# ABN (Overseas) Limited Directors' report and financial statements For the 52 week period ended 15 September 2012

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## Directors' report and financial statements

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## Directors and other information

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RC Cloke

**Secretary** R S Schofield

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Company registration number 145374

#### **Directors' report**

The directors present their director's report and the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 15 September 2012

#### Principal activities and business review

In the course of the period the principal activity was as an investment holding company. The principal activities of the subsidiary companies were the manufacture and sale of animal feeds and identifying opportunities for business development overseas.

An operating loss of £nil (2011 restated: £1,574,000 loss) was incurred in the period

#### Risks and uncertainties

The directors do not believe there are any principal risks or uncertainties as a result of the activities of the business

#### Going concern

AB Agri Limited, the immediate holding company, has given an undertaking that it will continue to fund the company's working capital to enable the company to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

#### **Future developments**

The directors anticipate that any future developments would be related to foreign investments in the animal feed and associated industries

#### Trading results, dividends and transfer to reserves

The profit and loss account for the period is set out on page 7. Loss on ordinary activities before taxation amounted to £120,000 (2011 restated £5,769,000 profit) The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2011. £nil) The retained loss for the period of £707,000 (2011 restated: £6,119,000 profit) has been transferred to reserves

#### Political and charitable donations

The company made no political contributions or charitable donations during the current or preceding financial periods

#### **Directors' report** (continued)

#### Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the period and at the date of this report were as follows

D J D Yiend R C Cloke

No director had at any time during the period any material interest in a contract with the company, other than service contracts

Certain directors benefited from qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial year and at the date of this report

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, as far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and each director has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

#### **Auditor**

Pursuant to a shareholders' resolution, the company is not obliged to re-appoint its auditor annually and KPMG Audit Plc will therefore continue in office

By order of the board

R. Cloka

R C Cloke Director

Date 28 May 2013

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# Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the directors' report and the financial statements

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities

# Independent auditor's report to the members of ABN (Overseas) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of ABN (Overseas) Limited for the period ended 15 September 2012 set out on pages 7 to 19. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK 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 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 set out on page 4, 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

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's web-site at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate">www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate</a>

#### 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 15 September 2012 and of its loss for the period then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

# Independent auditor's report to the members of ABN (Overseas) Limited (Continued)

#### 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

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Sarah Rolls (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
15 Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London, E14 5GL

Date at May 2013

# Profit and loss account for the 52 week period ended 15 September 2012

		52 week period ended	52 week period ended
		15 September	17 September
	Note	2012	2011
			Restated (see
		£000	note 17) £000
		1000	2000
Administrative expenses		-	(1,574)
Operating loss		-	(1,574)
(Loss)/profit on sale of investments	9	(149)	6,871
Interest payable and similar charges	5	-	(36)
Interest receivable and similar income	6	29	508
(Loss)/ profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	(120)	5,769
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	7	(587)	350
(Loss)/profit on for the financial period	15	(707)	6,119
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The results above relate to continuing operations

There is no material difference between the company's results as reported and on a historical cost basis. Accordingly no note of historical cost profits and losses has been prepared.

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

# Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the 52 week period ended 15 September 2012

	Note	52 week period ended 15 September 2012 £000	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 Restated £000
(Loss) / profit for the financial year		(707)	6,119
Prior year adjustment (see note 17)	17	(8,931)	-
Total (losses) / gains recognised since last annual report		(9,638)	6,119

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

# Balance sheet at 15 September 2012

	Note	15 S	eptember 2012	17 S Restated (se	eptember 2011
		€000	€000	£000	£0002
Fixed assets Tangible assets	8				
Investments	9		3,908		7,884
			3,908		7,884
Current assets Debtors	10	27,703		22,894	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	11	(690)		(370)	
Net current assets			27,013		22,524
Total assets less current liabilities			30,921		30,408
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(14,646)		(13,426)
Net assets			16,275		16,982
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	14 15		17,100 (825)		17,100 (118)
Shareholders' funds	15		16,275		16,982

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 28 May 2013 and were signed on its behalf by

**R C Cloke** 

Director

Company registration number 145374

#### **Notes**

(forming part of the financial statements)

#### 1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost rules

The company is exempt by virtue of \$400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the company in its own published financial statements

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Associated British Foods plc, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Financial Reporting Standard 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties) The consolidated financial statements of Associated British Foods plc, within which this company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 18

#### Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on cost and is provided on a straight line basis over the anticipated life of the asset. The expected useful life of assets is generally deemed to be not longer than 5 years in respect of motor vehicles and not longer than 20 years in respect of plant and equipment.

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at cost less amounts written off in respect of any impairment in value

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

#### Notes (continued)

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19

#### Post-retirement benefits

The company is a member of the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme which operates both a defined contribution and defined benefit pension scheme Contributions to the defined contribution scheme are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable. The defined benefit scheme is a multi-employer scheme and the company is unable to identify its share of underlying assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Contributions to the defined benefit scheme are therefore accounted for as if they were contributions to a defined contribution scheme.

#### 2 (Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation

(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging

	52 week period ended 15 September 2012 £000	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (Loss) / Profit on sale of investments	(149)	1 6,871

The remuneration of the auditors for the 52 week period ended 15 September 2012 and the period ended 17 September 2011 was borne by another group company

#### 3 Directors remuneration

The directors of the company are remunerated through other companies within the Wittington Investments Limited group of companies. The directors consider that, based on an apportionment of their time incurred in respect of the company, the total directors' emoluments relating to ABN (Overseas) Limited are £Nil (2011 £Nil)

## Notes (continued)

#### 4 Staff numbers and costs

The average weekly number of employees, excluding directors, of the company during the period was nil (2011–10). In the opinion of the directors, all employees fall into a single category, administration

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows

	52 week period ended 15 September 2012 £000	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000
Wages and salaries	-	1,420
Pension costs	-	62
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	-	1,482
5 Interest payable and similar charges		
	52 week period ended 15 September 2012 £000	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000
Interest payable on amounts owed to group undertakings	-	36

## Notes (continued)

### 6 Interest receivable and similar income

	52 week period ended 15 September 2012 £000	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000
Foreign exchange gains	29	508
7 Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities		
Analysis of tax charge/(credit)		
	52 week period ended 15 September 2012 £000	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000
UK corporation tax	2000	2000
Current tax on income for the period	(87)	(299)
Withholding tax suffered and not		
creditable	674	-
Adjustment in relation to prior periods	-	(52)
Total current tax charge / (credit)	587	(351)
Deferred tax (note 13) Origination of timing differences	-	1
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	587	(350)

## Notes (continued)

#### 7 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

#### Factors affecting the tax charge/(credit) for the current period

The current tax charge for the period is lower (2011 higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK, 25 1% (2011 27 1%). The differences are explained below

	52 week period ended 15 September 2012 £000	52 week period ended 17 September 2011 £000
Current tax reconciliation		
(Loss)/Profit on ordinary activities before tax	(120)	5,769
Current tax at 25 1% (2011 27 1%) Effects of	(30)	1,564
Items not chargeable to corporation tax	37	(1,863)
Expense relief for withholding tax suffered	(94)	-
Witholding tax suffered not creditable	674	(==)
Adjustment in relation to prior periods		(52)
Total current tax (see above)	587	(351)

#### Factors affecting future tax charges

Effective 1 April 2012 the corporation tax rate was reduced from 26% to 24%. It has also been announced that the UK tax rate will further reduce to 23% effective from 1 April 2013 and to 21% effective from 1 April 2014. The most recently enacted rate at the balance sheet date was 23%, and deferred tax balances have been calculated at this rate. The impact of the subsequent corporation tax rate reductions will only be reflected as the relevant legislation is substantively enacted.

## Notes (continued)

#### 8 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant, equipment and vehicles £000
Cost At beginning of period	64
At end of period	64
Accumulated depreciation At beginning of period Charge for the period	64
At end of period	64
Net book value At 15 September 2012	-
At 17 September 2011	-
9 Fixed asset investments	
	Shares in group undertakings Restated £000
Cost At beginning of period Disposals	7,884 (3,976)
At end of period	3,908

During the year the company sold its 100% investment in the ordinary share capital of ABNA Tianjin Feed Company Limited, a company incorporated in the People's Republic of China, whose principal activity is the manufacture and selling of animal feed for £2,576,000 The company also sold its 100% investment in the ordinary share capital of ABNA Management (Shanghai) Company Limited, a company incorporated in the People's Republic of China for £1,251,400

#### Notes (continued)

#### 9 Fixed asset investments (continued)

There has been a reassessment of the carrying value of one of the investments disposed of in 2011 which has resulted in an adjustment to the prior year of a loss of £8,931k (see note 17) This affected the prior year profit and loss account, balance sheet and investment note

The companies in which the company's interest is more than 20% are as follows

	Country of registration	<u>Principal activity</u>	Class and percentage of shares held
ABNA (Shanghai) Feed Company Limited	People's Republic of China	Manufacture and selling of animal feed	100% ordinary shares
ABNA Trading (Shanghai) Company Limited	People's Republic of China	Trading company	100% ordinary shares

In the opinion of the directors, the investments in the company's subsidiary undertakings are worth at least the amounts at which they are stated in the balance sheet

#### 10 Debtors

	15 September 2012 £000	17 September 2011 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings Prepayments and accrued income UK corporation tax	27,604 - 98	22,507 86 300
Deferred tax (note 13)	27,703	22,894

## Notes (continued)

#### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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	15 September 2012 £000	17 September 2011 £000
Trade creditors Accruals and deferred income Amounts owed to group undertakings	690	25 345 —
	690	370
12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more	e than one year	
	15 September 2012 £000	17 September 2011 £000
Amounts due to group undertakings	14,646 ——	13,426
13 Deferred tax	15 September 2012 £'000	17 September 2011 £'000
Deferred taxation		
Asset at beginning of period Charge to the profit and loss for the period	1 -	2 (1)
Asset at end of period	1	1

There is no unprovided deferred tax in either the current or preceding period

#### Notes (continued)

#### 13 Deferred tax

The elements of deferred taxation are as follows:

	15 September 2012 £'000	17 September 2011 £'000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances	1	1
14 Called up share capital		
	15 September 2012 £000	17 September 2011 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid 17,100,000 (2011 17,100,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	17,100	17,100

#### 15 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	Share capital £000	Profit and loss account Restated £000	Total
			Restated £000
At beginning of period Loss for the financial period	17,100 -	(118) (707)	16,982 (707)
At end of period	17,100	(825)	16,275

#### 16 Pension costs

The company is a member of the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme which provides benefits based on final pensionable pay. Because the company is unable to identify its share of the scheme's assets and liabilities on a consistent basis, as permitted by FRS 17 the scheme is accounted for by the company as if it were a defined contribution scheme. On 30 September 2002 the scheme was closed to new members and a defined contribution arrangement was put in place for other employees. For the defined contribution scheme, the pension costs are the contributions payable.

#### Notes (continued)

#### 16 Pension costs

The last actuarial valuation of the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme was carried out as at 5 April 2011. At the valuation date the total market value of the assets of the Scheme was £2,559m and represented 101% of the benefits that had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings. By agreement with the trustees, the group agreed to eliminate the deficit identified at the time of the triennial valuation of the scheme in 2008 with 5 annual payments of £30m. The fourth of these payments was made in March 2012 and, although the fund was in surplus at the time of the most recent valuation, the group has agreed to make the final payment in March 2013.

The actuarial valuations were updated for IAS 19 purposes to 15 September 2012 by an independent qualified actuary. The updated valuation of Scheme was a deficit of £4 million (2011 £16 million surplus). There are no material differences in the valuation methodologies under IAS 19 and FRS 17. Full IAS 19 disclosures can be found within the financial statements of Associated British Foods plc, which may be obtained from Associated British Foods plc, Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY These financial statements are also available for download from the group's website at www abf\_co uk

The combined contribution to the defined benefit and defined contribution sections of the Associated British Foods Pension Scheme for the year was £nil (2011 £62,000)

#### 17 Prior year adjustment

In the current year there was a reassessment of the carrying value attributable to one of the investments disposed of in 2011 which resulted in an adjustment to the prior year of a loss of £8,931k. The comparative figures for 2011 have therefore been restated. This reduced the prior year profit and investments by £8,931k.

#### 18 Holding company

The immediate holding company is AB Agri Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate holding company is Wittington Investment Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is headed by Wittington Investments Limited, incorporated in Great Britain. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is headed by Associated British Foods plc, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from Associated British Foods plc, Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY. The consolidated accounts of Associated British Foods plc are also available for download on the group's website at <a href="https://www.abf.co.uk">www.abf.co.uk</a>