**REGISTERED NUMBER: 00014504** 

## Report of the Directors and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

<u>for</u>

De Vere Group Holdings Limited

Previously known as De Vere Group Limited

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## De Vere Group Holdings Limited Previously known as De Vere Group Limited

Company Information for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

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**SECRETARY:** 

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**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

00014504

**AUDITORS** 

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#### Report of the Directors

for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010

### **CHANGE OF NAME**

The company passed a special resolution on 13 September 2011 changing its name from De Vere Group Limited to De Vere Group Holdings Limited

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

During the year under review De Vere Group Limited operated G&J Greenalls, a white spirit manufacturer, and managed certain property assets

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

A comprehensive review of the strategic affairs of the group into which the company is consolidated, including key performance indicators and key risks and uncertainties, is contained in the report and financial statements of De Vere Group Limited (previously known as AHG Venice Group Limited), the ultimate parent undertaking at the year end

The loss after taxation for the year amounted to £173,806,000 (2009 loss of £17,053,000) This result includes net impairment charges in respect of the company's investments in subsidiaries of £165,457,000

#### DIVIDENDS

An interim dividend in specie of £1,073,725,000 was declared and paid on 22 December 2010

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2009 £nil)

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors of the Company during the period were as follows

A M Coppel CBE (appointed 16 September 2011)
D G Caldecott (appointed 16 September 2011)
R G Balfour-Lynn (resigned 16 September 2011)
J Singh (resigned 16 September 2011)
I B Cave (resigned 3 March 2010)
M A Bibring (resigned 3 March 2010)

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1) On 8 March 2010 the AHG Venice Limited (since renamed De Vere Venice Limited) group of companies was acquired by AHG Venice Group Limited (since renamed De Vere Group Limited), a company established for the purposes of restructuring the AHG Venice Limited group

On the same day the group entered into a revised borrowing facilities agreement with Bank of Scotland plc, the substance of which was to re-finance the group

The directors are pleased to report that these transactions have had the effect of re-financing the group to which the company belongs, thereby assuring the company's ability to continue as a going concern

Further details of the group's refinancing are available in the March 2010 financial statements of De Vere Group Limited, the ultimate parent undertaking

2) On 14 December 2010 the company issued 3,214 bonus ordinary shares of 31p each out of unrealised reserves to De Vere Finance No 3 Limited (previously known as AHG Venice Finance No 3 Limited) The shares carried a premium of £84,826 each

On the same day the company cancelled 87,106,070 ordinary shares of 31p each and the entire share premium account of £302,591,000 standing in the books of the company for no consideration

3) On 22 December the Company received interim dividends in specie of £851,204,000 from its subsidiaries, which have been recognised in reserves. Subsequent to the interim dividend the Company performed an impairment review of its investments in subsidiaries which led to an impairment of £168,468,000 being recognised in the profit and loss account.

On the same day the Company paid an interim dividend in specie of £1,073,725,000 to its parent, De Vere Finance No 3 Limited

These steps were undertaken as part of an exercise to re-allocate capital more efficiently between the various subsidiaries of the AHG Venice Group Limited group of companies

#### POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 5 August 2011 the Company sold the trade and assets of G&J Greenall, its white spirit distillery operation, to a third party for £7 5 million plus working capital adjustments of £1 1 million. The operations sold accounted for all of the turnover of the Company in 2010 and leaves the Company primarily as a property holding company subsequent to the sale.

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors 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,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- 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.

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

In accordance with Section 418(2) of the Companies Act 2006 each of the above directors (excluding those who have resigned during the financial year)

- is not aware of any relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish the Company's auditors are aware of that information

#### AUDITORS

Ernst & Young LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors in accordance with Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

In Copy

A M Coppel CBE - Director

Date 30 SEP 2011

### Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of De Vere Group Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of De Vere Group Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 21. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 auditor's 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 Report of the Directors and Financial Statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. 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 December 2010 and of its loss for the year then ended
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, 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

### 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

Barry Flynn (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP Statutory Auditor

Manchester

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Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

|  | Notes |            | 2010<br>£'000      |           | 2009<br>£'000      |
|--|-------|------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| TURNOVER   |       |            | 46,030             |           | 44,045             |
| Cost of sales  |       |            | (43,257)           |           | (44,888)           |
| GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS)  |       |            | 2,773              |           | (843)              |
| Fixed asset impairments Administrative expenses                                |       |            | (4,938)<br>(2,426) |           | (4,684)<br>(2,198) |
|  |       |            | (4,591)            |           | (7,725)            |
| Exceptional item - impairments   |       |            | (165,457)          |           |                    |
| OPERATING LOSS   | 4     |            | (170,048)          |           | (7,725)            |
| Sale of tangible fixed assets  |       |            | 1                  |           | <del></del>        |
|  |       |            | (170,047)          |           | (7,725)            |
| Interest receivable and similar income<br>Interest payable and similar charges | 5     | 44<br>(26) | 18                 | 60<br>(5) | 55                 |
| LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION                                    |       |            | (170,029)          |           | (7,670)            |
| Tax on loss on ordinary activities   | 6     |            | (3,777)            |           | (9,383)            |
| LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  |       |            | (173,806)          |           | (17,053)           |

## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year

## Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

|  | 2010<br>£'000               | 2009<br>£'000    |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------|
| LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR Dividends in specie received | (173,806)<br><u>851,204</u> | (17,053)<br>———— |
| TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATING TO THE YEAR   | 677,398                     | (17,053)         |

## **Balance Sheet**

## 31 December 2010

|  | Notes | 2010<br>£'000                                  | 2009<br>£'000 |
|--|-------|--|---------------|
| FIXED ASSETS                                 |       |  |               |
| Tangible assets                              | 7     | 3,135  | 9,000         |
| Investments                                  | 8     | <u> </u>                                       | 179,745       |
|  |       | 14,414   | 188,745       |
|  |       |  | 100,743       |
|  |       |  |               |
| CURRENT ASSETS                               |       |  |               |
| Stocks                                       | 9     | 3,300  | 3,253         |
| Debtors                                      | 10    | 1,299,342                                      | 1,018,231     |
| Cash in hand                                 |       | 2  |               |
|  |       | 1,302,644                                      | 1,021,484     |
| CREDITORS                                    |       | 1,502,044                                      | 1,021,404     |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 11    | (1,253,969)                                    | (12,823)      |
| ,  |       | <u>~ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /</u> |               |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS                           |       | 48,675   | 1,008,661     |
| TOTAL ACCETS LESS CLIDDENT                   |       |  |               |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT                    |       | (2.090   | 1 107 406     |
| LIABILITIES                                  |       | 63,089   | 1,197,406     |
| CREDITORS                                    |       |  |               |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year | 12    | •  | (739,404)     |
| •  |       |  | , , ,         |
| PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES                   | 14    | (2,022)  | (608)         |
| NET ASSETS                                   |       | 61.067   | 457.204       |
| NEI ASSEIS                                   |       | 61,067   | 457,394       |
|  |       |  |               |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES                         |       |  |               |
| Called up share capital                      | 15    | 1  | 27,100        |
| Share premium                                | 16    | -  | 29,959        |
| Capital redemption reserve                   | 16    | -  | 272,633       |
| Profit and loss account                      | 16    | 61,066   | 127,702       |
|  |       |  |               |
|  | 20    | 61,067   | 457,394       |
|  |       |  |               |
|  |       | • • • • •                                      |               |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on its behalf by

and were signed on

A M Coppel CBE - Director

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention with the exception of properties which are carried at valuation less accumulated depreciation and impairments

#### Group financial statements

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing group financial statements contained in Section s400 of the Companies Act 2006, on the basis that as at 31 December 2010 it was a wholly owned subsidiary of De Vere Group Limited (previously known as AHG Venice Group Limited), a company registered in England and Wales The financial statements therefore only present the results and state of affairs of the Company and not the group

#### Cash flow statement

As a wholly owned subsidiary of De Vere Group Limited as at 31 December 2010, the Company is exempt from the requirement to present a cash flow statement under Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 1, as a consolidated cash flow statement is included in that company's financial statements, which are publicly available

#### Turnover

Turnover is the value of goods and services sold to third parties, including excise duties, as part of the Company's trading activities, after deducting discounts and sales based taxes

#### Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets represents the actual purchase price paid. Cost of land and buildings may include gross interest on capital invested in major property development and directly attributable overheads.

Fixtures and fittings contains items of plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings and equipment

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of all other fixed assets over their useful lives to their estimated residual values and is calculated by the straight line method at the following rates

|                       | Per annum |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Buildings             | 2%        |
| Fixtures and fittings | 4% - 14%  |

Leasehold properties are depreciated over the shorter of 50 years and the lease term

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable

When an asset is fully depreciated and no longer in use, both the gross amount and the aggregate depreciation are eliminated from financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises expenditure directly incurred in purchasing or manufacturing stock and includes an appropriate amount of overhead.

Certain operating supplies are treated as a base stock and renewals and replacements of such stock are written off to the profit and loss account as incurred

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exceptions

- provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold, and
- deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

#### Leasing commitments

Rental payments in respect of operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term. Provision has been established for future anticipated costs related to leased premises no longer occupied by the Company.

#### Pension costs

Pension contributions to the defined benefit or defined contribution plans are charged to the profit and loss account as they are incurred

#### Property provisions

Provision is made for future rental expenses and related costs of leasehold property (net of estimated sub lease income) where space is either vacant or not planned to be used for ongoing operations

#### Going concern

As described in note 18, as a subsidiary of the De Vere Group Limited (previously known as AHG Venice Group Limited) group of companies the Company was party to and provided guarantees in respect of group borrowing facilities. The group entered into revised borrowing facilities on 8 March 2010 the substance of which was to assure the group's ability to continue as a going concern.

### Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary of De Vere Group Limited (previously known as AHG Venice Group Limited) as at 31 December 2010, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 8 not to disclose details of transactions with other group companies

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

#### 2 STAFF COSTS

|  | 2010        | 2009  |
|--|-------------|-------|
|  | £'000       | £'000 |
| Wages and salaries   | 3,683       | 3,797 |
| Social security costs  | 330         | 336   |
| Other pension costs  | <u>278</u>  | 240   |
|  | 4,291       | 4,373 |
| The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows |             |       |
| The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows | 2010        | 2009  |
|  | <u> 111</u> | 113   |

#### 3 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The Company's directors during the year ended 31 December 2010 are also partners of AHGM LLP (a related undertaking) and were remunerated by that undertaking in their capacity as partners rather than by the Company or any of its fellow subsidiaries. Further details can be found in the financial statements of De Vere Group Limited (previously known as AHG Venice Group Limited)

#### 4 OPERATING LOSS

The operating loss is stated after charging

|                             | 2010  | 2009  |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
|                             | £'000 | £'000 |
| Hire of plant and machinery | 130   | 116   |
| Other operating leases      | 38    | 789   |
| Depreciation - owned assets | 1,207 | -     |
| ·                           |       |       |

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The directors of the Company have re-presented the comparative period profit and loss account in order to better reflect the operations of the Company

Specifically, £10,801,000 of comparative period cost has been reallocated from cost of sales to administrative expenses

The auditors' fee for the period of £12,200 (2009 £14,200) was settled by a related company, De Vere Village Trading No 1 Limited Exceptional impairments of £165,457,000 (2009 £nil) were incurred in respect of impairment of investments in subsidiaries of £168,468,000 and reversal of impairment in intercompany balances of £3,011,000

### 5 INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

| 2010  | 2009            |
|-------|-----------------|
| £'000 | £'000           |
| 13    | -               |
| 13    | 5               |
|       |                 |
|       | 5               |
|       | £'000<br>13<br> |

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

## 6 TAXATION

| Analysis | of | the | tax | charge |
|----------|----|-----|-----|--------|
|----------|----|-----|-----|--------|

The tax charge on the loss on ordinary activities for the year was as follows

| Commont to:                        | 2010<br>£'000 | 2009<br>£'000 |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Current tax UK corporation tax     | 3,777         | 7,588         |
| Deferred tax                       | <u>-</u>      | 1,795         |
| Tax on loss on ordinary activities | 3,777         | 9,383         |

UK corporation tax has been charged at 28%

## Factors affecting the tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below

| Loss on ordinary activities before tax                            | 2010<br>£'000<br>( <u>170,029</u> ) | 2009<br>£'000<br><u>(7,670)</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Loss on ordinary activities                                       |                                     |                                 |
| multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax                |                                     |                                 |
| in the UK of 28% (2009 - 28%)                                     | (47,608)                            | (2,147)                         |
| Effects of  |                                     |                                 |
| Capital allowances less than depreciation                         | 1,399                               | 30                              |
| Expenses not deductible/income not chargeable                     | 46,308                              | 15                              |
| Impairment of fixed assets  |                                     | 1,311                           |
| Transfer pricing adjustment not reflected in financial statements | 3,777                               | 8,379                           |
| Utilisation of tax losses   | (25)                                | ,<br>-                          |
| Current year movement on provisions and accruals                  | <u>(74</u> )                        |                                 |
| Current tax charge  | 3,777                               | 7,588                           |

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

## 7 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|   |                         | Freehold<br>land and<br>buildings<br>£'000 | Plant and equipment £'000 | Totals<br>£'000                             |
|---|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|
|   | COST                    |  |                           |   |
|   | At 1 January 2010       | 7,361                                      | 12,332                    | 19,693                                      |
|   | Additions               | 9  | <u> 271</u>               | 280   |
|   | At 31 December 2010     | <u>7,370</u>                               | 12,603                    | 19,973                                      |
|   | DEPRECIATION            |  |                           |   |
|   | At 1 January 2010       | 4,368                                      | 6,325                     | 10,693                                      |
|   | Charge for year         | 380  | 827                       | 1,207                                       |
|   | Impairments             |  | 3,310                     | 4,938                                       |
|   | At 31 December 2010     | 6,376                                      | 10 462                    | 16 838                                      |
|   | NET BOOK VALUE          |  |                           |   |
|   | At 31 December 2010     | <u>994</u>                                 | 2,141                     | 3,135                                       |
|   | At 31 December 2009     | 2,993                                      | 6,007                     | 9,000                                       |
| 8 | FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS |  |                           |   |
|   |                         |  |                           | Shares in<br>group<br>undertakings<br>£'000 |
|   | COST                    |  |                           |   |
|   | At 1 January 2010       |  |                           | 192,950                                     |
|   | Additions               |  |                           | 2   |
|   | At 31 December 2010     |  |                           | 192,952                                     |
|   | PROVISIONS              |  |                           |   |
|   | At 1 January 2010       |  |                           | 13,205                                      |
|   | Impairments             |  |                           | 168,468                                     |
|   | At 31 December 2010     |  |                           | 181,673                                     |
|   | NET BOOK VALUE          |  |                           |   |
|   | At 31 December 2010     |  |                           | 11,279                                      |
|   | At 31 December 2009     |  |                           | 179,745                                     |
|   |                         |  |                           |   |

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

## 8 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

The principal subsidiary undertakings of the company at 31 December 2010 and 31 December 2009, all of which were registered in England and Wales, were

|    | Name of company De Vere Group Investments Limited | Holding<br>Ordinary shares<br>Ordinary and | Period end<br>31/12/2010 | Nature of business<br>Holding company |               |
|----|---|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
|    | Greenalls Midlands Limited<br>China Lane Limited  | Preference shares Ordinary shares          | 31/12/2010<br>31/12/2010 | Non-trading<br>Non-trading            |               |
| 9  | STOCKS  |  |                          | 2010                                  | 2000          |
|    |   |  |                          | 2010<br>£'000                         | 2009<br>£'000 |
|    | Finished goods                                    |  |                          | 1,396                                 | 1,580         |
|    | Consumable stores                                 |  |                          | 25                                    | 27            |
|    | Raw materials                                     |  |                          | 1,879                                 | 1,646         |
|    |   |  |                          | 3,300                                 | 3,253         |
| 10 | DEBTORS   |  |                          |                                       |               |
|    |   |  |                          | 2010                                  | 2009          |
|    |   |  |                          | £'000                                 | £'000         |
|    | Amounts falling due within one year               |  |                          |                                       |               |
|    | Trade debtors                                     |  |                          | 5,858                                 | 6,090         |
|    | Amounts owed by group undertakings                |  |                          | 1,292,464                             | -             |
|    | Other debtors                                     |  |                          | 255                                   | 419           |
|    | Value added tax                                   |  |                          | 229                                   | 209           |
|    | Prepayments and accrued income                    |  |                          | 536                                   | 304           |
|    |   |  |                          | 1,299,342                             | 7,022         |
|    | Amounts falling due after more than one yea       | r  |                          |                                       |               |
|    | Amounts owed by group undertakings                | •  |                          |                                       | 1,011,209     |
|    | Aggregate amounts                                 |  |                          | 1,299,342                             | 1,018,231     |

Intercompany debtors have been classified in current debtors at 31 December 2010 as they are payable on demand

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

| 11 | CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR |  |
|----|--|--|
|----|--|--|

|   | 2010      | 2009   |
|---|-----------|--------|
|   | £'000     | £'000  |
| Debentures (see note 13)                | 211       | 211    |
| Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13) | 2,106     | 4,191  |
| Trade creditors                         | 3,783     | 5,337  |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings      | 1,245,472 | -      |
| Social security and PAYE                | 111       | 132    |
| Other creditors                         | 54        | 346    |
| Accruals and deferred income            | 2,232     | 2,606  |
|   | 1,253,969 | 12,823 |

Intercompany debtors have been classified in current debtors at 31 December 2010 as they are payable on demand

## 12 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

|                                    | 2010        | 2009    |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                    | £'000       | £'000   |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | <del></del> | 739,404 |

Intercompany debtors have been classified in current debtors at 31 December 2010 as they are payable on demand

### 13 LOANS

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Ex gratia pensions

Onerous lease provision

Legal and uninsured claims

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below

|  | 2010<br>£'000       | 2009<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| Amounts falling due within one year or on demand Unsecured loan stock < 1 year Bank overdrafts | 211<br><u>2,106</u> | 211<br>4,191  |
|  | 2,317               | 4,402         |
| PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES   | 2010<br>£'000       | 2009<br>£'000 |
| Other provisions   | 2000                |               |

449

183

1,390

2,022

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608

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2010

### 15 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

| Allotted, called up and fully paid |              |          |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| Ordinary shares of 31p each        | Number       | £000     |
| At 1 January 2010                  | 87,106,070   | 27,100   |
| Bonus shares issued                | 3,214        | 1        |
| Reduction of share capital         | (87,106,070) | (27,100) |
|                                    |              | _        |
| At 31 December 2010                | 3,214        | <u> </u> |

On 14 December 2010 the company issued 3,214 bonus ordinary shares of 31p to its immediate parent company, De Vere Finance No 3 Limited, at a premium of £272,633,000

On the same day the company cancelled for no consideration 87,106,070 Ordinary shares following a special resolution of the board of directors supported by a directors' solvency statement under sections 641-644 of the Companies Act 2006

#### 16 RESERVES

| ADSERVES                    | Profit and loss account £'000 | Share premium £'000 | Capital redemption reserve £'000 | Totals<br>£'000 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| At 1 January 2010           | 127,702                       | 29,959              | 272,633                          | 430,294         |
| Deficit for the year        | (173,806)                     | -                   | -                                | (173,806)       |
| Bonus share issue           | 329,689                       | 272,632             | (272,633)                        | 329,688         |
| Capital reduction           | -                             | (302,591)           | -                                | (302,591)       |
| Dividend in specie received | 851,204                       | · · · ·             | -                                | 851,204         |
| Dividend in specie paid     | (1,073,723)                   | -                   | -                                | (1,073,723)     |
| At 31 December 2010         | 61,066                        | -                   | _                                | 61,066          |

#### 17 PENSION COMMITMENTS

Certain employees are members of The Greenalls Group Pension & Life Assurance Scheme which is a multi-employer scheme FRS 17 "Retirement Benefits" requires the inclusion of the fair value of the assets and liabilities arising from retirement benefit obligations. However, it is not possible to identify the share of assets and liabilities relating to individual companies. Consequently, in accordance with the FRS 17 treatment for such schemes, the Company has charged contributions to the profit and loss account as incurred. The pension charge for the year was £278,000 (2009 - £240,000)

Full disclosures for the Greenalls Group Pension & Life Assurance Scheme can be found in the financial statements of De Vere Hotel Holdings Limited

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### 18 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate parent company of De Vere Group Holdings Limited is De Vere Finance No 3 Limited, a company registered in England and Wales

The ultimate parent company and controlling party of the Company at 31 December 2010 was De Vere Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales (company registered number 6798902) The financial statements of the Company form part of the consolidated financial statements of De Vere Group Limited which can be obtained from Companies House

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking at the date of signing these financial statements was the De Vere Group Employee Benefit Trust More details are given in the financial statements of De Vere Group Limited

#### 19 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Pursuant to a loan facility agreement between Bank of Scotland plc, De Vere Limited (previously known as AHG Venice Holdings Limited) ("DVL") and De Vere Midco Limited ("DVM"), both DVL and DVM being fellow subsidiaries of the De Vere Group Limited (previously known as AHG Venice Group Limited) group of companies, there is a charge over all the Company's assets The total borrowings under the loan facility agreement at 31 December 2010 amounted to £1,083,869,000 (2009 £1,184,000,000)

#### 20 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 5 August 2011 the Company sold the trade and assets of G&J Greenall, its white spirit distillery operation, to a third party for £7 5 million plus working capital adjustments of £1 1 million. The operations sold accounted for all of the turnover of the Company in 2010 and leaves the Company primarily as a property holding company subsequent to the sale

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### 21 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN RESERVES

|                                      | 2010           | 2009     |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------|
|                                      | 000°£          | £'000    |
| Loss for the financial year          | (173,806)      | (17,053) |
| Other recognised gains and losses    |                |          |
| relating to the year (net)           | 851,204        | -        |
| Dividends in specie paid             | (1,073,723)    | -        |
| Bonus share issue                    | 329,688        | -        |
| Capital reduction                    | (329,690)      |          |
| Net addition/(reduction) to reserves | 396,327        | (17,053) |
| Opening reserves                     | <u>457,394</u> | 474,447  |
| Closing reserves                     | 61,067         | 457,394  |
|                                      |                |          |