(Registered Number 894027)

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### **Directors**

SE Wood **OHW** Goodinge Willis Corporate Director Services Limited

## Secretary

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## Registered Office

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#### Auditor

Deloitte LLP London



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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

The Directors present their annual report, together with the audited financial statements, for the year ended 31 December 2014.

The Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption.

#### Principal activities and review of developments

The Company is a subsidiary of Willis Group Holdings plc ('the Group'). The Group is one of the world's leading professional service providers of risk management solutions, risk transfer expertise through insurance and reinsurance broking, and related specialised consultancy services.

On 2 December 2014, the Company acquired 55% of the membership in Barnfield, Swift & Keating LLP for a consideration of £1. The remaining issued 45% membership is held by another Group undertaking.

#### Results

The Company did not trade during the year. Consequently the Company made neither a profit nor a loss during the year and accordingly a profit and loss account has not been presented.

The Directors do not anticipate any changes in the Company's position for the foreseeable future.

#### Going concern

The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in note 1 to the financial statements on page 8.

## Dividends

No interim dividend was paid during the year (2013: £nil). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2013: £nil).

Events after the balance sheet date

On 5 January 2015, the Company purchased 1 ordinary share at par value of £0.01 in Acappella Group Holdings Limited from Willis Group Limited.

## Directors

The current Directors of the Company are shown on page 1, which forms part of this report. There were no changes in Directors during the year or after the year end.

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### Statement of Directors' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting 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 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.

#### Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each of the persons who is a Director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is
- the Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Auditor

Deloitte LLP have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of an Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

SE Wood Director

51 Lime Street

London EC3M 7DQ

17 AUGUST 2015

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WILLIS CORROON NOMINEES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Willis Corroon Nominees Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 10. 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 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 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 December 2014 and of its result 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WILLIS CORROON NOMINEES LIMITED (continued)

#### 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 prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors' Report.

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Andrew Holland ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

17th August 2015

# **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

	Notes	2014 £000	2013 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	1	1
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	96	96
Net current assets		96	96
Net assets		97	97
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	7	94	94
Share premium	8	31	31
Profit and loss account	8	(28)	(28)
Shareholder's funds		97	97

The financial statements of Willis Corroon Nominees Limited, registered company number 894027, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 12 August 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

SE Wood Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

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

The financial statements have been prepared:

- · under the historical cost convention; and
- in accordance with applicable law and accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

After making enquiries, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The expectation is based on the following reasons:

- the Company has net current assets of £96,000 (2013: £96,000); and
- the Directors believe the Willis Group is a going concern.

For these reasons, the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

#### Parent undertaking and controlling party

The Company's:

- immediate parent company and controlling undertaking is Willis Group Services Limited; and
- ultimate parent company is Willis Group Holdings plc, a company incorporated in Ireland.

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is Willis Group Holdings plc, whose financial statements are available to members of the public from the Company Secretary, 51 Lime Street, London, EC3M 7DQ.

## Fixed asset investments

Investments in Group undertakings are carried at cost less provision for impairment.

#### Cash flow statement

Under FRS1 'Cash flow statements' the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the Company is a 90 per cent or more owned subsidiary undertaking and the consolidated cash flow statement that is prepared at Group level is publicly available.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

#### 2. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The Company did not trade during the current or preceding period and has made neither profit nor loss, nor any other recognised gain or loss, nor have there been in any other movements in shareholder's funds. Accordingly, no profit and loss account is presented.

Auditor's remuneration of £2,000 (2013: £2,000) was borne by another Group company.

## 3. Employee costs

The Company employed no staff during the year (2013: none).

#### 4. Directors' remuneration

The Directors of the Company received no remuneration for services rendered to the Company during the year (2013: £nil).

5. Investments held as fixed assets	Other investments £000
Cost	
1 January 2014	1
· Additions (i)	-
31 December 2014	. 1
Net book value 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013	1

(i) On 2 December 2014, the Company acquired 55% of the membership in Barnfield, Swift & Keating LLP for a cost of £1. The remaining 45% membership of that company is held by another Group undertaking.

On 22 March 2013, the Company acquired one share in Willis Corredores de Reaseguros S.A. for a cost of £1,110.79, representing a 0.02222% holding. The remaining issued shares of that company are held by other Group undertakings.

In the opinion of the Directors, the value of the shares in the other investments is not less than the amount shown in the balance sheet.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014 (continued)

			2014	2013
Debtors		···		£000
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Amounts owed by Group undertakings		_	96	96
			2014	201
Called up share capital			£000	£000
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
93,648 (2013: 93,648) ordinary shares of £1 each		_	94	94
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	Share		Profit and loss	
December and chambelded founds	capital £000	premium £000	account £000	Total
. Reserves and shareholder's funds		2000		
1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014	94	31	(28)	9

## 9. Related party transactions

FRS8 (paragraph 3(c)) exempts the reporting of transactions between group companies in the financial statements of companies that are wholly owned within the group. The Company has taken advantage of this exemption. There are no other transactions requiring disclosure.

#### 10. Events after the balance sheet date

On 5 January 2015, the Company purchased 1 ordinary share at par value of £0.01 in Acappella Group Holdings Limited from Willis Group Limited.