Profit and loss account		<u>64,695</u>	<u>64,695</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u>64,995</u>	<u>64,995</u>

Statements:

- (a) For the period ended 4 October 2008 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (b) Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (c) The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:
 - (i) ensuring the Company keeps accounting records in accordance with Section 221, and
 - (ii) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the period and of its profit and loss for the period in accordance with the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company.

These financial statements on pages 2 to 4 were approved by the Directors and authorised for issue on 5 December 2008, and are signed on their behalf by:



Paul Inglett
Director
5 December 2008

The notes on pages 3 to 4 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Period ended 4 October 2008

1. Dormant status

The Company was dormant (within the meaning of Section 249AA of the Companies Act 1985) throughout the period ended 4 October 2008. The Company has not traded during the period or during the preceding financial period. During these periods, the Company received no income and incurred no expenditure and therefore made neither profit nor loss.

2. 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.

The financial statements contain information about Hovetop Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company is exempt under section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertaking are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent, Marston's PLC, a company registered in England and Wales.

3. Investments

	Subsidiary undertakings £
Net book value	
At 30 September 2007 and 4 October 2008	<u>68,029</u>

The Company has one subsidiary, being Midfleet Limited, a dormant company incorporated in England and Wales. The Company owns 100% of the ordinary £1 shares of Midfleet Limited.

4. Debtors

	2008 £	2007 £
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	<u>64,995</u>	<u>64,995</u>

5. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2008 £	2007 £
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	<u>68,029</u>	<u>68,029</u>

6. Share capital

Authorised share capital:

	2008 £	2007 £
1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Period ended 4 October 2008

6. Share capital *(continued)*

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2008		2007	
	Number	£	Number	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>

7. Ultimate parent company

The immediate parent company is Eldridge, Pope & Co., Limited. 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 can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Marston's House, Brewery Road, Wolverhampton, WV1 4JT.