

# Financial Statements GHL Liftrucks Limited

For the Year Ended 31 December 2011



Company No. 1379041

## Company information

Company registration number

1379041

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D Alger S Law M Sheldon

Secretary

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### Report of the directors

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2011

#### Principal activities and business review

The company is principally engaged in the sale, hire and maintenance of forklift trucks, plant and associated equipment

There was a profit for the year after taxation amounting to £344,518 (2010 £219,864) No dividend was paid during the year (2010 £111)

#### Summary of key performance indicators

The company uses a variety of financial and non-financial indicators to monitor performance versus budget and prior year. The principal indicators are

	2011	2010
Sales growth	8 33 %	8 77%
Operating profit margin	4 32 %	2 97%

Sales and margins remain under pressure due to the continuing economic uncertainty and the company is investing in its sales force in order to strengthen its position in the market place, while constantly monitoring its cost base

The other key performance indicators include labour efficiencies, unit sales, order intake, salesman performance and margin analysis by region and business sector

#### **Future developments for the business**

The company continues to look at diversification in non-core activities to secure future growth. It has also continued to invest in core activities to ensure the company is positioned to take advantage of any economic upturn.

The company renewed its banking facilities in January 2012 and, based on a review of the company's forecasts, the directors are satisfied that the company will be able to operate within those facilities and settle its debts as they fall due for 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the nature of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks

The directors set out below the principal risks facing the business

#### Competition

Competition remains very strong in the markets occupied by the company. We continue to develop the product and widen the services we offer, in order to strengthen our market position

## Report of the directors (continued)

#### Economic Downturn

The slow-down in the economy has reduced the potential market for capital equipment. This is being addressed through an active marketing campaign, an effective sales presence in the marketiplace and competitive pricing

#### Cost Inflation

The company continues to review and benchmark its cost base, in order to ensure its competitiveness in the market place, through constant review of existing suppliers and by keeping an open dialogue with alternative sources of supply

#### Financial risk management

The company uses various financial instruments including cash, finance leases, loans and items such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the company's operations.

The existence of these financial instruments exposes the company to a number of financial risks. The main risks arising from these financial instruments are currency risk, credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk.

#### Currency risk

The company is exposed to foreign currency risk as it purchases trucks from its principal supplier in US \$s. It limits this exposure through the use of forward purchase contracts

#### Credit risk

The company's principal financial assets are cash and trade debtors. The credit risk associated with cash is minimal and so the principal credit risk arises on trade debtors. The company manages this risk by carrying out credit checks on new customers, setting credit limits for each customer and regular review of each debtor account. The overall credit risk is limited as no customer accounts for more than 10% of the company's sales.

#### Interest rate risk

The interest rates on the bank facilities are variable in line with the bank rate but the company's exposure to interest rate fluctuations is limited by the use of fixed rate finance leases

#### Liquidity risk

The company seeks to manage liquidity risk by ensuring that sufficient liquidity is available to meet forecast needs. Short term flexibility is achieved through the use of an overdraft facility, letters of credit and import loans.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

D Alger S Law M Sheldon

## Report of the directors (continued)

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The financial statements are required by law to 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable 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 proper accounting records that 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.

In so far as the directors are aware

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

#### **Donations**

During the year the company made the following contributions

	2011	2010
	£	£
Charitable donations	<u> </u>	100

#### Auditor

Grant Thornton UK LLP offer themselves for reappointment as auditor in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

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D Alger Director



## Report of the independent auditor to the members of GHL Liftrucks Limited

We have audited the financial statements of GHL Liftrucks Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the profit and loss account, the balance sheet 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 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 Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 5, 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 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 (APB'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 APB's website at www frc org uk/apb/scope/private cfm

#### **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 2011 and of the company's 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 Report of the directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements



## Report of the independent auditor to the members of GHL Liftrucks 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

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Simon Jones Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP, Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants

Central Milton Keynes

31 July 2012

## Principal accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

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

The accounting policies remain unchanged from the previous year

#### Consolidation

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of a UK company which produces group accounts. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts.

#### **Cash flow statement**

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement

#### **Turnover**

Turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents income recognised during the year for goods supplied and services provided. Income from truck sales is recognised on despatch. Rental income from operating leases, excluding charges for services provided, is recognised on a straight line basis over the period of the lease. Service income is recognised over the period of the service.

#### Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, excluding freehold land, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Freehold buildings Short leasehold land and buildings 10% straight line Period of lease

Plant and machinery

10 - 50% straight line

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items

#### Work in progress

Work in progress is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value

## Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### **Leased assets**

#### Lessee

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their expected useful economic lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

#### Lessor

Assets held for use in operating leases by the company are capitalised as fixed assets and depreciated over their useful economic life. Rental income from operating leases, excluding charges for services, are recognised on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

#### **Provision for liabilities and charges**

Where a warranty is granted on the sale of a truck, a provision is created in respect of the warranty costs estimated to arise over the warranty period

#### **Pension costs**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is recognised on all timing differences where the transactions or events that give the company an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date, unless covered by forward exchange contracts. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

## Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### Financial instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity

### Profit and loss account

	Note	2011 £	2010 £
Turnover	1	13,256,011	12,236,935
Operating costs: Change in stocks of finished goods and work in progress Raw materials and consumables Other external charges Staff costs Depreciation written off fixed assets	2 3	(293,642) 6,040,236 313,786 3,900,484 726,171	57,135 4,970,231 252,782 4,007,888 597,746
Other operating charges  Operating profit	3	1,996,577 572,399	1,987,820 363,333
Interest receivable Interest payable and similar charges Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5	922 (94,455) 478,866	1,894 (66,702) 298,525
Tax on profit on ordinary activities  Profit for the financial year	6 19	134,348 344,518	78,661 219,864

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

## Balance sheet

	Note	2011 £	2010 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	2,294,875	2,158,794
Investments	8	100	100
		2,294,975	2,158,894
Current assets		<del></del>	
Stocks	9	1,528,350	1,234,708
Debtors	10	1,820,303	1,858,529
Cash at bank and in hand		396,338	166,017
		3,744,991	3,259,254
Creditors: amounts falling due within one			
year	11	(3,166,448)	(2,677,119)
Net current assets		578,543	582,135
Total assets less current habilities		2,873,518	2,741,029
Creditors: amounts falling due after more			
than one year	12	(1,286,038)	(1,499,334)
Provisions for habilities			
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15	(184,740)	(183,473)
		1,402,740	1,058,222
Capital and reserves			
Called-up equity share capital	18	100,000	100,000
Profit and loss account	19	1,302,740	958,222
Shareholders' funds	20	1,402,740	1,058,222

These financial statements were approved by the board on 2 6 July 2012 and authorised for issue and are signed on their behalf by

D Alger Director

Company number: 1379041

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements

#### 1 Turnover

The turnover and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company An analysis of turnover is given below:

	2011	2010
	£	£
United Kingdom	13,256,011	12,236,935

Turnover includes income from operating leases of approximately £1,360,175 (2010 £1,374,179)

#### 2 Staff costs

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to

	2011 No	2010 No
Operational Office administration and clerical	98 37	100
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were	<u>135</u>	141
	2011 £	2010 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	3,515,606 353,148 31,730 3,900,484	3,580,358 394,375 33,155 4,007,888

#### 3 Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging-

	2011 £	2010 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	360,912	316,963
Depreciation of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase	265 250	200 702
agreements Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	365,259 (26,929)	280,783 (18,916)
Auditor's remuneration	(20,727)	(10,710)
Audit fees	15,900	15,450
Non audit fees - tax services	2,500	3,070
Operating lease costs		
Plant and equipment	-	8,508
Land and buildings	158,539	182,539
Directors		
Remuneration in respect of directors was as follows		
	2011	2010
	2011 €	2010
	₺	£
Emoluments	286,967	285,073
Value of company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	14,369	14,369
	301,336	299,442
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Emoluments of highest paid director		
	2011	2010
	£	£
Total emoluments (excluding pension contributions)	112,488	110,854
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The number of directors who accrued benefits under company pension sch	emes was as follo	ws
	2011	2010
	No	No
Manay nyughasa sahamas	2	2
Money purchase schemes	_2	_2

Included within other operating charges is a management charge payable to GHL Holdings Limited for the salaries of the directors of GHL Liftrucks Limited The emoluments relating to these directors are shown above

#### 5 Interest payable and similar charges

		2011	2010
		£	£
	Interest payable on bank borrowing	32,494	15,396
	Finance charges	61,961	51,306
		94,455	66,702
i	Taxation on ordinary activities		
	(a) Analysis of charge in the year		
		2011	2010
		£	£
	Current tax		
	UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 26 49% (2010 28%)	129,993	52,939
	Over provision in prior year	(252)	(2,133)
	Total current tax	129,741	50,806
	Deferred tax		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	(1,985)	27,855
	Effect of tax rate change on opening balance	6,592	
	Total deferred tax charge	4,607	27,855
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	134,348	78,661
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	(b) Factors affecting current tax charge		
		2011	2010
		£	£
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	478,866	298,525
		127.07	02 505
	Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by rate of tax  Capital allowances greater than depreciation	126,867 2,235	83,585 (27,758)
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4,847	6,448
	Other timing differences	(132)	(97)
	Tax rate adjustment	(3,824)	(9,239)
	Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	(252)	(2,133)
	Total current tax (note 6(a))	129,741	50,806

#### Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Short leasehold land and buildings £	Plant and machinery	Total £
Cost At 1 January 2011	307,078	73,949	5,076,512	5,457,539
Additions	1,220	, -	888,627	889,847
Disposals			(887,418)	(887,418)
At 31 December 2011	308,298	73,949	5,077,721	5,459,968
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2011	95,873	73,949	3,128,922	3,298,744
Charge for the year On disposals	8,538	-	717,633 (859,821)	726,171 (859,821)
At 31 December 2011	104,411	73,949	2,986,734	3,165,094
Net book value				
At 31 December 2011	203,887	<u>-</u>	2,090,988	2,294,875
At 31 December 2010	211,205		1,947,589	2,158,794
The figures stated above include assets	for use in operating lea	ases as follows		
			2011	2010
			£	£
Cost			2,894,549	2,705,412
Accumulated depreciation			1,810,269	1,518,095
Net book amount			1,084,280	1,187,317

Included within the net book value of £2,294,875 is £1,560,436 (2010 £1,686,816) relating to assets held under finance leases and hire purchase agreements. The depreciation charged to the financial statements in the year in respect of such assets amounted to £365,259 (2010 £280,783)

#### 3 Investments

Investment in subsidiaries £.

Cost and net book amount At 1 January 2011 and 31 December 2011

100

At 31 December 2011 the company held 100% of the ordinary share capital of Puma Forklifts Limited, Grant Handling Limited, Heli Liftrucks Limited, GHL Engineering Services Limited and Panther Liftrucks Limited The capital and reserves of these companies at 31 December 2011 were £100, £100, £100, £100 and £62,911 respectively All the companies were dormant throughout the year

Consolidated financial statements of the company and the above wholly owned non-trading subsidiary undertakings, which are all registered in England and Wales, have not been prepared as the company is itself a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of GHL Holdings Limited

#### 9 Stocks

		2011 £	2010 £
	Fuel and spares	337,976	325,553
	Work in progress	148,430	181,526
	Finished goods	1,041,944	727,629
		1,528,350	1,234,708
10	Debtors		
		2011	2010
		£	£
	Trade debtors	1,519,919	1,549,112
	Other debtors	6,022	8,438
	Deferred tax	56,920	61,528
	Prepayments and accrued income	237,442	239,451
		1,820,303	1,858,529
	The deferred tax asset consists of the tax effect of timing differences in resp	ect of	
		2011	2010
		£	£
	Capital allowances less than depreciation	56920	61,528

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

	2011	2010
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	123,501	50,435
Trade creditors	1,604,666	1,307,271
Corporation tax	130,202	52,939
Other taxation and social security	138,615	290,587
Amounts due under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	519,396	557,489
Other creditors	1,340	898
Pension contributions	7,998	8,496
Accruals and deferred income	640,730	409,004
	3,166,448	2,677,119

The bank overdraft is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets and is guaranteed by the ultimate parent undertaking. Finance leases are secured on the assets to which they relate

#### 12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2011	2010
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	723,122	839,935
Amounts due under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	562,916	659,399
	1,286,038	1,499,334

The amount owed to the parent undertaking is not repayable before January 2013

#### 13 Commitments under finance leases and hire purchase agreements

Future commitments under finance leases and hire purchase agreements are as follows

	2011 £	2010 £
Amounts payable within 1 year Amounts payable between 1 and 2 years	519,396 390,978	557,489 354,893
Amounts payable between 2 and 5 years	171,938	304,506
	1,082,312	1,216,888

#### 14 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The assets of the scheme are administered by trustees in a fund independent from the company's assets

#### 15 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Warranty
	£
Balance brought forward	183,473
Profit and loss account movement arising during the year	1,267
Balance carried forward	184,740
	Warranty £
Balance brought forward	183,473
Provided during the year	112,800
Utilised	(73,027)
Released during the year	(38,507)
Balance carried forward	184,740

The warranty provision is in respect of trucks. The directors consider the provision to be adequate in the light of experience

#### 16 Leasing commitments

At 31 December 2011 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

	2011		2010	
	Land & buildings	Other items	Land & Buildings	Other stems
Operating leases which expire:	£	£	£	£
Within 1 year	14,600	_	38,600	8,508
Within 2 to 5 years	12,600	-	12,600	· <u>-</u>
After more than 5 years	131,339	-	131,339	-
	158,539	-	182,539	8,508

#### 17 Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary of GHL Holdings Limited the company is exempt from the requirements of FRS 8 to disclose transactions with other members of the group headed by GHL Holdings Limited

#### 18 Share capital

Authorised share capital			2011	2010
			2011 £	2010 £
100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each			100,000	100,000
Allotted and called up	201	1	20	10
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
19 Profit and loss account				
			2011 £	2010 £
Balance brought forward Profit for the financial year			958,222 344,518	738,358 219,864
Balance carried forward			1,302,740	958,222
20 Reconciliation of movements in share	holders' funds	<b>.</b>		
			2011 £	2010 £
Profit for the financial year			344,518	219,864
Net increase in shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds			344,518 1,058,222	219,864 838,358
Closing shareholders' funds			1,402,740	1,058,222

#### 21 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements amounted to £568,892 (2010 £488,042)

#### 22 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2011 or 31 December 2010 other than a cross guarantee provided to GHL Holdings Limited in respect of its overdraft facility which at 31 December 2011 amounted to £nil (2010 £nil)

#### 23 Ultimate parent company

GHL Holdings Limited is the company's controlling related party by virtue of being its ultimate parent undertaking. The largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts have been drawn up is that headed by GHL Holdings Limited.