Clifford Chance Secretaries Limited Company Registration No 592848

**Annual Report and Financial Statements** 

Year ended 30 April 2013

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# **Financial Statements**

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# **Financial Statements**

Year ended 30 April 2013

# Officers and professional advisers

### Directors

- D J Bickerton
- D R Childs
- D Dunnigan
- D Harkness
- K T Honeywood
- M R Layton
- A M Levy
- R W Moore
- C C Perrin
- D J Pudge
- J V Sandelson
- M J Sweeting

### Joint secretaries

- S J Cheesman
- L Quirke

TMF Corporate Administration Services Limited

# Registered Office

10 Upper Bank Street

London

E14 5JJ

# Auditor

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

London

# **Directors' Report**

Year ended 30 April 2013

The directors are pleased to present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2013

# Principal activity

The principal activities of Clifford Chance Secretaries are the provision of process agent services and the holding of loans and investments

#### Results

The results for the year are set out on page 6

#### **Business review**

This directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption

### Dividends

The directors have declared and paid a dividend of £15,000 per share in respect of the year ended 30 April 2013 (2012 £nil)

#### **Directors**

The directors who held office throughout the year and at the date of the report were

- D J Bickerton
- D R Childs
- D Dunnigan
- D Harkness
- K T Honeywood
- M R Layton
- A M Levy
- R W Moore
- C C Perrin
- D J Pudge
- J V Sandelson
- M J Sweeting

All of the directors listed above being members of Clifford Chance LLP are interested in the issued share capital of the company at the beginning and end of the financial year

### Going concern

The directors have considered the appropriateness of continuing to adopt the going concern basis as set out in note 1 to the financial statements

# **Directors' Report (continued)**

Year ended 30 April 2013

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

In the case of each of the persons who are directors of the company at the date when this report is approved

- so far as each of the directors is aware there is no relevant audit information (as defined in the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- each of the directors has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information (as defined) and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information

This information is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provision of s418 of the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board by

David Bickerton

Director 2013

# **Directors' Responsibilities Statement**

Year ended 30 April 2013

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. 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. The directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework. 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 Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework has 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 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CLIFFORD CHANCE SECRETARIES LIMITED

Year ended 30 April 2013

We have audited the financial statements of Clifford Chance Secretaries Limited for the year ended 30 April 2013 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of comprehensive income the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 15. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework.

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 the directors and auditor

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 annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent 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 30 April 2013 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

### Opimon 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 or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the directors' report

Mark Beddy (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

London, UK

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# **Profit and Loss Account**

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Operating expenses			
Bad debts		-	4,767
Management income/(charges)	3	23 644	(19 729)
Other operating (expenses)/income		(23,644)	14,962
Operating result		-	
Interest receivable and similar income	4	742,684	777,395
Interest payable	5	(752)	(739)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		741,932	776,656
Tax	7	(4,631)	(2,164)
Profit for the financial year		737,301	774,492

# **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

	2013 £	2012 £
Profit for the financial year	737,301	774,492
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to the owners of the company	737,301	774,492

# **Balance Sheet**

as at 30 April 2013

	Notes	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed assets			
Investment in subsidiaries	8	171,442	165,163
Other investments	9	1,687	1,687
Loans to subsidiaries	10	160 349	150,100
Total fixed assets		333,478	316,950
Current assets			
Debtors	11	•	2,757
Cash at bank and in hand		39,276	825,805
Total current assets		39,276	828,562
Total assets		372,754	1,145,512
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Trade and other payables	12	(256,472)	(270,317)
Current tax liabilities		(3,034)	-
Total creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(259,506)	(270,317)
Net current (habilities)/assets		(220,230)	558,245
Creditors. Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(50,873)	(50,121)
Net assets		62,375	825,074
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	100	100
Profit and loss account		62,275	824 974
Total shareholders' funds		62,375	825,074

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on

David Sicker.

1 5/11 2013 and signed on their behalf by

DAVID BICKERTON

Director

# Statement of changes in equity

	Notes	Share capital £	Profit and loss account	Total £
Balance at 1 May 2011	_	100	50 482	50,582
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	774 492	774 492
Balance at 30 April 2012	_	100	824,974	825,074
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	737 301	737,301
Dividend	6	-	(1 500 000)	(1,500 000)
Balance at 30 April 2013	_	100	62,275	62,375

Year ended 30 April 2013

Clifford Chance Secretaries Limited is a company incorporated in Great Britain under the Companies Act. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report.

#### 1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding financial year.

### Basis of preparation

The company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under Financial Reporting Standard 100 issued by the Financial Reporting Council Accordingly, in the year ended 30 April 2013 the company has undergone transition from reporting under IFRSs adopted by the European Union to reporting under Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) as issued by the Financial Reporting Council The financial statements have therefore been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 This transition is not considered to have had a material effect on the financial statements

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to financial instruments, presentation of a cash-flow statement, standards not yet effective and related party transactions

Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group accounts of Clifford Chance LLP. The group accounts of Clifford Chance LLP are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 15.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis

The company is exempt from preparing consolidated accounts under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006

## Taxation

Current tax, including corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date

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 IAS 12

### Critical accounting estimates and key sources of estimation

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 101 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and judgements. It also requires management to exercise judgement in the process of applying the accounting policies. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### Foreign Currency

Monetary assets and habilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated to Sterling at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the income statement.

Year ended 30 April 2013

### 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

### Going Concern

After making enquiries and taking into account possible changes in trading performance in light of uncertainty related to economic conditions, and other longer term plans, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts

#### Investments

Investments in subsidiary companies and associates are shown at cost less any impairment

### 2. Directors emoluments, audit fees and employees

None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of services to the company (2012 £nil)

The auditor did not receive any remuneration from this company (2012 £nil) The audit fee of £1,500 (2012 £1,500) was paid by Clifford Chance LLP, the company's ultimate controlling party

There were no non-audit fees in either year (2012 £nil)

The company had no employees in respect of the year ended 30 April 2013 (2012 none)

3	Management (income)/charges	2013 £	2012 £
	Clifford Chance LLP	(23,644)	19,729
	Total management (income)/charges	(23,644)	19,729
		2012	2012
4	Interest receivable and similar income	2013 £	2012 £
	Foreign exchange gains	15,090	2,125
	Dividend income Interest received	721,785 5,809	768,113 7,157
	interest received	3,809	7,137
	Total interest receivable and similar income	742,684	777,395

Year ended 30 April 2013

5. Interest payable         2013 £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £				
Interest on untercompany loans   752   739	_	1-44 NI-		
Total interest payable   752   739	5.	Interest payable	<b>å</b> .	£
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			4,631	2,164

The Finance Act 2013 was enacted on 17 July 2013 and included legislation to reduce the main rate of corporation tax to 21% from 1 April 2014. Further reductions to the main rate are proposed and are expected to be enacted separately each year, down to 20% by 1 April 2015.

Year ended 30 April 2013

8	Investments in subsidiaries	2013 £	2012 £
	Clifford Chance (Thailand) Limited	126,467	126,467
	Judde Holdings Limited	6,975	696
	Oscar Services Limited	38,000	38,000
	Total Investments	171,442	165,163

During the year Judde Holdings Limited issued an additional 29,400 ordinary shares of 10 Thai baht each. These were acquired by the company and maintains its holding of the ordinary share capital at 100%.

The company owns the following interests in the ordinary share capital of the undermentioned

			Percentage Holding	
Entity Name	Principal Activity	Origin Country	2013	2012
Clifford Chance				
(Thailand) Limited	Legal services	Thailand	100 0	100 0
Judde Holdings Limited	Holding company	Thailand	100 0	100 0
Oscar Services Limited	Holding company	Mauritius	100 0	100 0

A summary of the aggregate capital and reserves of each subsidiary together with profit and loss results for the last audited accounting period is given below

	Aggregate capital	Profit for
Entity Name	and reserves (£)	the year (£)
Clifford Chance (Thailand) Limited *	1,608,202	676,733
Judde Holdings Limited*	3 304	293
Oscar Services Limited *	96,354	747,519

<sup>\*</sup> relates to the year ended 30 April 2013

9	Other Investments	2013 £	2012 £
	Clifford Chance Danişmanlık Hızmetleri Avukatlık Ortaklığı	1,687	1,687
		1,687	1,687

The company owns a 4% share in Clifford Chance Danişmanlık Hizmetleri Avukatlık Ortaklığı, a foreign attorney partnership regulated in Turkey. The participation of the partners in the profits of the partnership is determined by resolutions of the partners. There are no present circumstances in which Clifford Chance Secretaries Limited could control the partnership.

10	Loans to subsidiaries		
		2013 £	2012 £
	Judde Holdings Limited	160,349	150 100
	- •	160,349	150,100
	Interest was charged on the loan of £5 809 (2012 £7 157) with the rate of interest being	g 4% per annum (2012 '	5%)
		2013	2012
11	Debtors	2013 £	£
	Unbilled disbursements	-	2,757
	Total debtors	-	2,757
		2013	2012
12.	Trade and other payables	£	£
	Amounts due to parent undertaking Amount due to Clifford Chance LLP	46,957 209,515	57,957 212,360
	Amount due to Clifford Chance LLP	209,313	212,300
	Total trade and other payables	256,472	270,317
13.	Creditors Amounts falling due after more than one year	2013 £	2012 £
	Amount due to Chifford Chance No 2 Limited	50 873	50,121
	Total creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	50,873	50,121
	The interest charged on the loan amounted to £752, and was at base rate +1% (2012 b	ase rate +1%)	
14	Called up share capital	2013 £	2012 £
14			
	100 fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

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# 15 Immediate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Mithras Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales

The smallest and largest group into which the results of Clifford Chance Secretaries Limited is consolidated and also the company's ultimate controlling party, is Clifford Chance LLP a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales

The financial statements of Mithras Limited and Clifford Chance LLP can be obtained from 10 Upper Bank Street, London, E14 5JJ