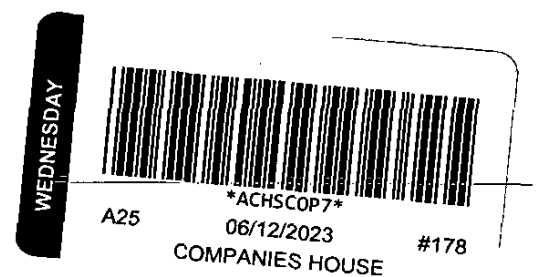


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C.A. Blackwell Group Limited

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 May 2023



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Company Information

Directors G Banham
N Fraser
P J Kemp
Hargreaves Corporate Director Limited

Registered office West Terrace
Esh Winning
County Durham
DH7 9PT

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of a holding company.

The result for the financial year was a profit of £nil (2022: £nil).

Directors of the company

The directors of the company, who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements, were as follows:

G Banham

N Fraser

P J Kemp

Hargreaves Corporate Director Limited

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2022: £nil)

Business review

Principal risks and uncertainties

The risks and uncertainties facing the Company are inherently linked to those of the Hargreaves Services plc Group. The principal risks and uncertainties of the Group which includes those of this company are discussed in detail in the Risk Management section of the Group financial statements.

Directors' liabilities

All of the Directors benefited from the Group's qualifying third party indemnity provisions.

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Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 May 2023 (continued)

Going concern

The Company relies on the Group for support. Hargreaves Services plc has provided a letter of support covering 12 months from the date the accounts were approved by the directors.

Hargreaves Services plc has indicated it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company, and that it will not seek repayment of the amounts due at the balance sheet date.

The directors have prepared cash flow forecasts for a period of 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account of reasonably possible downsides, the company will have sufficient funds, through funding from its ultimate parent company, Hargreaves Services plc, to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

The Group's financing is not dependent on bank borrowings, there is no debenture nor any financial covenants to comply with. Notwithstanding that, a rigorous review of cash flow forecasts including testing for a range of severe but plausible downside scenarios has been undertaken. The Group's £12m invoice discounting facility is committed for a period of 15 months from July 2023 and expires 31 October 2024, which has recently been extended to this date. The facility is secured against certain Group debtors and there is no debenture nor any covenants associated with this facility. Mitigating strategies to these sensitivities considered by the Board exclude any remedies which are not entirely within the Group's control.

As a result, and after making appropriate enquiries including reviewing budgets and strategic plans, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that both the Company and the Group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Annual Report and Accounts of Hargreaves Services plc.

Small companies provision statement

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small company exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors have also taken advantage of small company exemptions provided by section 414B of the Companies Act 2006 and have not prepared a Strategic Report.

Approved by the Board on 10 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Stephen Craigen for and on behalf of
Hargreaves Corporate Director Limited
Director

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Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

	2023 £ 000	2022 £ 000
Profit/(loss) before tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit/(loss) for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

There was no other comprehensive income in addition to the result for the year shown above. (2022: £nil).

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 May 2023

	Note	31 May 2023 £ 000	31 May 2022 £ 000
Current assets			
Debtors	6	-	11
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(44)</u>	<u>(55)</u>
Net liabilities		<u>(44)</u>	<u>(44)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	8	141	141
Share premium reserve		354	354
Capital redemption reserve		18	18
Capital contribution reserve		88	88
Profit and loss account		<u>(645)</u>	<u>(645)</u>
Total shareholders' deficit		<u>(44)</u>	<u>(44)</u>

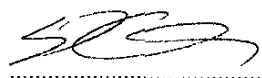
For the financial year ending 31 May 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to dormant companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

These financial statements on pages 4 to 13 were approved by the Board of directors on 10 November 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Stephen Craigen for and on behalf of
Hargreaves Corporate Director Limited
Director

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

	Called up share capital £ 000	Share premium £ 000	Capital redemption reserve £ 000	Capital reserve £ 000	Accumulated losses £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 June 2021	141	354	18	88	(645)	(44)
At 31 May 2022	141	354	18	88	(645)	(44)
	Called up share capital £ 000	Share premium £ 000	Capital redemption reserve £ 000	Capital reserve £ 000	Accumulated losses £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 June 2022	141	354	18	88	(645)	(44)
At 31 May 2023	141	354	18	88	(645)	(44)

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.
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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2023

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated and domiciled in England within the UK.

The address of its registered office is:

West Terrace
Esh Winning
County Durham
DH7 9PT

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board on 10 November 2023.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies using Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101") and are prepared under the historic cost modified by revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit and loss.

In these financial statements, the company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- a Cash Flow Statement and related notes;
- Comparative period reconciliations for share capital and tangible fixed assets;
- Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries;
- Disclosures in respect of capital management;
- The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs; and
- Disclosures of transactions with a management entity that provides key management personnel services to the company.

As the consolidated financial statements of Hargreaves Services plc include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instrument Disclosures.

The company is exempt by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2023 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The company has net current liabilities of £44,000 (2022: £44,000 net current liabilities) including a £37,000 (2022: £48,000) creditor due to group undertakings. The company meets its day to day working capital requirements through support from related companies and the company's parent undertaking, Hargreaves Services plc, will continue to provide support to enable the company to trade for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these accounts. After making enquiries, 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 prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Changes in accounting policy

None of the standards, interpretations and amendments effective for the first time from 1 June 2022 have had a material effect on the financial statements.

Investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less any impairment.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtor is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the debtors.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Trade creditors are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2023 (continued)

2 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Initial recognition

Financial assets and financial liabilities comprise all assets and liabilities reflected in the statement of financial position, although excluding property, plant and equipment, investment properties, intangible assets, deferred tax assets, prepayments, deferred tax liabilities and employee benefits plan.

The company recognises financial assets and financial liabilities in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument.

Financial assets are initially recognised at fair value. Financial liabilities are initially recognised at fair value, representing the proceeds received net of premiums, discounts and transaction costs that are directly attributable to the financial liability.

All regular way purchases and sales of financial assets and financial liabilities classified as fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL") are recognised on the trade date, i.e. the date on which the company commits to purchase or sell the financial assets or financial liabilities. All regular way purchases and sales of other financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the settlement date, i.e. the date on which the asset or liability is received from or delivered to the counterparty. Regular way purchases or sales are purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery within the time frame generally established by regulation or convention in the market place.

Subsequent to initial measurement, financial assets and financial liabilities are measured at either amortised cost or fair value.

Classification and measurement

Financial instruments are classified at inception into one of the following categories, which then determine the subsequent measurement methodology:-

Financial assets are classified into one of the following three categories:-

- financial assets at amortised cost;
- financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVTOCI); or
- financial assets at fair value through the profit or loss (FVTPL).

Financial liabilities are classified into one of the following two categories:-

- financial liabilities at amortised cost; or
- financial liabilities at fair value through the profit or loss (FVTPL).

The classification and the basis for measurement are subject to the company's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial assets, as detailed below:-

3 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

There are no material judgements made by the directors, in the application of these accounting policies that are expected to have a significant effect on the financial statements or any estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the next year.

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2023 (continued)

4 Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category was as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Directors	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

During the year no directors were accruing any retirement benefits (2022: none) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes and no payments have been made in the current or prior year.

The remuneration of certain directors in the year was borne by a fellow subsidiary undertaking of the ultimate holding company, Hargreaves Services plc, and the details of that remuneration are disclosed in Hargreaves Services plc's accounts.

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5 Investments

Subsidiaries	£ 000
Cost or valuation	
At 1 June 2022	3,944
At 31 May 2023	3,944
Provision for impairment	
At 1 June 2022	3,944
At 31 May 2023	3,944
Carrying amount	
At 31 May 2023	-
At 31 May 2022	-

Details of the subsidiaries as at 31 May 2023 are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Principal activity	Registered office	Proportion of ownership interest and voting rights held	
			2023	2022
C A Blackwell (Contracts) Limited	Civil engineering and earth moving contractors	Esh Winning UK	100%	100%
Premier Lime & Stone Company	Dormant	Esh Winning UK	100%	100%
C A Blackwell (Plant) Limited	Dormant	Esh Winning UK	100%	100%
IIBR Limited*	Dormant	Esh Winning UK	100%	100%
Geofirma Soils Engineering Limited*	Soil stabilisation	Esh Winning UK	100%	100%

* indicates direct investment of C A Blackwell (Contracts) Limited

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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 May 2023 (continued)

6 Debtors

	Note	31 May 2023 £ 000	31 May 2022 £ 000
Loans to group undertakings		<u>-</u>	<u>11</u>

Loans to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Note	31 May 2023 £ 000	31 May 2022 £ 000
Amounts due to group undertakings		37	48
Accrued expenses		<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
		<u>44</u>	<u>55</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

8 Called up share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	31 May 2023		31 May 2022	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £0.10 each	<u>1,414,264</u>	<u>141,426.40</u>	<u>1,414,264</u>	<u>141,426.40</u>

9 Reserves

Share premium

The share premium reserve represents the difference between share nominal value and consideration paid.

Capital redemption reserve

The Capital redemption reserve is a historical reserve for which no movements are anticipated.

Capital reserve

The capital reserve is a historical reserve for which no movements are expected.

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10 Related party transactions

Summary of transactions with other related parties

In these financial statements, the company has applied the exemption available under FRS 101 regarding disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group. At the current and previous year end, the company had no balances outstanding with, or sales to/purchases from any other related parties.

All transactions and outstanding balances relate to general intercompany trade and working capital management.

11 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The company's immediate parent is Hargreaves Services plc.

The ultimate parent is Hargreaves Services plc. The only group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Hargreaves Services plc. The consolidated financial statements of this company are available to the public and may be obtained from their registered address West Terrace, Esh Winning, Durham, DH7 9PT.