# THE COMBINED ESTATES COMPANY LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25 MARCH 2011

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COMBINED ESTATES COMPANY LIMITED

### **UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 3 to 6, together with the financial statements of The Combined Estates Company Limited for the year ended 25 March 2011 prepared under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Chapter 10 of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section and to report our opinion to you

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared

### Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 444(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section

#### Other information

On we reported, as auditors of The Combined Estates Company Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 25 March 2011, and our report included the following paragraph

### **Emphasis of matter**

"Valuation of Freehold Properties

Freehold properties held for investment purposes are required to be valued at five year intervals by an independent external valuer statutorily qualified to perform this duty. In respect of these financial statements, this time period has elapsed

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 7 of the financial statements concerning the uncertainty of the valuation of the freehold properties. In view of this uncertainty we consider that it should be drawn to your attention but our opinion is not qualified in this respect. "

Mr Adrian Cohen (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Sterlings Ltd

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COMBINED ESTATES COMPANY LIMITED (CONTINUED)

**UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006** 

**Statutory Auditor** 

Chartered Accountants Lawford House Albert Place London N3 1QA

### ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

### **AS AT 25 MARCH 2011**

		20	)11	20	)10
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		5,587,998		5,593,448
Investments	2		100		100
			5,588,098		5,593,548
Current assets					
Debtors		317,221		434,821	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,627,737		1,320,874	
		1,944,958		1,755,695	
Creditors. amounts falling due within					
one year		(372,117)		(348,027)	
Net current assets			1,572,841		1,407,668
Total assets less current liabilities			7,160,939		7,001,216
Provisions for liabilities			(350,783)		(326,364)
			6,810,156		6,674,852
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Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	3		31,875		31,875
Revaluation reserve			3,958,354		3,958,354
Profit and loss account			2,819,927		2,684,623
Shareholders' funds			6,810,156		6,674,852

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Board for issue on

Peter Rooke

Director

Carey Whitley

Company Registration No. 12929

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25 MARCH 2011

### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of freehold land and buildings and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

### 1 2 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)

#### 13 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts

### 1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

At 25% reducing balance per annum

Motor vehicles

Over 50 months from cost

Tangible fixed assets include investment properties professionally valued by Chartered Surveyors on an existing use open market value basis. Other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life.

### 1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value

#### 16 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 399 of the Companies. Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25 MARCH 2011

2	Fixed assets			
		Tangible	Investments	Total
		assets		
		£	£	£
	Cost or valuation			
	At 26 March 2010	5,695,856	100	5,695,956
	Additions	677	-	677
	At 25 March 2011	5,696,533	100	5,696,633
	Depreciation			
	At 26 March 2010	102,407	-	102,407
	Charge for the year	6,128	-	6,128
	At 25 March 2011	108,535		108,535
	Net book value			<del></del>
	At 25 March 2011	5,587,998	100	5,588,098
	At 25 March 2010	5,593,448	100	5,593,548
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### Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies

Company	Country of registration or	Shares held	
	incorporation	Class	%
Subsidiary undertakings The Combined Estates Trading Company	England	Ordinary	100 00
Limited	England	Ordinary	100 00

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows

		Capital and	Profit/(loss)
		reserves	for the year
		2011	2011
	Principal activity	£	£
The Combined Estates Trading Company Limited	Property dealing	2,447,599	116,745

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 25 MARCH 2011

3	Share capital	2011 £	2010 £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	-	-
	3,875 Ordinary Shares of £5 each	19,375	19,375
	2,500 3 15% Preference Shares of £5 each	12,500	12,500
		31,875	31,875

### 4 Ultimate parent company

There is no ultimate controlling party