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Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 December 2009

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Director and advisers

Director

A Wynn (appointed 14 September 2009)

Company Secretary

None appointed

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Registered in England

Registered number 2483505

Independent Auditors

KPMG Audit Plc 1 The Embankment Neville Street, Leeds LS14DW

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009

The sole director of Absolute Invoice Finance Limited (the 'Company') submits his Directors' report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2009

Change of name

The Company changed its name from Cattles Invoice Finance Limited to Absolute Invoice Finance Limited on 14 September 2009

Capital reduction

The issued share capital of the Company was reduced by special resolution from £350,000 divided into 350,000 ordinary shares of £1 each by cancelling 349,999 ordinary shares of £1 each on 17 November 2009. The resolution deleted clause 5 of the Company's old memorandum and articles of association and replaced it with a statement that the Company's issued share capital is now £1 divided into 1 ordinary share of £1. The purpose of the capital reduction was to create a distributable reserve to allow the Company to make a dividend in specie to its sole member.

Business review

The whole of the Company's share capital was acquired by Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited from Cattles plc group on 14 September 2009 Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited was wholly owned by AnaCap Financial Partners II LP, a Guernsey Limited Partnership, advised by European Private Equity Firm, AnaCap Financial Partners LLP ("AnaCap") at that time

Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited was in turn acquired by Aldermore Bank plc ("Aldermore') on 17 November 2009 Aldermore's ultimate parent undertaking is AC Acquisitions Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales AC Acquisitions Limited is controlled by AnaCap Derby co-investment (No 1) LP (39 0%), AnaCap Financial Partners II LP (10 45%) and AnaCap Financial Partners LP (47 9%)

The net assets of Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited, Absolute Invoice Finance Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary, Absolute Invoice Finance (Oxford) Limited, were paid up to Aldermore by dividend in specie at close of business on 17 November 2009, their business is now conducted as a trading division of Aldermore

Principal activities

Prior to its acquisition by Aldermore, the Company's principal activity was the provision of invoice financing services to small and medium sized enterprises

Results and dividends

The loss for the year, after taxation, reflecting trading to 17 November 2009 amounted to £4,160,378 (2008 profit £2,003,853) The directors paid a dividend in specie of £6,612,163 on 17 November 2009 to reduce the Company's net assets to £2 No other dividends were declared in respect of the year ended 31 December 2009

Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

Directors

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were

A Wynn (appointed 14 September 2009)
D J Crawford (resigned 17 November 2009)
I J Wilkins (resigned 17 November 2009)
G S Smallpage (resigned 17 November 2009)
A Clarke (resigned 17 November 2009)
T B Howe (resigned 17 November 2009)
P McIntyre (resigned 30 September 2009)

J R D Smith (appointed 30 April 2009 resigned 14 September 2009)
R D East (appointed 3 July 2009 resigned 14 September 2009)
J J Corr (resigned 3 July 2009)
I S Cummine (resigned 3 July 2009)
M W G Collins (resigned 3 July 2009)
D J Postings (resigned 30 June 2009)

Disclosure of information to auditors

The director who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirms that, so far as he is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

Whilst a member of the Cattles plc group, all directors benefited from qualifying third party indemnity provisions (as defined in section 234 of the Companies Act 2006) to the maximum extent permitted by law against liabilities. Following the sale of the Company on 14 September 2009, a separate Professional Indemnity and Directors and Officers insurance policy was purchased for the benefit of itself and its directors.

Independent auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP resigned as auditors on 11 November 2009 and has confirmed to the Company that there are no circumstances connected with its resignation which it considers must be brought to the attention of the shareholders or creditors of the Company In accordance with the Companies Act 2006 KPMG Audit Plc ("KPMG"), the auditors of Aldermore Bank plc, has been appointed to fill a temporary vacancy as auditors of the Company

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution is to be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting which, if passed, would result in the company not being required to appoint its auditors annually KPMG would then continue as the company's auditors

By order of the board

A Wynn Director

15 June 2010

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

Independent auditors' report to the members of Absolute Invoice Finance Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Absolute Invoice Finance Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 set out on pages 7 to 29. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK 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 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

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, 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 web-site at www.frc.org/uk/apb/scope/UKNP.

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 2009 and of its loss for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK 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 auditors' report to the members of Absolute Invoice Finance 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

Jonathan Bingham (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

1 The Embankment,

Neville Street

Leeds

LS1 4DW

15 June 2010

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2009

| | | Discontinued operations | Discontinued operations |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | 2009 | 2008 |
| | Notes | £ | £ |
| Turnover | 3 | 15,998,074 | 19,895,871 |
| Cost of sales | | (2,568,593) | (1,887,129) |
| Gross profit | | 13,429,481 | 18,008,742 |
| Administrative expenses | | (9,725,510) | (10,603,796) |
| Operating profit | | 3,703,971 | 7,404,946 |
| Income from shares in group undertakings | | | |
| Dividend in specie received from post acquisition profits of Absolute Invoice Finance (Oxford) Limited | | 985,311 | |
| Write down investment in Absolute Invoice Finance (Oxford) Limited | 11 | (839,691) | - |
| Exceptional restructuring costs | 4 | (5,503,464) | - |
| (Loss) / profit before interest and taxation | | (1,653,873) | 7,404,946 |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | | 48 | 69,300 |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 8 | (2,457,363) | (4,622,580) |
| (Loss) / profit on ordinary activities before taxation | 3,5 | (4,111,188) | 2,851,666 |
| Tax on (loss) / profit on ordinary activities | 9 | (49,190) | (847,813) |
| (Loss) / profit for the financial year | 18 | (4,160,378) | 2,003,853 |

The notes and information on pages 10 to 29 form part of these financial statements. The Company has no gains and losses in either the current period or prior period other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total gains and losses has been presented.

The loss and profit for the current and preceding financial year calculated on a historical cost basis is not materially different to the loss / profit disclosed above. Accordingly a note of the historical cost profits and losses as required by paragraph 26 of FRS 3 has not been presented.

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2009

| | | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|-------|------|--------------|
| | Notes | £ | £ |
| Non current assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | 10 | - | 851,138 |
| Investment in subsidiary undertaking | 11 | 1 | 839,692 |
| Deferred tax assets | 12 | - | 122,680 |
| | | 11 | 1,813,510 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 13 | 1 | 73,614,351 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | - | 4,153,804 |
| | | 1 | 77,768,155 |
| Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year | 14 | _ | (68,548,817) |
| Net current assets | | 1 | 9,219,338 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 2 | 11,032,848 |
| Creditors – Amounts falling due after more than one year | 15 | - | (260,305) |
| Net assets | | 2 | 10,772,543 |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital | 16 | 1 | 350,000 |
| Profit and loss account reserve | 18 | 1 | 10,422,543 |
| Shareholders' funds | | 2 | 10,772,543 |

The notes and information on pages 10 to 29 form part of these financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 15 June 2010 and were signed on its behalf by

A Wynn Director

Company registered number 2483505

Reconciliation of movements in Shareholders' Funds for the year ended 31 December

| | | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-------|--------------|------------|
| | Notes | £ | £ |
| (Loss) / profit for the financial year | | (4,160,378) | 2,003,853 |
| Share-based payments | | | |
| - value of services provided | | - | 117,816 |
| Dividends on shares classified in shareholders' funds | | | |
| - Ordinary dividend (£1 714 per share) | | - | (600,000) |
| - Dividend in specie | | (6,612,163) | - |
| Net (reduction in) / addition to shareholders' funds | | (10,772,541) | 1,521,669 |
| Opening shareholders' funds | | 10,772,543 | 9,250,874 |
| Closing shareholders' funds | | 2 | 10,772,543 |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

1 Accounting policies

Absolute Invoice Finance Limited (the 'Company') is a Company domiciled in the United Kingdom Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 as, at 31 December 2009, the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of AC Acquisitions Limited and prior to this during 2008 and 2009 the Company has been a wholly owned subsidiary of Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited, and Cattles plc. All three companies are registered in England and Wales. AC Acquisitions Limited and Cattles plc, prepared consolidated financial statements including the Company, while owned, for the years ended 31 December 2009 and 31 December 2008.

1.1 Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK GAAP (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) They have also been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies reporting under UK GAAP

1.2 Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis and under the historical cost convention, and are presented in Pounds Sterling, the Company's functional and presentational currency

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and under the historical cost accounting convention. The Company is exempt by virtue of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with UK GAAP requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates

1.3 Re-adoption of UK GAAP

As a member of the AC Acquisitions Limited group, the Company has elected to re-adopt UK GAAP Prior to this the Company had adopted International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union The change from IFRS to UK GAAP accounting has produced a change in presentation of the figures in the profit and loss account for each year and a reordering of assets and liabilities within the current and comparative balance sheets but there has been no change to shareholders' funds or profit in either year. The impact of this change on the prior year's profit and loss account and balance sheet is set out in note 2.

1.4 Going concern

Although the Company's business is now conducted as a trading division of Aldermore Bank plc, it is considered to be a going concern by virtue of having positive shareholders' funds and no liabilities at 31 December 2009 and because the Company will continue for at least a further 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Cash flow statement

Under FRS 1 the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking and its cash flows appear in a consolidated cash flow statement in the financial statements of the ultimate parent company which are available to the public and can be obtained from the address given in note 22

16 Transactions with related parties

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of AC Acquisitions Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned subsidiaries which form part of the group

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements

1.7 Revenue recognition

Income comprises the fair value receivable for the provision of invoice financing services, net of value-added tax, and is recognised as follows

a) Interest income

The Company charges its clients interest each day on the balance of their outstanding loan. This interest income is recognised in the profit and loss account as it is added to the clients' borrowings.

b) Factoring fee and related income

The Company charges its clients a factoring fee for managing their sales ledgers. This fee is recognised in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over two months, the period in which the ledger management service is typically provided. Other fee income, which includes disbursements, is credited to the profit and loss account when the service has been provided or the disbursement expenditure incurred.

c) Collect out income

The Company is able to charge a collect out fee where a client has failed to serve proper notice, for whatever reason, of termination or where the client has ceased to trade and a fee has been agreed to assist with the collection of the client's receivables. The fee may include interest or other fees and is only credited to the profit and loss account where the collect out process (described over page at 1 10) is substantially complete, the Company has recovered its capital and to the extent that surplus funds are available

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.8 Dividends in specie

The net assets of the Company and those of Absolute Invoice Finance (Oxford) Limited and Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited, were paid up to Aldermore Bank plc by dividend in specie at close of business on 17 November 2009, their business is now conducted as a trading division of Aldermore Bank plc Dividends in specie, both received and paid, are measured at the carrying value of the net assets distributed

1.9 Interest and similar items

In the period up to and including 14 September 2009, interest and similar items comprised mainly interest arising on the Company's borrowings from its ultimate parent company at the time, Cattles plc. In the period from 14 September 2009 to 17 November 2009 interest and similar items comprised mainly interest arising on the Company's borrowings under its' Back to Back, Receivables Finance Agreement with Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited ("Lloyds")

1.10 Impairment of loans and advances to customers

In respect of loans and advances to customers, the Company assesses on an ongoing basis, whether an individual loan asset is impaired. A loan asset is impaired and an impairment loss is incurred only if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and the loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the loan asset that can be reliably estimated

The Company determines that there is objective evidence of an impairment loss as part of a process termed 'collect out'. This process commences should a client have served notice that they wish to end their facility or when management become aware that the client is encountering trading difficulties. At this point the client's facilities are withdrawn, no further funds are made available and client managers begin the process of recovering the outstanding balance. When a client has been in collect out for a period of six months full provision is made against their debt, regardless of the possibility of recovering the debt. If before this date it is apparent that there are no further routes to recovery, and that as a consequence funds will not be recovered in full, an earlier provision is made. The amount of the loss is recognised in the profit and loss account as a loan loss charge within cost of sales.

1 11 Staff costs

a) Short-term benefits

Wages, salaries, commissions, bonuses, social security contributions, paid annual leave and non-monetary benefits, including death-in-service premiums, are accrued in the period in which the associated services are rendered by employees of the Company

b) Pension obligations

Until 14 September 2009 the Company was a member of the Cattles plc group which operated a defined benefit pension plan, the Cattles Staff Pension Fund (the "Fund") On leaving the Cattles plc group, the Trustees of the Fund instructed the Fund Actuary to calculate the precise amount due under Section 75 of

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.11 Staff costs (continued)

b) Pension obligations (continued)

Pensions Act in respect of the Company's decision to cease employee participation in the Fund The Fund Actuary calculated the Company's liability at £3,065,400 which the Company settled on 25 November 2009 This payment ends the Company's liability to the Fund

Prior to the payment under Section 75 of Pensions Act there was no contractual agreement or stated policy in place for charging the net expense of the defined benefit pension plan as a whole to the participating group companies. The Company, and other participating members, would simply recognise a defined benefit pension expense in their accounts equal to their contributions payable to Cattles plc for the period

The Company operates a number of defined contribution pension plans and pays contributions into privately administered pension plans on a contractual basis. The contributions are recognised as a staff cost as they fall due. The Company provides no other post-retirement benefits to its employees or directors.

c) Termination benefits

Termination benefits are payable when employment is terminated before the normal retirement date, or when an employee accepts voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. The Company recognises termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either the termination of employment or a voluntary redundancy offer.

d) Share-based payments

Prior to 14 September 2009 the Company was a member of a group which operated a number of equity-settled share-based payment plans. In respect of share awards granted after 7 November 2002 (and not vested by 1 January 2005), an expense is recognised in respect of the fair value of employee services received in exchange for the grant of shares or share options. A corresponding amount is recorded as an increase in equity within retained earnings. The expense is spread over any relevant vesting period and is calculated by reference to the fair value of the shares or share options granted, excluding the effect of any non-market vesting conditions.

The Company's ultimate parent until 14 September 2009, Cattles plc, in whose shares the share based payment awards were made, has not made a recharge to the Company for the cost of awards granted to employees

In arriving at fair values, the Black-Scholes pricing model is used and various assumptions are made, for example, on expected forfeiture rates, dividend yields, share price volatility and risk free rates. The estimate for the number of options that are expected to become exercisable is revised at each balance sheet date. Any impact from the revision of original estimates is recognised in the profit and loss account over the remaining vesting period. There have been no share based payments made after 14 September 2009.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are initially recognised at cost. The Company recognises income from the investment only to the extent that it receives distributions from post-acquisition accumulated profits. Distributions received in excess of such profits are regarded as a recovery of investment and recognised as a reduction in the cost of the investment. At each reporting date, an assessment is made as to whether there is any indication that the investment may be impaired. If such an indication exists, the Company estimates the investment's recoverable amount. The investment is written down to the recoverable amount if this is lower than its carrying value. The impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account.

1.13 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation Cost represents expenditure that is directly attributable to the purchase of the asset

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the items will flow to the Company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably

Depreciation on assets is calculated using the straight line method to allocate the costs to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows

Leasehold buildings 15% to 20% pa
Fixtures equipment and computer hardware 10% to 33% pa
Acquired software licences 33% pa
Motor vehicles 20% pa

The depreciation charge is recognised within administrative expenses

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying value is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amounts and are included in the profit and loss account within other administrative expenses

1.14 Borrowings

In the period up to and including 14 September 2009, borrowings comprised mainly intra-group borrowings from the Company's ultimate parent company, Cattles plc. In the period from 14 September 2009 to 17

November 2009 borrowings comprised mainly amounts due under the Company's Back to Back, Receivables Finance Agreement with Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited ("Lloyds") In each circumstance, these borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.15 Leasing - as lessee

Leases of tangible fixed assets, where the Company has substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership, are classified as finance leases. Assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts are capitalised on inception of the agreement at an amount equal to their fair value or, if lower, the present value of the minimum lease payments. The interest element of the lease cost is charged to the profit and loss account over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance leases or hire purchase contracts are depreciated over the shorter of the period of the agreement and the estimated useful lives of the assets

Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases, net of any incentives received from the lessor, are charged to the profit and loss account, within administrative expenses on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

1.16 Current tax

The charge for taxation is based on the profit/loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes

1.17 Deferred tax

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 FRS 19

1.18 Called up share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity Shares are recorded at their nominal value. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds

1 19 Dividend distribution

Ordinary dividends payable to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a distribution in the period in which the dividends are paid or, if earlier, when they become a contractual liability under a promissory note

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

2 Revised format of financial statements

As a member of the AC Acquisitions Limited group, the Company has elected to re-adopt UK GAAP Prior to this the Company had adopted International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union The change from IFRS to UK GAAP accounting has produced a change in presentation of the figures in the profit and loss account for each year and a reordering of assets and liabilities within the current and comparative balance sheets but there has been no change to shareholders' funds or profit in either year

The impact of this change on the prior year's profit and loss account and balance sheet is set out below and illustrated in the tables which follow

Profit and loss account

- (a) The income statement which was previously prepared under IFRS in a format more often adopted by the peers of the Company's former parent undertaking for the Financial Services sector has been restated in a UK GAAP profit & loss account format,
- (b) Interest income was previously recognised under IFRS on customer accounts which were in difficulty and which had passed into Collect Out. This income was then immediately provided against as part of the Company's loan loss charge. The adjustment, known as the gross-up adjustment, which has no impact on profit, is not required under UK GAAP.
- (c) Interest income plus Fees and related income are now grouped together as Turnover,
- (d) Interest expense, previously shown as a deduction from Interest income, is now shown as laterest payable and similar charges,
- (e) Cost of sales includes loan loss charges previously shown separately and certain rechargeable expenditure which was previously included within Other operating expenses,
- (f) Staff costs are no longer shown separately but are included within Administrative expenses, Vehicle expenses, previously classified within Staff costs, are also now included within Administrative expenses,
- (g) Hire purchase interest, previously classified as an Other operating expense, is now shown within Interest payable and similar charges,

Balance sheet

- (h) Tangible assets were previously disclosed as Other intangible assets and Property, plant & equipment,
- (1) Loans and advances to customers, Other assets and Prepayments are now included within Debtors,
- (j) Other borrowings, which comprised Unsecured external and intra-group borrowings and Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are now shown within Creditors – Amounts falling due within one year, and Creditors – Amounts falling due after one year,
- (k) Current tax liabilities, Other liabilities and Accruals, were previously disclosed separately and are now included within Creditors Amounts falling due within one year

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

2 Revised format of financial statements (continued)

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|--|----------------|------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | IFRS format | gross up adjustment | interest received and fee income to | interest payable | loan loss charge | certain direct costs | remaining Operating expenses & | interest | format |
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| Income statement under IFRS | | ē | (3) | (g) | (e) | ② | € | (8) | |
| Interect income | 7 277 833 | | (2.00 077. 1) | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | (4,541,481) | | (1,212,035) | 4.541.481 | | | | | |
| Net interest income | 2,731,352 | , | (7,272,833) | 4,541,481 | • | | | . | , |
| Fee and related income | 12,686,807 | (63,769) | (12,623 038) | | | | | | |
| Total income | 15,418,159 | (63,769) | (19,895,871) | 4,541,481 | • | | | | |
| Loan loss charge | (941,495) | 63,769 | | | 877,726 | | | | |
| Staff costs | (7,612,326) | | | | | | 7,612,326 | | |
| Other operating expenses | (4,012,672) | | | | | 1,009,403 | 3,003,269 | | |
| Profit before taxation | 2,851,666 | • | (19,895,871) | 4,541,481 | 877,726 | 1,009,403 | 10,615,595 | | 1 |
| Profit for the year | 2,003,853 | , | (19,895,871) | 4,541,481 | 877,276 | 1 009,403 | 10,615,595 | , | |
| Profit and loss account under UK GAAP | | | | | | | | | |
| Tumover | | | 19,895 871 | | | | | | 19.895.871 |
| Cost of sales | | | | | (877 276) | (1,009 403) | | | (1,887,129) |
| Gross profit | • | • | 19,895,871 | • | (877,276) | (1,009,403) | • | 1 | 18,008,742 |
| Administrative expenses | | | | | | | (10,615,595) | 11,799 | (10,603,796) |
| Operating profit | • | • | 19,895,871 | • | (877,276) | (1,009,403) | (10,615,595) | 11,799 | 7,404,946 |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | | | | 69,300 | | | | | 69,300 |
| Interest payable and sımılar charges | | | | (4,610,781) | | | | (11,799) | (4,622,580) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Taxation on ordinary activities | • | • | 19,895,871 | (4,541,481 | (877,276) | (1,009,403) | (10,615,595) | | 2,851,666 |
| Profit for the financial year | | | 178,598,91 | (4,541,481) | (877,276) | (1,009,403) | (10,615,595) | . | 2,003,853 |
| | | | | | | | | | |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

2 Revised format of financial statements (continued)

| | Old format under IFRS | | | Revised format under | |
|------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------|--|--------------|
| | | 2008 | | UK GAAP | 2008 |
| | | £ | | | £ |
| | Assets | | | Non current assets | |
| | Cash and bank balances | 4,153,804 | (h) | Tangible assets | 851,138 |
| (1) | Loans and advances to customers | 73,025,949 | | Investment in subsidiary undertaking | 839,692 |
| | Investments in subsidiaries | 839,692 | | Deferred tax assets | 122,680 |
| (h) | Other intangible assets | 156,740 | | | 1,813,510 |
| (h) | Property, plant and equipment | 694,398 | | | |
| | Deferred tax assets | 122,680 | | Current assets | |
| (1) | Other assets | 193,628 | (1) | Debtors | 73,614,351 |
| (i) | Prepayments | 394,774 | | Cash at bank and in hand | 4,153,804 |
| | Total assets | 79,581,665 | | | 77,768 155 |
| | | | | Creditors – Amounts falling due within one | (68,548,817) |
| | Liabilities | | | year | |
| () | Other borrowings | 62,146,749 | (j), (k) | Net current assets | 9,219,338 |
| (k) | Current tax liabilities | 531,705 | | | |
| (k) | Other liabilities | 4,804,186 | | Total assets less current | 11,032,848 |
| (k) | Accruals | 1,326,482 | | | |
| | | | | Creditors - Amounts | |
| | Total liabilities | 68,809,122 | (j) | falling due after more | (260,305) |
| | | | | than one year | |
| | Equity | | | Net assets | 10,772,543 |
| | Share capital | 350,000 | | | |
| | Retained earnings | 10,422,543 | | Capital and reserves | |
| | Shareholders' equity | 10,772,543 | | Called up share capital | 350,000 |
| | | | | Profit and loss account | 10,422,543 |
| | Total equity and habilities | 79,581,665 | | Shareholders' funds | 10,772,543 |

3 Turnover and operating profit (discontinued operations)

Turnover and operating profit is wholly attributable to the provision of invoice financing services within the United Kingdom

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 (continued)

4 Exceptional restructuring costs (discontinued operations)

Changes in ownership during the year resulted in the following exceptional expenditure

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-----------|------|
| | £ | £ |
| Pension costs - payment under S75 of the Pensions Act (see below) | 3,065,400 | - |
| Arrangement fees and legal costs re Back to Back facility | 1,475,665 | - |
| Management bonuses | 430,230 | • |
| Compensation for loss of office | 532,169 | - |
| Total exceptional restructuring costs | 5,503,464 | |
| | | |
| Tax on above | - | - |

Until 14 September 2009 the Company was a member of the Cattles plc group which operated a defined benefit pension plan, the Cattles Staff Pension Fund (the "Fund") On leaving the Cattles plc group, the Trustees of the Fund instructed the Fund Actuary to calculate the precise amount due under Section 75 of Pensions Act in respect of the Company's decision to cease employee participation in the Fund The Fund Actuary calculated the Company's liability at £3,065,400 which the Company settled on 25 November 2009 This payment ends the Company's liability to the Fund

No tax benefit is assumed from the above, these expenses have been added to tax losses carried forward

5 Notes to the profit and loss account (discontinued operations)

(Loss) / profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Operating lease rentals - land and buildings | 311,653 | 345,966 |
| - plant and machinery | 136,821 | 150,378 |
| Auditors' remuneration | | |
| - payable to KPMG as auditors | 25,335 | • |
| - payable to KPMG for non -audit services | - | - |
| - payable to PwC as auditors | 20,600 | 30,500 |
| - payable to PwC for non -audit services | 2,550 | 12,155 |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

6 Remuneration of directors (discontinued operations)

Those directors of the Company, who were also directors of the Company's former ultimate parent undertaking, Cattles plc, received no emoluments in respect of their services to the Company (2008 £nil) The emoluments earned by the other directors were as follows

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|-----------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Aggregate emoluments | 1,215,617 | 842,538 |
| Contributions to defined contribution pension schemes | 55,824 | 55,484 |
| Compensation for loss of office | 453,259 | - |

One former director was a member of the Cattles plc Long-Term Incentive Plans In 2008, 48,689 shares with an estimated fair value of £42,353 were notionally awarded to this individual under these Plans and, at 31 December 2008, 86,326 shares were notionally held in respect of him. No shares were awarded under these Plans in 2009 and, since the Company left the Cattles plc group on 14 September 2009, the Company no longer has any notional liability in respect of these shares

| The number of directors to whom retirement benefits are accruing under pension schemes is | 2009 Number | 2008 Number |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Under defined benefit scheme | • | 1 |
| Under defined contribution scheme | | 9 |
| The emoluments for the highest paid director were | £ | £ |
| Aggregate emoluments | 370,774 | 226,930 |
| Contributions to defined contribution pension scheme | 15,600 | 16,250 |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

7 Staff numbers and costs (discontinued operations)

| The average monthly number of persons employed by the Company (including directors) during the year was as follows | 2009 Number | 2008 Number |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| | 136 | 144 |
| The aggregate payroll costs of these persons was as follows | 2009 £ | 2008 £ |
| Wages and salaries | 5,255,275 | 5,855,645 |
| Social security costs | 657,192 | 708,573 |
| Pension costs - defined benefit pension scheme (note 19) | 92,764 | 133,469 |
| Pension costs - one off defined benefit pension scheme accrual | (52,000) | 52,000 |
| Pension costs - defined contribution pension schemes (note 19) | 123,798 | 140,990 |
| Share-based payments (note 17) | - | 117,816 |
| Total staff costs | 6,077,029 | 7,008,493 |

The Company incurred pension costs under S75 of the Pensions Act and other costs in respect of compensation for loss of office and redundancy, both are included with exceptional restructuring costs (note 4)

8 Interest payable and similar charges (discontinued operations)

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Interest on external bank borrowings | 390,229 | - |
| Interest on amounts owed to group undertakings | 2,062,031 | 4,610,781 |
| Finance lease charges | 5,103 | 11,799 |
| | 2,457,363 | 4,622,580 |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

9 Taxation (discontinued operations)

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|---|--------|----------|
| Analysis of charge in the year | £ | £ |
| Current tax | | |
| UK corporation tax at 28% (2008 28 5%) | • | 875,794 |
| Adjustments in respect of previous years | 49,190 | (1,546) |
| Total current tax charge | 49,190 | 874,248 |
| Deferred tax | | |
| Origination and reversal of timing differences | - | (22,479) |
| Adjustments in respect of previous years | - | (4,006) |
| Change in tax rate | - | 50 |
| Total deferred tax charge (note 12) | - | (26,435) |
| Total tax charge in the profit and loss account | 49,190 | 847,813 |

Deferred tax has been recognised at 28% (2008 28 5%)

The tax charge for the year is more (2008 more) than the tax on (loss) / profit on ordinary activities at the standard rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation

| | 2009 £ | 2008 £ |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| (Loss/) profit on ordinary activities before tax | (4,111,188) | 2,851,666 |
| Tax on (loss) / profit on ordinary activities at 28% (2008 28 5%) | (1,151,133) | 812,726 |
| Factors affecting charge for the year | | |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes | 38,771 | 40,639 |
| Accelerated capital allowances | 45,627 | - |
| Short term timing differences | (25,940) | - |
| Group relief not paid for | 36,220 | - |
| Non taxable income - dividend in specie | (275,887) | - |
| Non taxed write off - investment in subsidiary undertaking | 235,114 | |
| Losses carried forward | 1,097,228 | - |
| Total tax charge for the year | - | 853,365 |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

10 Tangible fixed assets

| | Leasehold buildings £ | Fixtures, equipment and computer hardware | Acquired software licences £ | Motor vehicles £ | Total £ |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Cost | | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| At 1 January 2009 | 549,067 | 849,128 | 466,595 | 523,886 | 2,388,676 |
| Additions | - | 27,202 | 14,149 | - | 41,351 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | (105,291) | (105,291) |
| Write off fully depreciated assets | (266,987) | (316,762) | - | - | (583,749) |
| Disposal through dividend in specie | (282,080) | (559,568) | (480,744) | (418,595) | (1,740,987) |
| At 31 December 2009 | - | - | - | | |
| Accumulated | | | | | |
| depreciation | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2009 | 417,593 | 642,134 | 309,855 | 167,956 | 1,537,538 |
| Charge for the year | 30,504 | 94,000 | 78,809 | 85,209 | 288,522 |
| Disposals | - | - | - | (49,028) | (49,028) |
| Write off fully depreciated assets | (266,987) | (316,762) | - | | (583,749) |
| Disposal through dividend in specie | (181,110) | (419,372) | (388,664) | (204,137) | (1,193,283) |
| At 31 December 2009 | <u> </u> | - | - | | - |
| Net book amount: | | | | | |
| At 31 December 2009 | | | | | |
| At 1 January 2009 | 131,474 | 206,994 | 156,740 | 355,930 | 851,138 |

Motor vehicles comprise entirely of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

11 Investment in subsidiary undertaking

| Cost | £ |
|---|-----------|
| At 1 January 2009 | 839,692 |
| Write off following receipt of dividend in specie | (839,691) |
| At 31 December 2009 | 1 |

At 31 December 2009, the Company held an investment in the whole of the ordinary share capital of Absolute Invoice Finance (Oxford) Limited, which is registered in England and Wales. The company is also an invoice financing company, it made a profit before tax of £161,520 in 2009 (2008 loss of 2,224,910) before it also ceased trading when taken over on 17 November 2009. Absolute Invoice Finance (Oxford) Limited had capital and reserves of £1 at 31 December 2009.

12 Deferred tax assets

The movements in the deferred tax account are shown below

| | Accelerated capital allowances £ | Other timing differences £ | Total £ |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| At I January 2009 | 71,157 | 51,523 | 122,680 |
| Realised with hive up | (71,157) | (51,523) | (122,680) |
| At 31 December 2009 | • | - | |

13 Debtors

| | 2009 | 2008 | |
|---|------|------------|--|
| | £ | £ | |
| Customer loans and receivables | - | 73,025,949 | |
| Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertaking | - | 30,148 | |
| Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking | - | 163,480 | |
| Prepayments | 1 | 394,774 | |
| | 1 | 73,614,351 | |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2009 | 2008 |
|--|------|------------|
| | £ | £ |
| | | |
| Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts (see note 15) | • | 102,629 |
| Trade creditors | • | 242,782 |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | • | 62,146,749 |
| Corporation tax payable | - | 531,705 |
| Other taxation and social security | - | 463,246 |
| Other creditors | - | 3,735,224 |
| Accruals and deferred income | - | 1,326,482 |
| | _ | 68,548,817 |

All trade creditors have a maturity of within one month. Other creditors primarily relate to a liability for cash receipts from non-debtors, which are held on the Company's balance sheet until the expiry of a six-year period during which the party making the receipt can seek reimbursement. Any unclaimed receipts subsequent to the expiry date are recognised as income. It is not possible to provide a maturity analysis of this liability due to the uncertainty surrounding any reimbursements.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

| | 2009 £ | 2008 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts | - | 260,305 |
| The maturity and obligations under these contracts is as follows: | 2009 £ | 2008 £ |
| Gross lease payments | | |
| Within one year | • | 108,483 |
| In the second to fifth years | - | 262,611 |
| | - | 371,094 |
| Future finance charges | - | (8,160) |
| Future minimum lease payments | - | 362,934 |

The figures above relate to motor vehicles acquired under hire purchase contracts or finance leases

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

16 Called up share capital

| | Authorssed | | | |
|---|------------|---|---------|---------|
| | 2009 | | 2008 | |
| | Number | £ | Number | £ |
| Ordinary shares of £1 each | • | | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| Irredeemable preference shares of £1 each | - | - | 250,000 | 250,000 |
| | - | | 750,000 | 750,000 |

| | Allotted, called up and fully paid | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------|---------|---------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2008 | |
| | Number | £ | Number | £ |
| Ordinary shares of £1 each | 1 | 1 | 350,000 | 350,000 |

On 17 November 2009 the issued share capital of the Company was reduced by special resolution from £350,000 divided into 350,000 ordinary shares of £1 each by cancelling 349,999 ordinary shares of £1 each The resolution deleted clause 5 of the Company's old memorandum and articles of association and replaced it with a statement that 'the Company's share capital is £1 divided into 1 ordinary share of £1'. As a result of this statement the Company is no longer subject to an authorised share capital, cancelling its Irredeemable preference shares. The purpose of the capital reduction was to create a distributable reserve to allow the Company to make a dividend in specie to its sole member.

17 Share-based payments

The Company and its employees no longer have any interest in share option schemes

18 Profit and loss account

| | Notes | £ |
|---|-------|-------------|
| At beginning of year | | 10,422,543 |
| Loss for year | | (4,160,378) |
| Reduction of share capital | 16 | 349,999 |
| Dividend in specie to Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited | | (6,612,163) |
| At end of year | | 1 |

The net assets of Absolute Invoice Finance Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary, Absolute Invoice Finance (Oxford) Limited, were paid up to Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited by dividend in specie at close of business on 17 November 2009

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

19 Pension obligations

Defined benefit post-employment benefits plan

Until 14 September 2009 the Company was a member of the Cattles plc group which operated a defined benefit pension plan, the Cattles Staff Pension Fund (the "Fund") The Fund provides benefits based on final salary for certain of the Company's employees. The assets of the scheme are held in a separate trustee-administered fund and contributions to the scheme are assessed in accordance with the advice of an independent qualified actuary using the projected unit method.

The scheme was closed to new applicants from 1998 and, on leaving the Cattles pic group, the Trustees of the Fund instructed the Fund Actuary to calculate the precise amount due under Section 75 Pensions Act in respect of the Company's decision to cease employee participation in the Fund. The Fund Actuary calculated the Company's liability at £3,065,400 which the Company paid on 25 November 2009. This payment settles the Company's liability to the Fund.

Prior to the payment under Section 75 Pensions Act there was no contractual agreement or stated policy in place for charging the net expense of the defined benefit pension plan as a whole to the participating group companies. The Company, and other participating members, would simply recognise a defined benefit pension expense in their accounts equal to their contributions payable to Cattles plc for the period.

The cost of the employer's regular contributions to the Fund for the period in 2009 until 14 September was £92,764 (2008 £133,469)

Defined contribution post-employment benefit plans

The expense recognised for the year ended 31 December 2009 in relation to defined contribution plans is £123,798 (2008 £140,990)

20 Commitments

The Company had no capital commitments at 31 December 2009 (2008 none) Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows

| | 2009 | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| | Land and buildings £ | Motor vehicles £ | Land and buildings £ | Motor vehicles £ |
| Operating leases which expire | | | | |
| Within one year | - | - | 994 | 17,123 |
| Between one and five years | - | - | 267,252 | 102,868 |
| After five years | - | - | 63,900 | - |
| | - | - | 332,146 | 119,991 |

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 (continued)

21 Contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2008, the Company together with other companies in the Cattles plc group, had entered into an unsecured unlimited multilateral bank guarantee. There were no fair values attached to the guarantee. The guarantee was released on 14 September 2009 when all inter-company borrowing was repaid.

The Company was at 31 December 2008, a participating member of a defined benefit pension scheme, the Cattles Staff Pension Fund (the "Fund") The Company had a contingent hability at that date in the deficit on the Fund of £15 0 million as the Company was required, along with other participating companies, to make additional shortfall contributions based on the advice of the Fund's independent actuary

With the sale of the Company on 14 September 2009 the Company took the advice of the Funds independent Actuaries and, on 25 November 2009, settled its full liability for its share of the deficit of scheme at £3,065,400 The scheme is now closed to Company employees although participants have been offered the opportunity to join the Company's defined contribution pension plan

22 Related party transactions

Ultimate parent undertaking

At 31 December 2008, the Company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party was Cattles plc, registered in England and Wales

The whole of the Company's share capital was acquired by Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited on 14 September 2009 Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited was wholly owned by AnaCap Financial Partners II LP, a Guernsey Limited Partnership, advised by European Private Equity Firm, AnaCap Financial Partners LLP("AnaCap") at that time

Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited was acquired by Aldermore Bank plc ("Aldermore") on 17 November 2009 Aldermore's ultimate parent undertaking is AC Acquisitions Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales and controlled by AnaCap Derby co-investment (No 1) LP (39 0%), AnaCap Financial Partners II LP (10 45%) and AnaCap Financial Partners LP (47 9%)

Until 14 September 2009, the largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Cattles pic The consolidated financial statements of this group are available to the public and may be obtained from the Registered Office, Kingston House, Centre 27 Business Park, Woodhead Road, Birstall, Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 9TD, or from the Cattles pic website, www.cattles.co.uk

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are now consolidated is that headed by AC Acquisitions Limited The consolidated financial statements of this Company are available to the public and may be obtained c/o AnaCap Financial Partners LLP, 4th Floor, 25 Bedford Street, London, WC2E 9ES

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22 Related party transactions (continued)

Related party transactions

The net assets of Absolute Invoice Finance Limited, its parent Absolute Invoice Finance (Holdings) Limited, and its wholly owned subsidiary, Absolute Invoice Finance (Oxford) Limited, were paid up to Aldermore by dividend in specie at close of business on 17 November 2009 Their businesses are now conducted as a trading division of Aldermore

As the Company and Aldermore are wholly owned subsidiaries of AC Acquisitions Limited, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with wholly owned subsidiaries which form part of that group

Prior to 14 September 2009, the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of Cattles plc, The company entered into related party transactions with Cattles plc (its ultimate parent undertaking), its immediate parent companies and a fellow subsidiary undertaking during the year as outlined below

- The Company received borrowing facilities from its ultimate parent company, for which a financing charge was levied each month. This charge was based upon the parent's average cost of borrowing
- The Company entered into promissory notes with its immediate parent companies in relation to the commitment to settle dividends declared during the year
- The Company's payroll was administered by a fellow subsidiary undertaking with the relevant payroll
 charges being recharged to the Company The subsidiary undertaking did not make any charge for
 providing this service

| | 2009 £ | 2008 £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | | |
| Repayment of funds | 61,953,121 | 8,900,000 |
| Intra-group finance charge (note 8) | 2,062,031 | 4,610,781 |
| Promissory notes | - | 600,000 |

Receivables due from and payables to the parent companies and fellow subsidiary undertakings are disclosed in notes 13 and 14 respectively