Registered number: 1693618

## .A SPACE STATION PLC

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended 31 December 2008



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### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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A S Caldwell

J E Caldwell

E M Nelmes

R D Stebbings

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2008

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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). 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 judgments and 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;
- 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 1985. 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.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company continued to be the provision of direct access storage.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The company had a sucessful year. Turnover increased inline with expectations now that the new depot was fully operational. The risk of rising interest rates will errode profits, but not sufficient to affect the companys performance.

#### **RESULTS**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £199,446 (2007 - £244,734).

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the year were:

A S Caldwell J E Caldwell E M Nelmes R D Stebbings

## DIRECTORS' REPORT for the year ended 31 December 2008

#### **PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of
  any information needed by the Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to
  establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Deacon's, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 489 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on

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and signed on its behalf.

Director

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF .A SPACE STATION PLC

We have audited the financial statements of .A Space Station plc for the year ended 31 December 2008, set out on pages 5 to 18. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### **BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

We have undertaken the audit in accordance with the requirements of APB Ethical Standards including APB Ethical Standards - Provisions Available for Small Entities, in the following circumstances:

• In common with many other businesses of this size and nature, the company uses our firm to prepare and submit returns to the tax authorities and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF .A SPACE STATION PLC

#### **OPINION**

#### In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

**DEACON'S** 

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

The Stables
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Widdington
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CB11 3SU

Date:

206 May

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
TURNOVER		3,148,349	2,930,824
Cost of sales		(24,491)	(31,447)
GROSS PROFIT		3,123,858	2,899,377
Administrative expenses		(2,534,159)	(2,239,490)
Other operating income	3	11,150	9,600
OPERATING PROFIT	4	600,849	669,487
Interest receivable		4,410	2,977
Interest payable	8	(336,857)	(374,462)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		268,402	298,002
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	(68,956)	(53, 268)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	17	£ 199,446	£ 244,734

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES for the year ended 31 December 2008

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		2008 £		2007 £
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		199,446		244,734
Unrealised deficit on revaluation of tangible fixed assets		(2,297,876)		-
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATING TO THE YEAR	£	(2,098,430)	£	244,734
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NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND for the year ended 31 December 2009		ES		
		2008 £		2007 £
		2008		2007 £ 298,002

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

HISTORICAL PROFIT FOR THE YEAR AFTER TAXATION

244,734

199,446

## BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2008

	Note	£	2008 £	£	2007 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	10		11,379,817		13,413,556
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	7,535		7,695	
Debtors	12	328,796		291,523	
Cash at bank and in hand		22,647		133,526	
		358,978		432,744	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,098,752)		(1,558,962)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(1,739,774)		(1,126,218)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILIT	ΓIES		9,640,043		12,287,338
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(5,116,728)		(5,472,295)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
Deferred tax	15		(53,325)		(46,623)
NET_ASSETS			£ 4,469,990		£ 6,768,420
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	16		18,500		18,500
Revaluation reserve	17		3,242,494		5,540,370
Profit and loss account	17		1,208,996		1,209,550
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18		£ 4,469,990		£ 6,768,420

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 26.09

Director

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	20	939,858	711,542
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	21	(332,447)	(371,485)
Taxation		(59,260)	(51,453)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	21	(354,139)	(161,410)
Equity dividends paid		(200,000)	-
CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		(5,988)	127,194
Financing	21	(100,291)	88,141
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR		£ (106,279)	£ 215,335

## RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS/DEBT for the year ended 31 December 2008

	2008 £	2007 £
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year	(106,279)	215,335
Cash outflow/(inflow) from decrease/(increase) in debt and lease financing	100,291	(88,141)
MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT IN THE YEAR	(5,988)	127,194
Net debt at 1 January 2008	(5,462,393)	(5, 589, 587)
NET DEBT AT 31 DECEMBER 2008	£ (5,468,381)	£ (5,462,393)

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of freehold property and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### 1.2 TURNOVER

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

#### 1.3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold property - 2% straight line
Plant & machinery - 10-33% reducing balance
Motor vehicles - 25% reducing balance

Other fixed assets - %

#### 1.4 LEASING AND HIRE PURCHASE

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

#### 1.5 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.6 DEFERRED TAXATION

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation.

Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### 1.7 PENSIONS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The whole of the turnover is attributed to the principal activity.

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

### 3. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	Net rents receivable	2008 £ 11,150	2007 £ 9,600
4.	OPERATING PROFIT  The operating profit is stated after charging:		
		2008 £	2007 £
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the company	90,100	88,504
	Operating lease rentals: - plant and machinery	674	458

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

5.	AUDITORS' REMUNERATION				
			2008 £		2007 £
	Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	=	8,500	=	8,500
6.	STAFF COSTS				
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:				
			2008 £		2007 £
	Wages and salaries		1,270,446		1,059,592
	Social security costs Other pension costs		146,689 26,280		115,347 28,489
		_		_	
		£	1,443,415	£	1,203,428
	The average monthly number of employees, including the director	s, during	g the year was	as fo	llows:
			2008		2007
			No.		No.
		==		_	30
7.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION				
			2008		2007
		•	3	_	£
	Emoluments	£	639,056 ————	£	488,370
	Company pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	£_	10,447	£	10,207
		=		=	

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 3 directors (2007 - 3) in respect of money purchase pension schemes.

The highest paid director received remuneration of £461,364 (2007 - £333,211).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

8.	INTEREST PAYABLE				
			2008 £		2007 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts		325,709		364,871
	On other loans On finance leases and hire purchase contracts		9,985 1,163		8,427 1,164
		£	336,857	£	374,462
9.	TAXATION				
			2008 £		2007 £
	ANALYSIS OF TAX CHARGE IN THE YEAR CURRENT TAX (see note below)		_		_
	UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year		62,254		59,260
	DEFERRED TAX (see note 15)				
	Origination and reversal of timing differences		6,702		(5,992)
	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	£	68,956	£	53, 268
	FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR				

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2007 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (20.75%). The differences are explained below:

		2008 £		2007 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	£	268,402	£	298,002
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20.75% (2007 - 19.753%)		55,693		58,864
EFFECTS OF:				
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation		6,561		396
CURRENT TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR (see note above)	£	62,254	£	59,260

### **FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES**

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

#### 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Other fixed assets £	Total £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>					
At 1 January 2008 Additions Disposals Revaluation	12,900,338 269,538 -	488,509 2,016 -	155,155 67,044 (6,350)	994,757 16,341 -	14,538,759 354,939 (6,350)
surplus/(deficit)	(2,297,876)	-	-	-	(2,297,876)
At 31 December 2008	10,872,000	490,525	215,849	1,011,098	12,589,472
DEPRECIATION		<u> </u>	<del></del>		
At 1 January 2008 Charge for the year On disposals	- - -	277,411 21,311 -	97,645 30,963 (5,648)	750,147 37,826 -	1,125,203 90,100 (5,648)
At 31 December 2008	-	298,722	122,960	787,973	1,209,655
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2008	£10,872,000	£ 191,803	£ 92,889	£ 223,125	£11,379,817
At 31 December 2007	£12,900,338	£ 211,098	£ 57,510	£ 244,610	£13,413,556

The net book value of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts, included above, are as follows:

		2008		2007
		£		£
Motor vehicles	£	-	£	9,739
	<del>-</del>			

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2008 is as follows:

Land and buildings £

AT COST

AT VALUATION:

23 December 2008 at open market value

10,872,000

£10,872,000

The land and buildings were revalued on 23 December 2008 by DTZ Debenham Tie Leung Limited, Charterted surveyors, on an open market existing use basis.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

## 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (continued)

If the land and buildings had not been included at valuation they would have been included under the historical cost convention as follows:

		2008 £		2007 £
Cost		7,935,940		7,666,401
Accumulated depreciation		(759,605)		(636,923)
Net book value	£	7,176,335	£	7,029,478
11. STOCKS				
		2008 £		2007 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	£	7,535	£	7,695
12. DEBTORS				
		2008		2007
		£		£
Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income		152,761 176,035		130,909 160,614
	£	328,796	£	291,523
13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE TEAR		2222		0007
		2008 £		2007 £
Bank loans and overdrafts		374,300		114,100
Payments received on account		217,518		222,989
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		-		9,524
Trade creditors		89,964 62.254		112,243
Corporation tax Social security and other taxes		62,254 273,047		59,260 201,239
Other creditors		709,740		535,430
Accruals and deferred income		371,929		304,177
	£	2,098,752	£	1,558,962

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

14.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR			
		2008 £		2007 £
	Bank loans £	_	£	5,472,295
	Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows	<b>:</b>		
		2008 £		2007 £
	Repayable by instalments £	_	£	4,504,018
	The bank loans are payable over a 20 year term interest is charged between	een 1% and	1.25% p	er annum.
	The bank loans are secured on all freehold property except Orchard Roa	ıd.		
15.	DEFERRED TAXATION			
		2008 £		2007 £
	At 1 January 2008 Charge for/(released during) the year	46,623 6,702		52,615 (5,992)
	At 31 December 2008	53,325	£	46,623
	The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:			
		2008		2007
	Accelerated capital allowances £	£ 53,325	£	£ 46,623
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16.	SHARE CAPITAL			
		2008 £		2007 £
	AUTHORISED	£		L
	50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each £	50,000	£	50,000
	ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND FULLY PAID			
	8,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each £	8,000	£	8,000
	ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND PARTLY PAID		_	
	42,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each £	10,500	£	10,500

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

17.	RESERVES				
			Revaluation reserve £		Profit and ss account £
	At 1 January 2008 Profit for the year		5,540,370		1,209,550 199,446
	Dividends: Equity capital Revaluation deficit		(2,297,876)	)	(200,000)
	At 31 December 2008		£ 3,242,494	£	1,208,996
18.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS				
			2008 £		2007 £
	Opening shareholders' funds Profit for the year Dividends (Note 19) Other recognised gains and losses during the year		6,768,420 199,446 (200,000) (2,297,876)	_	6,773,686 244,734 (250,000) -
	Closing shareholders' funds	£	4,469,990	£	6,768,420
19.	DIVIDENDS				
			2008 £		2007 £
	Dividends paid on equity capital	£	200,000	£	250,000
20.	NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
			2008 £		2007 £
	Operating profit		600,849		669,487
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		90,100		88,504
	(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		(98)		9,545
	Decrease in stocks Increase in debtors		160 (37.274)		1,790
	Increase in debtors Increase/(decrease) in creditors		(37,274) 286,121		(26,279) (31,505)
	NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATIONS	£	939,858	£	711,542

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

21.	ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN CASH FLOW STATEMENT						
					2008		2007 £
	RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICE	NG OF FINANCE			£		L
	Interest received Interest paid	NO OF THINKING		(33	4,410 5,694)		2,977 (373,298)
	Hire purchase interest			(	(1,163)		(1,164)
	NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	INVESTMENTS	£	(33	2,447)	£	(371,485)
					2008 £		2007 £
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL IN	VESTMENT					
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets			(35	64,939) 800		(181,160) 19,750
	NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE			(35	i4,139)	£	(161,410)
					2008 £		2007 £
	FINANCING						
	New secured loans			/0	- 10,767)		78,617
	Repayment of loans (Repayment of)/new finance leases			•	(9,524)	_	9,524
	NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM FINANCING			(10	0,291)	£	88,141
22.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT						
	•	1 January 2008	Cash fi	ow	Ot non-ca chang		31 December 2008
		£	(110,879)			£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand: Bank overdraft	133,526 (4,600)				-	22,647 -
		128,926	(106,2	279)		-	22,647
	DEBT:						
	Debts due within one year Debts falling due after more than one year	(119,024) (5,472,295)	100,2	291 -	(355,5 355,5		(374,300) (5,116,728)
	NET DEBT	(5,462,393)	(5,9	988)		-	(5,468,381)
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### 23. PENSION COMMITMENTS

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 December 2008

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £26,281 (2007 - £28,409). Contributions totalling £2,422 (2007 - £2,488) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

#### 24. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

During the year, interest was paid to a director, A Caldwell, of £9,985 (2007: £8,427) on the balance of his loan to the company.

### 25. DIRECTORS' PERSONAL GUARANTEES

The bank loan of £400,000 is guaranteed personally by two of the directors, A Caldwell and J Caldwell.