DEVON CONTRACTORS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

REGISTRATION NUMBER 00533232

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

Directors Mr S O Bennington

Mr P T Alderson Mr N M England Mr D J Hunt

Secretary Mr S O Bennington

Company number 00533232

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Hill Barton Business Park

Clyst St Mary

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Auditors Thomas Westcott

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#### STRATEGIC REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

#### **Business Review**

The company's key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	2014	2013	Change
Turnover	18,309,380	10,542,279	+76%
Operating Profit	228,969	74,358	+560%
Profit after Tax	174,411	52,799	+820%
Shareholders Funds	1,395,723	910,198	+53%
Current assets as % of current liabilities	127%	126%	+1%

The directors consider that the Company performed in line with expectations and met it's targets. The outlook for the business has a more positive feel, which would indicate future improvement.

The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The directors are responsible for monitoring financial risk. Appropriate policies have been developed and implemented to identify, evaluate and manage the key risks.

- a) Price risk The company is exposed to prive risk as a result of its operations. However, given the size of the company's operations, the costs of managing exposure to commodity price risk exceed any potential benefits. The directors will revisit the appropriateness of this policy should the company's operations change in size or nature. The company has no exposures to equity securities price risk as it holds no listed or other equity investments.
- b) Credit risk The company has implemented policies that require appropriate credit checks on potential customers before contracts are entered. The credit given to customers is subject to limits which are determined and reassessed by the directors.
- c) Liquidity risk The company actively maintains a mixture of finance and is able to benefit from a group overdraft facility with its parent company Clyst Holdings Limited, designed to ensure the company has sufficient available funds for operations.
- d) Interest rate flow risk The company is not exposed to interest bearing liabilities

#### **Environmental and Social Matters**

Information about environmental matters, the company's employees, social community and human rights issues have not been provided as the directors do not believe that this is fundamental to gain an understanding of the business.

### STRATEGIC REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

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#### **Directors**

All four of the Company Directors are male.

This report was approved by the Board on 22ND JANUARY 2015 and signed on its behalf by

Mr S & Bennington

Secretary

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2014.

### Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continues to be that of building contracting and civil engineering contracting.

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 7.

The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Mr S O Bennington Mr P T Alderson Mr N M England Mr D J Hunt

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 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 year.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

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Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirm that:

- so far as each director is 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 a director to make themself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

### Strategic Report

The company has chosen in accordance with section 414C(11) of the Companies Act 2006 to set out in the company's strategic report information required by schedule 7 of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 to be contained in the directors' report. It has done so in respect of future developments, research and developments and financial instruments.

#### **Auditors**

Thomas Westcott are deemed to be reappointed in accordance with Section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Board on 2200 JALIARY 2015 and signed on its behalf by

Mr S Bennington

Secretary

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF DEVON CONTRACTORS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Devon Contractors Limited for the year ended 31 May 2014 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds and the related notes. 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 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 3 - 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

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 Directors' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. 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 May 2014 and of its profit 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 Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF DEVON CONTRACTORS LIMITED

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#### 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.

Thomas Westcott

Shona Godefroy FCCA (senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of Thomas Westcott Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor 26 - 28 Southernhay East Exeter Devon EX1 1NS

24 February 2015

### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

		Continuing operations	
		2014	2013
N	lotes	£	£
Turnover	2	18,309,380	10,542,279
Cost of sales		(17,686,781)	(10,081,478)
Gross profit		622,599	460,801
Administrative expenses		(393,630)	(386,443)
Operating profit	3	228,969	74,358
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	5 6	1,436 (6,501)	(9,072)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		223,904	65,286
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	(49,493)	(12,487)
Profit for the year	16	174,411 ======	52,799

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years.

### **BALANCE SHEET**

### **AS AT 31 MAY 2014**

		20	014	20	13
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		23,518		41,744
Current assets					
Stocks	11	500		500	
Debtors	12	4,557,062		4,130,387	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,603,371		132,984	
		6,160,933		4,263,871	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	13	(5,099,842)		(3,394,370)	
Net current assets			1,061,091		869,501
Total assets less current liabilities			1,084,609		911,245
Provisions for liabilities					(1,047)
Net assets			1,084,609		910,198
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	15		30,000		300,000
Profit and loss account	16		1,054,609		610,198
Shareholders' funds	17		1,084,609		910,198

These accounts were approved by the directors on 22ND DANY 2015 and are signed on

their behalf by:

Mr S Bennington

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Mr D J Hunt

Director

### **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Pagangiliation of apprecting profit to not			
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities			
Operating profit		228,969	74,358
Depreciation		20,518	20,177
(Increase) in debtors		(426,675)	(276,666)
Increase in creditors		938,422	1,117,055
Net cash inflow from operating activities		761,234	934,924
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Cash flow statement			
Net cash inflow from operating activities		761,234	934,924
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	23	(5,065)	(9,072)
Taxation	23	•	(185,145)
Capital expenditure	23	(2,292)	(12,289)
Increase in cash in the year		741,816	728,418
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Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in I	net funds (No	te 24)	
Increase in cash in the year		741,816	728,418
Net debt at 1 June 2013		(3,292)	(731,710)
Net funds at 31 May 2014		738,524	(3,292)
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

#### 1. Accounting policies

### 1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board.

#### 1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the total value of goods, excluding value added tax, provided to customers during the year, plus the value of work, excluding value added tax, performed during the year with respect to services.

#### 1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery

Straight line basis over 2 to 5 years or 50%/40% first year and

straight line for the next 3 years

Fixtures, fittings

and equipment

- Straight line basis up to 5 years

Motor vehicles

Straight line basis over 5 years

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

### 1.4. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.5. Long term contracts

Amounts recoverable on long term contracts, which are included in debtors are stated at the net sales value of the work done after provisions for contingencies and anticipated future losses on contracts, less amounts received as progress payments on account. Excess progress payments are included in creditors as payments received on account.

#### 1.6. Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2.	Turnover		
	The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived frowholly undertaken in the UK.	m its principa	l activity
	Turnover represents the amounts derived from goods and services company's ordinary activities net of value added tax.	which fall w	rithin the
3.	Operating profit	2014 £	2013 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging: Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets Auditors' remuneration (Note 4)	20,918 14,711	20,177
	and after crediting: Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	400	-
4.	Auditors' remuneration	2014 £	2013 £
	Auditors' remuneration - audit of the financial statements	11,300	11,200
	Auditors' remuneration - other fees: - taxation compliance services	3,411	3,385
5.	Interest receivable and similar income	2014 £	2013 £
	Bank interest	1,436	-
6.	Interest payable and similar charges	2014 £	2013 £
	Interest payable on loans < 1 yr	48	272
	On loans repayable between one and two years	6,453	8,800
		6,501	9,072

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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7.	Employees		
	Number of employees	2014	2013
	The average monthly numbers of employees		
	(including the directors) during the year were:		
	Directors	4	4
	Administration	17	17
	Labourers	16	15
		37	36
	Employment costs	2014	2013
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	1,251,290	1,051,151
	Social security costs	2,213	2,151
	Pension costs-other operating charge	46,434	39,121
		1,299,937	1,092,423
7.1.	Directors' remuneration	2014	2013
	·	£	£
	Remuneration and other emoluments	227,203	210,387
		Number	Number
	Number of directors to whom retirement benefits	•	4
	are accruing under a money purchase scheme	4	4
	Highest paid director	£	£
	Amounts included above:		
	Emoluments and other benefits	65,549	57,100
	Pension contributions	4,500	4,250
		70,049	61,350

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

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#### 8. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the directors. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and amounted to £39,229 (2013 - £24,875).

Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit	2014 £	2013 £
Current service cost	7,205	14,246
	7,205	14,246

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

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9.	Tax on profit on ordinary activities		
	Analysis of charge in period	2014 £	2013 £
	Current tax	_	_
	UK corporation tax	50,540	12,061
	Total current tax charge	50,540	12,061
	Deferred tax		
	Timing differences, origination and reversal	(1,047)	426
	Total deferred tax	(1,047)	426
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	49,493	12,487
	Factors affecting tax charge for period		
	The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of co (23.00 per cent). The differences are explained below:	orporation tax	in the UK
		2014 £	2013 £
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	223,904 =====	65,286
	Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation		
	tax in the UK of 23.00% (31 May 2013 : 20.00%) Effects of:	51,498	13,057
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	478	-
	Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation	2,772	(996)
	Marginal relief	(3,412)	-
	Changes in tax rate to 21%	(796)	-
	Current tax charge for period	50,540	12,061

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2014

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10.	Tangible fixed assets	Plant and machinery e	Fixtures, fittings quipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 June 2013	119,274	72,549	139,820	331,643
	Additions	(0.452)	2,692	-	2,692
	Disposals	(8,153)			(8,153
	At 31 May 2014	111,121	75,241	139,820	326,182
	Depreciation				
	At 1 June 2013	115,937	54,546	119,416	289,899
	On disposals	(8,153)	-	-	(8,153
	Charge for the year	856	6,368	13,694	20,918
	At 31 May 2014	108,640	60,914	133,110	302,664
	Net book values			<del></del>	
	At 31 May 2014	2,481	14,327	6,710	23,518
	At 31 May 2013	3,337	18,003	20,404	41,744
11.	Stocks			2014	2013
11.	Stocks			2014 £	2013 £
				~	~
	Raw materials and consumables			500	500
12.	Debtors			2014	2013
				£	£
	Amounts recoverable on long term contracts		3	3,023,020	2,614,937
	Amounts owed by group undertakings			,465,660	1,388,327
	Other debtors			68,382	127,123
			Δ	,557,062	4,130,387
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for contracts being carried out for Clyst Holdings Limited.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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13.	Creditors: amounts falling due	2014	2013
	within one year	£	£
	Bank overdraft	864,847	136,276
	Trade creditors	3,721,924	2,856,215
	Corporation tax	50,540	12,061
	Other taxes and social security costs	40,205	49,681
	Directors' accounts	182,084	215,415
	Accruals and deferred income	240,242	124,722
		5,099,842	3,394,370

An unlimited debenture dated 11 July 2013 incorporating a fixed and floating charge over all of the company's assets. It is also secured by a guarantee from Clyst Holdings Limited dated 25 September 2000. There is also a right to set off.

14.	Provision for deferred taxation	2014 £	2013 £
	Accelerated capital allowances	-	1,047
	Provision for deferred tax	-	1,047
	Provision at 1 June 2013	1,047	
	Deferred tax credit in profit and loss account	(1,047)	
	Provision at 31 May 2014	-	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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15.	Share capital	2014 £	2013 £
	Authorised	_	~
	30,000 Ordinary £1 shares of £1 each	30,000	300,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	<del></del> _	
	30,000 Ordinary £1 shares of £1 each	30,000	300,000
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	Equity Shares		
	30,000 Ordinary £1 shares of £1 each	30,000	300,000
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The share capital of the company has been reduced from 300,000 shares to 30,000 of £1 each. There was an equal reduction across all shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholdings. The reduction of £270,000 is not to be paid to the sharheholders, but taken direct to distributable reserves.

16.	Equity Reserves	Profit and loss	
		account	Total
		£	£
	At 1 June 2013	610,198	610,198
	Transfer of realised profit (note 16)	270,000	270,000
	Profit for the year	174,411	174,411
	At 31 May 2014	1,054,609	1,054,609
17.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2014	2013
		£	£
	Profit for the year	174,411	52,799
	Purchase of own shares	(270,000)	-
	Other recognised gains or losses	270,000	-
	Opening shareholders' funds	910,198	857,399
	Closing shareholders' funds	1,084,609	910,198
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 18. Contingent liabilities

At the year end the company's bankers have given bonds to certain customers of the company to guarantee completion of the projects undertaken. The amount of these bonds varied throughout the year and at the year end amounted to £416,720 (2013 - £382,914).

Any bank borrowings of Clyst Holdings Limited are secured by a cross guarantee from Devon Contractors Limited dated 25 September 2000.

#### 19. Transactions with directors

There were no dividends declared during the year.

The balance outstanding on the directors loans at 31 May 2014 was; Mr S O Bennington £45,521 (2013 - £72,768), Mr P T Alderson £45,521 (2013 - £60,643), Mr N M England £45,521 (2013 - £53,184), Mr D J Hunt £45,521 (2013 - £38,820). The loans are subject to interest at a rate of 3% above the Bank of England based rate.

#### 20. Related party transactions

The company is owned 60% by Clyst Holdings Limited.

During the year the company share capital has been reduced from 300,000 shares to 30,000 of £1 each. There was an equal reduction across all shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholdings.

During the year the company made sales to Clyst Holdings Limited of £71,887 (2013 - £96,333). This excludes the value of unbilled work carried out during the year.

During the year the company paid Clyst Holdings Limited £32,000 (2013 - £32,000) for rental services in the year, and £491 (2013 - £1,971) in respect of other services.

At the year end, Clyst Holdings Limited owed Devon Contractors Limited £1,465,660 (2013 - £1,382,952). This loan is interest free and repayable on demand.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 21. Ultimate parent undertaking

The directors regard Clyst Holdings Limited, a company registered in England, as the ultimate parent company. Copies of the ultimate parents' financial statements may be requested from The Secretary, Clyst Holdings Limited, Hill Barton Business Park, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, Devon, EX5 1SA.

Clyst Holdings Limited is controlled by Mr P J Hilson and Mr I T Buckland.

# 22. Controlling interest

No individual has overall control of the company.

#### 23. Gross cash flows

	2014	2013
	£	£
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	1,436	-
Interest paid	(6,501)	(9,072)
	(5,065)	(9,072)
Taxation	<del></del>	
Corporation tax paid	(12,061)	(185,145)
Capital expenditure		
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(2,692)	(12,289)
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	400	-
	(2,292)	(12,289)
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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·	Opening balance	Cash flows	Closing balance
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand Overdrafts	132,984 (136,276)	1,470,387 (728,571)	1,603,371 (864,847)
	(3,292)	741,816	738,524
Net funds	(3,292)	741,816	738,524