

BATES SOLICITORS LIMITED

UNAUDITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INFORMATION FOR FILING WITH THE REGISTRAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

BATES SOLICITORS LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 08151797

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

| | Note | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---|------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Intangible assets | 4 | 489,440 | 512,112 |
| Tangible assets | 5 | 427,788 | 468,598 |
| | | <hr/> 917,228 | <hr/> 980,710 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stocks | | 1,641,725 | 1,593,972 |
| Debtors: amounts falling due within one year | 6 | 937,531 | 825,121 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 7 | 145,804 | 13,088 |
| | | <hr/> 2,725,060 | <hr/> 2,432,181 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 8 | (1,584,037) | (1,367,214) |
| | | <hr/> 1,141,023 | <hr/> 1,064,967 |
| Net current assets | | | |
| | | <hr/> 2,058,251 | <hr/> 2,045,677 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 9 | (930,837) | (1,002,941) |
| Provisions for liabilities | | | |
| Deferred tax | | (83,518) | (84,105) |
| | | <hr/> (83,518) | <hr/> (84,105) |
| Net assets | | <hr/> <u>1,043,896</u> | <hr/> <u>958,631</u> |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital | | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| Profit and loss account | | 793,896 | 708,631 |
| | | <hr/> <u>1,043,896</u> | <hr/> <u>958,631</u> |

The directors consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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 have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Company has opted not to file the statement of income and retained earnings in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 30 June 2022.

Ian MacDonald
Director

Gwyneth Jones
Director

The notes on pages 3 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. General information

Bates Solicitors Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England. Its registered office is 43 Essex Street, London, WC3R 3JF.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies 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 following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Revenue

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised in the period in which the services are provided in accordance with the stage of completion of the contract when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of revenue can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the contract;
- the stage of completion of the contract at the end of the reporting period can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred and the costs to complete the contract can be measured reliably.

2.3 Operating leases: the Company as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

2.4 Government grants

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to profit or loss at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grants is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of income and retained earnings in the same period as the related expenditure.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

2.6 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the year in which they are incurred.

2.7 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss 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.

2.8 Intangible assets

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the difference between amounts paid on the cost of a business combination and the acquirer's interest in the fair value of its identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquiree at the date of acquisition. Subsequent to initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis to the Statement of income and retained earnings over its useful economic life.

Other intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

All intangible assets are considered to have a finite useful life. If a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made, the useful life shall not exceed ten years.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Motor vehicles | - 10% reducing balance |
| Fixtures and fittings | - 10% reducing balance |
| Computer equipment | - 25% reducing balance |
| Other fixed assets | - 25% reducing balance |

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.10 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Work in progress and finished goods include labour and attributable overheads.

At each balance sheet date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

2.11 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.

2.12 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.13 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.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.14 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance sheet.

2.15 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument 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 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 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 in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

Investments in non-derivative instruments that are equity to the issuer are measured:

- at fair value with changes recognised in the Statement of income and retained earnings if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably;
- at cost less impairment for all other investments.

3. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was 49 (2020 - 55).

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4. Intangible assets

| | Computer software £ | Goodwill £ | Total £ |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Cost | | | |
| At 1 January 2021 | 11,575 | 680,150 | 691,725 |
| At 31 December 2021 | 11,575 | 680,150 | 691,725 |
| Amortisation | | | |
| At 1 January 2021 | 11,575 | 168,038 | 179,613 |
| Charge for the year on owned assets | - | 22,672 | 22,672 |
| At 31 December 2021 | 11,575 | 190,710 | 202,285 |
| Net book value | | | |
| At 31 December 2021 | - | 489,440 | 489,440 |
| At 31 December 2020 | - | 512,112 | 512,112 |

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5. Tangible fixed assets

| | Long-term leasehold property £ | Motor vehicles £ | Fixtures and fittings £ | Other fixed assets £ | Total £ |
|--|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Cost or valuation | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2021 | 8,624 | 152,045 | 799,631 | 6,747 | 967,047 |
| Additions | - | - | 5,554 | - | 5,554 |
| At 31 December 2021 | 8,624 | 152,045 | 805,185 | 6,747 | 972,601 |
| Depreciation | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2021 | - | 86,126 | 406,250 | 6,073 | 498,449 |
| Charge for the year on owned assets | - | 6,114 | 35,743 | 169 | 42,026 |
| Charge for the year on financed assets | - | 478 | 3,860 | - | 4,338 |
| At 31 December 2021 | - | 92,718 | 445,853 | 6,242 | 544,813 |
| Net book value | | | | | |
| At 31 December 2021 | 8,624 | 59,327 | 359,332 | 505 | 427,788 |
| At 31 December 2020 | 8,624 | 65,919 | 393,381 | 674 | 468,598 |

The net book value of land and buildings may be further analysed as follows:

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Long leasehold | 8,624 | 8,624 |
| | 8,624 | 8,624 |

The net book value of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts, included above, are as follows:

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Furniture, fittings and equipment | 34,739 | 38,599 |
| | 34,739 | 38,599 |

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6. Debtors

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Trade debtors | 422,880 | 482,177 |
| Other debtors | - | 16,791 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 514,651 | 326,153 |
| | <u>937,531</u> | <u>825,121</u> |

7. Cash and cash equivalents

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 145,805 | 13,088 |
| Less: bank overdrafts | (346,576) | (336,557) |
| | <u>(200,771)</u> | <u>(323,469)</u> |

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Bank overdrafts | 346,576 | 336,557 |
| Other loans | 613,958 | 398,962 |
| Trade creditors | 87,252 | 177,378 |
| Corporation tax | 89,516 | 56,728 |
| Other taxation and social security | 194,844 | 176,950 |
| Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts | 3,814 | 7,732 |
| Other creditors | 248,077 | 197,949 |
| Accruals and deferred income | - | 14,958 |
| | <u>1,584,037</u> | <u>1,367,214</u> |

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Other taxation and social security | | |
| PAYE/NI control | 82,944 | 78,893 |
| VAT control | 111,900 | 98,057 |
| | <u>194,844</u> | <u>176,950</u> |

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9. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|----------------|------------------|
| Other loans | 299,423 | 285,720 |
| Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts | - | 17,051 |
| Other creditors | 631,414 | 700,170 |
| | <u>930,837</u> | <u>1,002,941</u> |

10. Loans

Analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Other loans | 613,958 | 398,962 |
| | <u>613,958</u> | <u>398,962</u> |
| Amounts falling due 1-2 years | | |
| Other loans | 299,423 | 285,720 |
| | <u>299,423</u> | <u>285,720</u> |
| | <u>913,381</u> | <u>684,682</u> |

11. Hire purchase and finance leases

Minimum lease payments under hire purchase fall due as follows:

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Within one year | 3,814 | 7,732 |
| Between 1-5 years | - | 17,051 |
| | <u>3,814</u> | <u>24,783</u> |

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