

**THE BRITISH INDIAN TEA COMPANY LIMITED**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**2008**

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# THE BRITISH INDIAN TEA COMPANY LIMITED

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## SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised		Issued
20,000	In 5% cumulative preference shares of £5 each	16,500
180,000	In ordinary shares of £1 each	170,310
<u>£200,000</u>		<u>£186,810</u>

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Directors P.A. LEGGATT, M.B.E. (Chairman)  
A.K. MATHUR, F.C.A.  
M.C. PERKINS, F.C.A.  
M.D. CONWAY, F.C.I.S.

Secretary M.D. CONWAY, F.C.I.S.

Registered Office LINTON PARK,  
LINTON,  
MAIDSTONE,  
KENT ME17 4AB

Registered Number 687C

**THE BRITISH INDIAN TEA COMPANY LIMITED**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the one hundred and forty-sixth annual general meeting of The British Indian Tea Company Limited will be held at Linton Park, Linton, Maidstone, Kent ME17 4AB on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 10.15 a.m. for the following purposes:-

1. To receive and adopt the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008;
2. To re-elect a director.

By Order of the Board



M.D. CONWAY

Secretary

Linton Park,  
Linton,  
Maidstone,  
Kent, ME17 4AB

17<sup>th</sup> February 2009

A member entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him and such proxy need not be a member of the company.

# **THE BRITISH INDIAN TEA COMPANY LIMITED**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

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The directors submit to the members their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2008.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The company was dormant during the year and is expected to remain so.

### **DIRECTORS**

#### **Board**

The present board is shown on page one.

Mr. M.C. Perkins retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

#### **Shareholdings**

Neither at the end of the year, nor at any time during the year, has any director held a beneficial interest in any shares of the company.

The interests if any, of the directors in shares of group companies are disclosed in the accounts of the parent company, Camellia Plc.

By Order of the Board

M.D. CONWAY

Secretary

17<sup>th</sup> February 2009

# THE BRITISH INDIAN TEA COMPANY LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors: Amounts due from group companies		<u>£ 195,402</u>	<u>£ 195,402</u>
<b>EQUITY CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	3	170,310	170,310
Profit and loss account	4	<u>8,592</u>	<u>8,592</u>
		178,902	178,902
<b>NON-EQUITY CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Preference shares	3	<u>16,500</u>	<u>16,500</u>
		<u>£ 195,402</u>	<u>£ 195,402</u>

For the year ended 31st December 2008 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s249AA of the Companies Act 1985. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year under s249B(2). The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records in accordance with s221 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved on 17th February 2009 by the board of  
directors and signed on their behalf by:



A.K. MATHUR  
Director

# THE BRITISH INDIAN TEA COMPANY LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The British Indian Tea Company Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 1985.

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with IFRSs adopted for use in the European Union and therefore comply with Article 4 of the EU IAS Regulation.

### 3. SHARE CAPITAL

#### Authorised:

	2008 £	2007 £
4,000 5% cumulative preference shares of £5 each	20,000	20,000
180,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
	<u>£ 200,000</u>	<u>£ 200,000</u>

#### Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	16,500	16,500
3,300 5% cumulative preference shares of £5 each	<u>170,310</u>	<u>170,310</u>
170,310 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>£ 186,810</u>	<u>£ 186,810</u>

### 4. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT RESERVE

Balance at 1st January and 31st December	<u>£ 8,592</u>	<u>£ 8,592</u>
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### 5. PREFERENCE DIVIDEND

The dividend for the cumulative preference shares has been waived in 2008 and therefore no provision has been made.

### 6. PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company at 31st December 2008 was Camellia Plc which is registered in England and Wales. The consolidated financial statements of Camellia Plc can be obtained from the Company's registered office at Linton Park, Linton, Maidstone, Kent, ME17 4AB.

### 7. CONTROL OF CAMELLIA PLC

Camellia Holding AG holds 1,426,000 ordinary shares of 10 pence each in Camellia Plc (representing 51.30 per cent of the total voting rights). Camellia Holding AG is owned by The Camellia Private Trust Company Ltd (a private trust company incorporated under the laws of Bermuda to act as trustee of the Camellia Foundation). The Camellia Foundation is a Bermudian Trust, the income of which is utilised for charitable, educational and humanitarian causes at the discretion of the Trustees.