

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 October 2015



## Company Information

**Directors** 

Simon Weeks

Peter Drabwell (alternative to David Rose)

Secretary

Hackwood Secretaries Limited

Company number

03685039

Registered office

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**Auditors** 

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### **Directors' Report**

For the year ended 31 October 2015

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2015.

#### **Principal activities**

The company was incorporated to take on the promotion, administration and conduct of London Silver Market Fixing. The company promoted its activities via its own website until 14 August 2014 when the daily silver fixing ceased.

#### **Directors**

The following directors have held office since 1 November 2014:

Simon Weeks

David Rose

(Resigned 4 December 2015)

David Wilkinson (alternate to Simon Weeks)

(Resigned 14 October 2015)

Peter Drabwell (alternative to David Rose)

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, Kingston Smith LLP, are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

### Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 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.

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#### Statement of disclosure to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

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

On behalf of the board

Simon Weeks

Director 21/03/2016

## Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of The London Silver Market Fixing Limited

We have audited the financial statements of The London Silver Market Fixing Limited for the year ended 31 October 2015 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) (United Kingdom 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 auditors' 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, 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 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 Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **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 October 2015 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom 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 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 to the Members of The London Silver Market Fixing Limited (Continued)

### 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 prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and from preparing a strategic report.

Jon Sutcliffe (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Kingston Smith LLP

31/03/2016

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor

Devonshire House 60 Goswell Road London EC1M 7AD

## Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 October 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
Turnover	23	-	167,321
Administrative expenses		(10,327)	(111,565)
Operating (loss)/profit	2	(10,327)	55,756
Other interest receivable and similar income	3		9
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(10,327)	55,765
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	4	2,065	(9,747)
(Loss)/profit for the year	7	(8,262)	46,018

## **Balance Sheet**

### As at 31 October 2015

		201	5	2014	1
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	5	10,178		1,991	
Cash at bank and in hand		27,962		55,158	
		38,140		57,149	
Creditors: amounts falling due within	_	(0.500)		(44.00=)	
one year	6	(3,560)		(14,307)	
Total assets less current liabilities			34,580		42,842
Capital and reserves					-
Profit and loss account	7		34,580		42,842
Shareholders' funds			34,580		42,842

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

Approved by the Board for issue on 21 ST 17ARCH 2016

Simon Weeks

Director

Company Registration No. 03685039

### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 October 2015

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

#### 1.2 Going concern

The daily silver fixings conducted by the Company ceased from close of business on 14 August 2014 and the activity of the Company ceased on this date. It is not the intention of the Directors to wind up the Company and the Directors believe that the Company will continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due. These accounts have been prepared on a Going Concern basis as there would be no material difference to the accounts if they were prepared on a break up basis.

#### 1.3 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated).

#### 1.4 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts due in respect of licence fee income. Licence fee income is recognised as revenue in the period in which services are provided.

2	Operating (loss)/profit	2015 £	2014 £
	Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging: Auditors' remuneration	1,805	1,567
3	Investment income	2015 £	2014 £
	Bank interest	-	9
		-	9
4	Taxation	2015 £	2014 £
	Domestic current year tax		
	U.K. corporation tax	• -	9,747
	Adjustment for prior years	(2,065)	-
	Total current tax	(2,065)	9,747
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5	Debtors ·	2015 £	2014 £
	Other debtors	10,178	1,991
6	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2015 £	2014 £
	Taxation and social security Other creditors	3,560	9,747 4,560
		3,560	14,307

### 7 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

	account
	£
Balance at 1 November 2014 Loss for the year	42,842 (8,262)
Balance at 31 October 2015	34,580

## 8 Contingent liabilities

The London Silver Market Fixing Limited and its two members have been named as defendants in class action lawsuits pending in the United States Court for the Southern District of New York in connection with their roles in setting the London benchmark silver price. The complaints allege, amongst other things, that the London Silver Market Fixing Limited and the member banks collectively violated various provisions of the Sherman Act, the Commodity Exchange Act, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) rule 180.1(a) and various state laws by manipulating the London benchmark silver price. The lawsuits seek an unspecified amount of damages and trebling of damages under the Sherman Act.

The directors believe that the lawsuits are without grounds and that The London Silver Market Fixing Limited is not liable as a result. They intend to defend the lawsuits vigorously and it is currently not practicable to provide an estimate of the financial impact of the potential exposure of the action described or what effect if any that it might have upon the operating results, cash flows of The London Silver Market Fixing Limited's financial position in any particular period.

**Profit and loss** 

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#### 9 Control

The company is limited by guarantee and as such has no share capital.

### 10 Related party relationships and transactions

The following were members of The London Silver Market Fixing Limited during the financial year: The Bank of Nova Scotia
HSBC plc

The London Silver Market Fixing Limited currently banks with HSBC Bank plc, one of its members.

Management Information For the year ended 31 October 2015

## Detailed Trading and Profit and Loss Account For the year ended 31 October 2015

	1.4		2015		2014
	:	£	£	£	£
Turnover					
License fee	•		-		47,321
Membership Levy	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		-		120,000
	• • •		-		167,321
Administrative expenses	•		(10,327)		(111,565)
Administrative expenses			(10,027)		————
Operating (loss)/profit			(10,327)		55,756
Other interest receivable and s	imilar income				
Bank interest received			<u> </u>		9
(Loss)/profit before taxation			(10,327)		55,765
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## Schedule of Administrative Expenses

For the year ended 31 October 2015

		2015	2014
	•	£	£
Administrative expenses			
Administration Expenses	,	5,442	6,293
Website costs		198	15,323
Legal and professional fees		-	83,426
Accountancy	7	2,882	4,956
Audit fees		1,805	1,567
	·	10,327	111,565