

**ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010**

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## **ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010**

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Company (registration number 2574887), together with the audited financial statements, for the year ended 31 March 2010

#### **Principal activities, business review and future developments**

##### ***Nature of the business***

Atkins Facilities Management Limited provides professional, technology-based consultancy and support services. The principal activity of the Company is facilities management.

The directors have prepared the Company's financial statements to reflect an arrangement with Atkins Limited to transfer the collection of all debtors, and responsibility for paying all creditors, in exchange for an intercompany balance. The Company retains the risk of non-payment of the debt by the external party.

##### ***Business review***

The Company's results for the year were favourably impacted by the exit from one of its long-term legacy PFI maintenance contracts.

Operating margin increased to 6.8% (2009 -15.6%) principally as a result of the release of residual provisions held on this poor performing PFI maintenance contract.

The remainder of the contracts are performing in line with expectations.

##### ***Objectives of the business and future developments***

The Company is well placed in both the public and private sectors to continue to help clients lower their cost base.

Atkins Facilities Management Limited is a component of the WS Atkins plc Group (the "Atkins Group" and "the Group"). The outlook for the Atkins Group remains positive and demand for the Group's services remains good in most markets. Further details of the objectives and future developments for the Group are disclosed in the WS Atkins plc financial statements.

#### **Results and dividends**

##### ***Revenue***

Total revenue for the year ended 31 March 2010 was £50,486k (2009 £49,840k), an increase of £646k.

##### ***Operating profit***

Operating profit for the year was £3,446k compared with an operating loss of £7,781k reported in 2009.

##### ***Profit after tax***

The profit after tax for the year of £2,021k (2009 £8,171k) is shown in the income statement on page 7.

##### ***Cash flow***

Net cash inflow from operating activities was £13k (2009 £4k outflow).

##### ***Dividends***

The directors do not recommend a dividend for the year (2009 £nil).

#### **Charitable and political donations**

During the year the Company made charitable donations of £2,583 (2009 £4,825).

In accordance with Atkins Group policy, the Company's continuing policy is that it does not make contributions in cash or in kind to political organisations and has no intention to do so in the future.

#### **Share capital**

Full details of the Company's authorised and issued share capital can be found in note 15 to the financial statements.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 (continued)

### Key performance indicators

Management uses a range of performance measures to monitor and manage the business. Certain of these are particularly important in the generation of shareholder value and are considered key performance indicators (KPIs). The KPIs measure past performance and also provide information to allow the business to be managed into the future. Revenue and operating profit indicate the volume of work done and its profitability. KPIs for 2010 are shown in the table below, along with prior year comparatives.

	2010	2009	% change in year
<b>Financial metrics</b>			
Revenue	£50,486k	£49,840k	1.3%
Operating profit/(loss)	£3,446k	£(7,781)k	144.3%
Operating margin	6.8%	(15.6)%	+22.4pp

### Critical accounting policies

The Company's principal accounting policies are described in note 1 to the financial statements. The financial statements for the years ended 31 March 2010 and 31 March 2009 have been prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates. Material estimates applied across the Company are reviewed to a common standard and adjusted where appropriate to ensure that consistent treatment of similar and related issues that require judgement is achieved. Any revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

The accounting policy that requires the most significant estimates and judgements to be used in the preparation of the financial statements is in relation to contract accounting.

### Contract accounting

Profit is recognised on contracts on a percentage completion basis, provided the outcome of the project can be reasonably foreseen. Full provision is made for estimated losses. Where contracts span two or more accounting periods profit is not generally recognised until the project is 50% complete.

The projected outcome of any given contract is necessarily based on estimates of revenues and costs to completion. Whilst the assumptions made are based on professional judgements, subsequent events may mean that estimates calculated prove inaccurate, with a consequent effect on the reporting of results.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

There are a number of potential risks and uncertainties which could have a material impact on the Company's long-term performance. To enable the Company to deliver value to all stakeholders we endeavour to mitigate these risks where possible. Effective risk management is embedded into the Atkins Group's governance framework, which is explained in the Corporate Governance Report on page 58 and the Business Review section on page 34 of the WS Atkins plc Group consolidated accounts for the year ended 31 March 2010.

## ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 (continued)

#### Treasury policies and objectives

WS Atkins plc's Group Treasury function manages and monitors external funding and investment requirements and financial risks in support of the Atkins Group corporate objectives. Details of the policies and procedures are set out in the WS Atkins plc annual report. Details of the Company's financial risks and management policies are set out in note 2 to the financial statements.

The Company funds its ongoing activities through cash generated from its operations and by intercompany balances with Atkins Limited.

#### Supplier payment policy

The Company's policy is to agree terms and conditions for its business transactions with suppliers and to endeavour to abide by these terms and conditions, subject to the supplier performing their obligations. It is not reasonable to state specific details of creditor days due to the arrangement mentioned above with Atkins Limited, a fellow subsidiary company of WS Atkins plc, where Atkins Limited has the responsibility for paying all UK-based creditors in exchange for an inter-company balance.

#### Corporate responsibility

The Company is committed to acting responsibly towards all its stakeholders. The Atkins Group is committed to taking a leadership position within its sector. The Group's corporate responsibility strategy and performance is published on its website at [www.atkinsglobal.com/cr](http://www.atkinsglobal.com/cr). A summary of the major issues and developments for the Atkins Group during the year is included in the WS Atkins plc annual report, which is publicly available on the Atkins Group website at [www.atkinsglobal.com/investors](http://www.atkinsglobal.com/investors).

#### Directors

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signing these financial statements were as follows:

Name	Appointed	Resigned
K E F Clarke	-	-
H S Drewett	19 June 2009	-
A H Griffiths	-	-
R W Hall	-	-
R J MacLeod	-	19 June 2009
I R Purser	-	-
M A Sowerby	-	-

Directors and officers of the Company have the benefit of a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy which provides appropriate cover in respect of legal actions brought against its directors. The Company's practice has always been to indemnify its directors in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association and to the maximum extent permitted by law. Neither insurance nor the indemnities provide cover where the director has acted fraudulently or dishonestly.

#### Directors' remuneration and interests

Directors' remuneration is disclosed in note 5 to the financial statements.

## **ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 (continued)**

#### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and 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 International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- State whether applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the directors who are in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved confirms that

- a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- b) he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Going concern**

The balance sheet on page 8 of the financial statements shows that the Company's financial position is in a net liabilities position at the year end. The Company continues to receive support from the ultimate parent entity.

The directors therefore have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

Approved by the Board of directors and signed on its behalf by



Helen Baker  
Company Secretary

15 December 2010

## **ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBER OF ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Atkins Facilities Management Limited for the year ended 31 March 2010 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

#### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### **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 March 2010 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

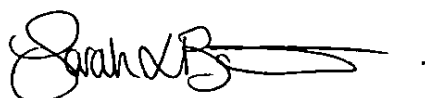
#### **Opinion on matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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.

#### **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.



Sarah Banham (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
London

16 December 2010

# ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED

## INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

	Notes	2010 £000	2009 £000
Revenue		50,486	49,840
Cost of sales		(30,804)	(42,459)
Gross profit		19,682	7,381
Administrative expenses		(16,236)	(15,162)
Operating profit/(loss)	3	3,446	(7,781)
Finance cost	6	(567)	(517)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		2,879	(8,298)
Income tax (expense)/credit	7	(858)	127
Profit/(loss) for the year attributable to owners of the parent		2,021	(8,171)

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

	Notes	2010 £000	2009 £000
Profit/(loss) for the year		2,021	(8,171)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income and expense for the year attributable to owners of the parent		2,021	(8,171)

The notes on pages 11 to 26 are an integral part of these financial statements



# ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2010

	Notes	2010 £000	2009 £000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investments	8	-	-
Deferred income tax	9	103	40
		<b>103</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	10	29,308	30,152
Cash and cash equivalents	11	19	6
		<b>29,327</b>	<b>30,158</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	12	(26,886)	(21,029)
Current income tax liabilities		(920)	-
Provisions for other liabilities and charges	13	(611)	(9,634)
		<b>(28,417)</b>	<b>(30,663)</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>910</b>	<b>(505)</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Provisions for other liabilities and charges	13	(3,740)	(4,266)
Other non-current liabilities	14	(492)	(509)
		<b>(4,232)</b>	<b>(4,775)</b>
<b>Net liabilities</b>		<b>(3,219)</b>	<b>(5,240)</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Ordinary shares	15	11,495	11,495
Accumulated deficit		(14,714)	(16,735)
<b>Equity shareholder's deficit</b>		<b>(3,219)</b>	<b>(5,240)</b>

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The financial statements on pages 7 to 26 were approved by the Board of directors on 15 December 2010 and signed on their behalf by



Heath Drewett  
Director

The notes on pages 11 to 26 are an integral part of these financial statements

# ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

	Notes	2010 £000	2009 £000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	16	6,875	-
Interest paid		(3)	(4)
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities</b>		<b>6,872</b>	<b>(4)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>6,872</b>	<b>(4)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	11	6	10
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6,878</b>	<b>6</b>

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# ATKINS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

	Ordinary shares £000	Accumulated deficit £000	Equity shareholder's (deficit)/ funds £000
Balance at 1 April 2008	11,495	(8,564)	2,931
Total comprehensive expense for the financial year	-	(8,171)	(8,171)
Balance at 31 March 2009	11,495	(16,735)	(5,240)
Total comprehensive income for the financial year	-	2,021	2,021
Balance at 31 March 2010	11,495	(14,714)	(3,219)

The notes on pages 11 to 26 are an integral part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010****1 Accounting policies**

Atkins Facilities Management Limited is a limited company registered in England and Wales. Its registered office is Woodcote Grove, Ashley Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BW, England.

**Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of Atkins Facilities Management Limited have been prepared in accordance with EU-adopted International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), IFRIC interpretations and the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of the amount, event or actions, actual results ultimately may differ from those estimates. Material estimates applied across the business are reviewed to a common standard and adjusted where appropriate to ensure that consistent treatment of similar and related issues that require judgement is achieved. Any revisions to estimates are recognised prospectively.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed on page 33 of the Business Review of the WS Atkins plc Group consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010 as well as in the Directors' Report of Atkins Facilities Management Limited.

The accounting policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented including the application of new IFRS standards and interpretations.

The balance sheet on page 8 of the financial statements shows that the Company's financial position is in a net liabilities position at the year end. The Company continues to receive support from the ultimate parent entity. The directors therefore have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the accounts.

**Basis of consolidation**

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of WS Atkins plc and is included in its consolidated financial statements which are publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 and IAS27, *Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements*.

**Functional and presentation currency**

Items included in the financial statements of Atkins Facilities Management Limited are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling thousands ('£000'), which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

**Revenue**

Revenue from long-term contracts comprises the value of work performed during the period calculated in accordance with the Company's policy for contract accounting set out below. Revenue from other contract activities represents fee income receivable in respect of services provided during the period.

Under certain services contracts, the Company manages customer expenditure and is obliged to purchase goods and services from third party contractors and recharge them on to the customer at cost. The amounts charged by contractors and recharged to customers are excluded from revenue and cost of sales. Receivables, payables and cash relating to these transactions are included in the Company balance sheet.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 (continued)****1 Accounting policies (continued)****Revenue recognition and contract accounting**

The value of contract work in progress comprises the costs incurred on contracts plus an appropriate proportion of overheads and attributable profit. Fees invoiced on account are deducted from the value of work in progress and the balance is separately disclosed in trade and other receivables as amounts recoverable on contracts, unless such fees exceed the value of the work in progress on any contract when the excess is separately disclosed in trade and other payables as fees invoiced in advance.

On consultancy contracts profit is recognised on a percentage completion basis when the outcome of a contract or project can be reasonably foreseen. Provision is made in full for estimated losses. Where the outcome of a contract cannot be reasonably foreseen, profit is taken on completion. Where contracts span two or more accounting periods profit is not generally recognised until the contract is 50% complete.

Revenue recognition on outsourcing contracts is determined by reference to the proportion of the annual service delivered to date. Where the costs of obligations in relation to the non-renewal or termination of a contract are higher in the final period of the contract a proportion of revenue is deferred each period to meet these anticipated costs. Full provision is made for losses on outsourcing contracts if the forecast costs of fulfilling the contract throughout the contract period exceed the forecast income receivable.

**Dividend income**

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

**Pre-contract costs**

The Company accounts for all pre-contract costs in accordance with IAS 11, *Construction contracts*. Costs incurred before it becomes probable that a contract will be obtained are charged to expenses. Directly attributable costs incurred after that point are recognised in the balance sheet and charged to the income statement over the duration of the contract.

Bid recovery fees are deferred and credited to the income statement over the duration of the contract.

**Income tax**

Current and deferred income tax are recognised in the income statement for the period except where the taxation arises as a result of a transaction or event that is recognised directly in equity. Income tax arising on transactions or events recognised directly in equity is charged or credited directly to equity.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, the deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using average tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 (continued)****1 Accounting policies (continued)****Impairment**

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are reviewed for impairment annually and when there are indications that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment wherever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units).

**Investments in subsidiaries**

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are stated at cost less impairment.

**Financial assets**

The Company classifies its financial assets into the category of loans and receivables.

***Loans and receivables***

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included within current assets except where the maturity is greater than 12 months after the balance sheet date in which case they are included as non-current assets. The Company's loans and receivables consist of trade and other receivables and cash and cash equivalents, which are shown separately within the balance sheet. Trade receivables are recognised at original invoice amount less provision for impairment, which, due to their short term nature, approximates to their fair value.

The Company assesses at each balance sheet date whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Any impairment is charged to the income statement.

**Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand.

**Trade payables**

Trade payables are recognised at original invoice amount.

**Provisions for other liabilities and charges**

Onerous contract provisions are recognised for losses on contracts where the forecast costs of fulfilling the contract throughout the contract period exceed the forecast income receivable. The provision is calculated based on discounted cash flows to the end of the contract.

**Ordinary shares**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 (continued)**

**1 Accounting policies (continued)**

**Application of new IFRS standards and interpretations**

**(a) The following standards, amendments and interpretations are effective in the current financial year but not relevant for the Company's operations**

- IFRS 8, *Operating segments* (effective 1 January 2009) – IFRS 8 replaces IAS 14, *Segment reporting*. It requires a 'management approach' under which segment information is presented on the same basis as that used for internal reporting purposes.
- Amendment to IFRS 7, *Financial instruments: Disclosures* (effective 1 January 2009) – The amendment requires enhanced disclosures about fair value measurement and liquidity risk. In particular, the amendment requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of a fair value measurement hierarchy.

**(b) The following standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective in the current financial year and have been adopted by the Company.**

- IAS 1 (revised), *Presentation of financial statements* (effective 1 January 2009) – The revised standard prohibits the presentation of items of income and expenses (that is, 'non-owner changes in equity') in the statement of changes in equity, requiring 'non-owner changes in equity' to be presented separately from owner changes in equity in a statement of comprehensive income. As a result the Company presents in the Statement of Changes in Equity all owner changes in equity, whereas all non-owner changes in equity are presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Comparative information has been re-presented so that it is also in conformity with the revised standard.

**(c) The following standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective in the current financial year but have not had a material impact on the financial statements of the Company.**

- IAS 23 (revised), *Borrowing costs* (effective 1 January 2009)
- Amendment to IAS 32, *Financial instruments: Presentation* (effective 1 January 2009)
- Amendment to IFRS 2, *Share based payments* (effective 1 January 2009)
- Amendment to IFRIC 9 and IAS 39 regarding embedded derivatives (effective 1 July 2008)
- IFRIC 13, *Customer loyalty programmes* relating to IAS 18, *Revenue* (effective 1 July 2008)
- IFRIC 14, IAS 19, *The limit on defined benefit assets, minimum funding requirements and their interaction* (effective 1 January 2008, but EU endorsed for use 1 January 2009)
- IFRIC 15, *Agreements for construction of real estates* (effective 1 January 2009, but EU endorsed for use 1 January 2010)
- IFRIC 16, *Hedges of a net investment in a foreign operation* (effective 1 October 2008, but EU endorsed for use 1 July 2009)

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 (continued)****1 Accounting policies (continued)****Application of new IFRS standards and interpretations (continued)**

(d) The following standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the Company:

- IFRS 3 (revised), *Business combinations* (effective 1 July 2009)
- IAS 27 (revised), *Consolidated and separate financial statements* (effective 1 July 2009)
- Amendment to IAS 39, *Financial Instruments Recognition and measurement on eligible hedged items* (effective 1 July 2009)
- Amendments to IFRS 2, *Share based payments* (effective 1 January 2010)
- Amendments to IFRS 1, *First time adoption – additional exemptions* (effective 1 January 2010)
- Amendment to IAS 32, *Financial instruments Presentation* (effective 1 February 2010)
- Amendment to IFRS 1, *First time adoption – financial instrument disclosures* (effective 1 July 2010)
- Amendment to IAS 24, *Related party disclosures* (effective 1 January 2011)
- IFRS 9, *Financial instruments – classification and measurement* (effective 1 January 2013)
- IFRIC 17 *Distributions of non-cash assets to owners* (effective 1 July 2009)
- IFRIC 18 *Transfer of assets from customers* (effective 1 July 2009)
- IFRIC 19 *Extinguishing financial liabilities with equity instruments* (effective 1 July 2010)
- Amendments to IFRIC 14, *Prepayments of a minimum funding requirement* (effective 1 January 2011)

**2 Financial risk management****Risk factors**

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including interest rate risk and price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

Financial risk management is carried out by a central treasury department ("Group Treasury") under policies approved by the Board of Directors. Group Treasury identifies, evaluates and hedges financial risks in close co-operation with the Company's operating units. The Board provides written principles for overall risk management, as well as written policies covering specific areas, such as foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, use of derivative financial instruments and non-derivative financial instruments, and investment of excess liquidity.

These policies are further described within the Treasury Policies and Objectives section on page 33 of the Business Review of the WS Atkins plc Group consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2010.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 (continued)****2 Financial risk management (continued)**

Where individual sensitivities are disclosed below, all other variables as held constant

**a) Market risk****i) Foreign exchange risk**

The Company operates in the UK only and all its transactions are denominated in its functional currency. There is therefore no foreign exchange risk.

**ii) Interest rate risk**

The Company's exposure to interest rate risk arises from cash and cash equivalents which are all interest bearing, offset in part by interest bearing borrowings. The majority of items included in the above are at floating rates of interest or fixed deposits for periods of less than six months, changes in the interest rate result in changes in interest related cash flow. No interest rate hedging is currently undertaken by the Company as the risk is not considered to be material.

**iii) Price risk**

The Company does not have any equity securities in its balance sheet and is not materially exposed to commodity price risk. Certain longer term project and framework contracts include indexation clauses that are applied to unit rates to offset the effect of inflation on input costs over the duration of the agreement. The Company is exposed to price risk to the extent that inflation differs from the index used and forecast project outcomes that form the basis of revenue recognition include an estimate of this risk where it is present.

**b) Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that the Company will suffer financial loss as a result of counterparties defaulting on their contractual obligations. The risk arises on cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables, with the maximum exposure to risk equivalent to 100% of the carrying value disclosed in the Company's balance sheet at 31 March. The Company does not hold any collateral as security.

For trade and other receivables, transferred to Atkins Limited in exchange for an intercompany balance, an assessment of credit quality of the customer is made where appropriate using a combination of external rating agencies, past experience and other factors. In circumstances where credit information is unavailable or poor, the risk is mitigated by use of advance payments and, by exception, through credit risk insurance. Company policy is not to apply individual credit limits, although exposure and payment performance are monitored closely both at individual project and client level, with a series of escalating debt recovery actions taken where necessary. The Company's customer base is broad and dispersed, there are no concentrations of credit risk that would cause concern.

**c) Liquidity risk**

The Company funds its activities through cash generated from its operations, intercompany balances and, where necessary, bank borrowings and finance leases. The Company's banking facilities are part of a wider Group facility and include cash facilities and bank guarantees. Cashflow forecasts are prepared covering various periods from short to long term to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet the Company's commitments as they fall due.

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**2 Financial risk management (continued)**

**c) Liquidity risk (continued)**

The table below analyses the maturity profile of the Company's non-derivative financial liabilities. Figures shown are undiscounted on a worst case basis.

	On demand or within 1 year £000	Between 1 and 2 years £000	Between 2 and 5 years £000	Over 5 years £000	Discount £000	Carrying value £000
<b>2010</b>						
Accruals and deferred income	9,014	-	-	-	-	9,014
Other payables	1,558	-	-	-	-	1,558
Amounts due to fellow group undertakings	9,916	-	-	-	-	9,916

	On demand or within 1 year £000	Between 1 and 2 years £000	Between 2 and 5 years £000	Over 5 years £000	Discount £000	Carrying value £000
<b>2009</b>						
Accruals and deferred income	6,385	-	-	-	-	6,385
Other payables	1,603	-	-	-	-	1,603
Amounts due to fellow group undertakings	8,143	-	-	-	-	8,143

The Company has no derivative financial instruments.

**Capital risk management**

The Company manages its capital to ensure that it is able to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders, and to minimise its cost of capital by maintaining an optimal capital structure.

For capital management purposes, the Company monitors the ratio of its net debt to EBITDA. This policy is unchanged from the prior year.

**3 Operating profit/(loss)**

	<b>2010</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>2009</b> <b>£000</b>
<b>Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging</b>		
Employee benefit costs (note 4)	-	-
Impairment of trade receivables		
- increase in provisions	3,908	671

**Services provided by the Company's auditor**

The audit fee of £68k for the year ended 31 March 2010 (2009: £68k) was borne by Atkins Limited, a fellow subsidiary undertaking.

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### 4 Employee benefit costs

No salaries or wages have been paid directly by the Company to employees, including directors, during the year. Salaries and related staff costs are included in the financial statements of Atkins Limited and recharged to the Company by way of a service charge amounting to £18,224k (2009: £25,204k).

The Company did not employ any staff during the year.

### 5 Directors' remuneration

None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their qualifying services to the Company during the year (2009: none). The emoluments of all directors are borne by another Group company, Atkins Limited.

K E F Clarke, H S Drewett and A H Griffiths are directors of WS Atkins plc, the ultimate parent company, and also directors of a number of other subsidiary companies in the Group, as was R J MacLeod until his resignation. The services provided by these four directors to this Company and to a number of other subsidiaries are of a non-executive nature and therefore their emoluments are deemed to be wholly attributable to their services provided to WS Atkins plc.

R W Hall, I R Purser and M A Sowerby are directors of a number of other subsidiary companies in the Group and therefore it is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of their emoluments in respect of the subsidiaries.

Accordingly, no emoluments have been included in respect of the above directors.

Key management comprises only the directors.

Three directors exercised share options in the ultimate parent undertaking during the year to 31 March 2010 (2009: three).

On 30 September 2007 the principal defined benefit scheme was closed to future accrual of benefits and therefore none of the directors accrued pension benefits under a defined benefit scheme during the year (2009: none). Five directors received contributions to a money purchase scheme (2009: six).

### 6 Finance cost

	2010 £000	2009 £000
Unwinding of discount (note 13)	564	513
Other finance costs	3	4
<b>Net finance cost</b>	<b>567</b>	<b>517</b>

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**7 Income tax**

<b>a) Analysis of charge/(credit) for year</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Current income tax		
- Current year	921	-
- Adjustment in respect of prior years	-	(126)
Deferred income tax		
- Current year	71	1
- Adjustment in respect of prior years	(134)	(2)
<b>Income tax on profit/(loss) per income statement</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>(127)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) before income tax per income statement</b>	<b>2,879</b>	<b>(8,298)</b>
<b>Effective income tax rate</b>	<b>29.8%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

**b) Factors affecting income tax expense**

The income tax expense for the year is higher (2009 higher) than that would be expected using the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2009 28%). The differences are explained below

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
UK statutory income tax rate	28.0	28.0
Increase/(decrease) resulting from		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	6.4	(1.1)
Other	-	(2.6)
Losses surrendered for nil consideration	-	(24.3)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	(4.6)	1.5
<b>Effective income tax rate</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>1.5</b>

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**8 Investments**

	Subsidiaries £000	Associates £000	Total £000
Cost at 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009	4,000	3	4,003
Disposals	-	(3)	(3)
Cost at 31 March 2010	4,000	-	4,000
Impairment at 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009	(4,000)	(3)	(4,003)
Disposals	-	3	3
Impairment at 31 March 2010	(4,000)	-	(4,000)
<b>Net book value at 31 March 2010</b>	-	-	-
Net book value at 31 March 2009	-	-	-

The Company holds 100% of the ordinary shares of WS Atkins Property Services Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, which remains dormant. At 31 March 2009 the Company also held 25% of the ordinary shares of Primary Management (Aldershot) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, which previously provided facilities management at Aldershot Garrison under a contract with the Ministry of Defence. Primary Management (Aldershot) Limited was dissolved on 11 August 2009.

**9 Deferred income tax**

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income taxes relate to the same fiscal authority. The offset amounts are as follows:

	2010 £000	2009 £000
Deferred tax assets		
- Deferred tax asset to be recovered within 12 months	103	40
Deferred tax liabilities	-	-
<b>Total deferred tax asset</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>40</b>

**a) Deferred tax assets**

	2010 £000	2009 £000
Accelerated depreciation	10	5
Other temporary differences	93	35
<b>Total deferred income tax</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>40</b>

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**9 Deferred income tax (continued)**

**b) Analysis of movements during the year**

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
Deferred tax asset at 1 April	40	39
Deferred tax credited to the income statement (note 7)	63	1
Deferred tax asset at 31 March	103	40

A number of changes to the UK corporation tax system were announced in the June 2010 Budget Statement, including the reduction in the main rate of corporation tax from 28% to 24% over a period of four years. As these changes had not been substantially enacted at the balance sheet date, they have not been reflected in these financial statements.

**10 Trade and other receivables**

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
<b>Current assets</b>		
Amounts recoverable on contracts	1,436	1,126
Other receivables	995	785
Prepayments and accrued income	205	134
Amounts due from fellow Group undertakings	26,672	28,107
	<b>29,308</b>	<b>30,152</b>

Trade receivables are held by a representative of the Company, Atkins Limited. The Company bears the risk of non-payment of trade receivables by the external party. The cost of uncollectable trade receivables and the provisions for impairment are charged to the Company. The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other receivables approximates their fair value.

At 31 March 2010 £4,083k (2009 £5,115k) of trade receivables were within normal payment terms and considered to be fully performing. A further £1,572k (2009 £2,597k) were past due date and aged up to six months from invoice date, which carried a provision for impairment of £nil (2009 £nil). Trade receivables aged beyond six months of invoice date totalled £860k (2009 £2,226k) and carried a provision for impairment of £367k (2009 £1,277k).

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**10 Trade and other receivables (continued)**

Movements in the Company provision for impairment of trade receivables were as follows

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
Provision for impairment at 1 April	(1,277)	(894)
Increase in provisions	(6,516)	(1,340)
Release of provisions	2,608	669
Receivables written off as uncollectable	4,818	288
<b>Provision for impairment at 31 March</b>	<b>(367)</b>	<b>(1,277)</b>

The creation and release of the provision have been included within revenue in the income statement. Receivables written off as uncollectable are included in administrative expenses in the income statement.

None of the financial assets that are fully performing were renegotiated during the year.

**11 Cash and cash equivalents**

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
Cash at bank and in hand	19	6

**12 Trade and other payables**

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Fees invoiced in advance	6,381	4,881
Deferred PFI/PPP bid costs recovered and development fees (note 14)	17	17
Accruals and deferred income	9,014	6,385
Other payables	1,558	1,603
Amounts due to fellow Group undertakings	9,916	8,143
	<b>26,886</b>	<b>21,029</b>

Trade payables are held by a representative of the Company, Atkins Limited.

The directors consider that the carrying value of the Company's trade and other payables approximates their fair value.

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**13 Provisions for other liabilities and charges**

**Provisions for onerous contracts**

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
<b>Current</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>9,634</b>
Between one and two years	253	380
Between two and five years	372	525
Over five years	3,115	3,361
<b>Non-current</b>	<b>3,740</b>	<b>4,266</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,351</b>	<b>13,900</b>

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
Balance at 1 April 2009	13,900	7,325
Charge to income statement	-	8,009
Provisions utilised	(6,413)	(1,947)
Provisions released	(3,700)	-
Unwinding of discount	564	513
<b>Balance at 31 March 2010</b>	<b>4,351</b>	<b>13,900</b>

The onerous contracts provisions primarily relate to PFI schools and hospital facilities management contracts

The onerous contracts provisions are discounted. No provision has been released or utilised for any purpose other than for which it was established. The provision is expected to be utilised over the next 20 years.

**14 Other non-current liabilities**

**Deferred PFI/PPP bid costs recovered and development fees**

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
Maturing between one and two years	17	17
Maturing between two and five years	50	50
Maturing after more than five years	425	442
	<b>492</b>	<b>509</b>

Included in the above are deferred bid costs recovered on the Colchester Garrison project which are being credited to income over the 35-year life of the contract.



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**15 Ordinary shares**

		2010		2009
	No. of Shares	£000	No. of Shares	£000
<b>Authorised</b>				
Authorised at 1 April ordinary shares of £1 each	11,495,002	11,495	11,495,002	11,495
Authorised at 31 March ordinary shares of £1 each	N/a <sup>1</sup>	N/a <sup>1</sup>	11,495,002	11,495
<b>Issued, allotted and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each</b>				
At 1 April	11,495,002	11,495	11,495,002	11,495
At 31 March	11,495,002	11,495	11,495,002	11,495

<sup>1</sup> On 22 December 2009 the Company passed a resolution adopting new articles of association of the Company. From 1 October 2009, the Companies Act 2006 abolished the requirement for a company to have an authorised share capital and, hence, the Company's new articles of association do not include an authorised share capital.

**16 Cash generated from continuing operations**

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
Profit/(loss) for the year	2,021	(8,171)
Adjustments for		
Income tax (note 7)	858	(127)
Finance cost (note 6)	567	517
Release of deferred income (note 12)	17	(17)
Movement in provisions (note 13)	10,114	6,062
Increase in working capital	(6,701)	1,736
Cash generated from operations	6,875	-

**17 Analysis of net funds**

	At 31 March	Cash	At 31 March
	2009	flow	2010
	£000	£000	£000
Cash and cash equivalents	6	6,872	6,878
Net funds	6	6,872	6,878

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**18 Contingent liabilities**

The Company is included in a Group Registration for Value Added Tax purposes and is, therefore, joint and severally liable for all other group undertakings' unpaid debts in this connection. The Company has given a cross guarantee in respect of fellow subsidiaries overdraft facilities in the ordinary course of business.

**19 Related party transactions**

**a) Sales and purchases of goods and services**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Sales of goods and services to		
- Fellow Group undertakings	<b>10,627</b>	<b>4,168</b>
Purchases of goods and services from		
- Fellow Group undertakings	<b>1,840</b>	<b>1,830</b>

**b) Year-end balances arising from sales/purchases of goods and services**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Receivables from		
- Fellow Group undertakings	<b>26,672</b>	<b>28,107</b>
Payables to		
- Fellow Group undertakings	<b>9,916</b>	<b>8,143</b>

Provision of goods and services to and purchases of goods and services from related parties were made at the rates charged to external customers. The amounts outstanding are unsecured and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received. No provision has been made for doubtful debts in respect of amounts owed by related parties and £nil charged to income and expense (2009: £nil).

Details of the Company's principal subsidiaries are shown in note 8.

Details of directors' emoluments and payments to key management personnel are disclosed in note 5.

Key management comprises the directors.

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**20 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party**

WS Atkins plc, which is registered in England and Wales, is the Company's immediate and ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party. WS Atkins plc heads the largest and smallest group of undertakings for which Group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member.

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