# **COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 2600118**

# NEW ACRES LIMITED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

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# **ACCOUNTS**

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

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# OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

**Board of directors** E J S Gadsden

M R Warner

Company secretary C W Robinson

Registered office 121 High Street

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Auditors Nexia Smith & Williamson LLP

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors Portwall Place Portwall Lane

Bristol BS1 6NA

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2008.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year was engagement in landfill operations. The directors are pleased with the results of the company during the year and the position of the company at the end of it.

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached accounts.

The directors have not proposed a dividend in respect of the year (2007 - none).

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served the company during the period were as follows:

E J S Gadsden

M R Warner

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Michelmersh Brick Holdings plc and the interests of the group directors are disclosed in the accounts of the parent company.

#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The accounts are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

# **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES** (continued)

In so far as each of the directors are aware:

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

#### **AUDITORS**

A resolution to re-appoint Nexia Smith & Williamson as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Signed on behalf of the directors

C W Robinson Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 23 April 2009

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

We have audited the accounts of New Acres Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and accompanying notes, and which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholder, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholder those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholder as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

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

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

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

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

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

#### BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

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

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER

### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

### **OPINION**

In our opinion:

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

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Nexia Smith & Williamson LLP Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors Bristol

23 April 2009

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

		2008	2007
	Note	£000	£000
TURNOVER	2	652	734
Cost of sales		(323)	(295)
GROSS PROFIT		329	439
Administrative expenses		(113)	(87)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BE TAXATION	FORE	216	352
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	-	-
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		216	352

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these accounts.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# **31 DECEMBER 2008**

	Note		2008 £000		2007 £000
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	7		67		70
Tangible assets	8		37		40
			104		110
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	1,062		1,199	
Cash at bank		69		108	
		1,131		1,307	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due		,		•	
within one year	10	(163)		(561)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			968	<del></del>	746
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT	LIABILI	TIES	1,072		856
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
after more than one year	11		-		-
			1,072		856
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
Deferred taxation	12		(1)		(1)
			1.071		
			1,071		855
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Share capital	14		10		. 10
Profit and loss account	15		1,061		845
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FUNDS	16		1,071		855

These accounts were approved by the directors on 23 April 2009 and are signed on their behalf by:

M R Warner Director

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The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these accounts.

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### Cash flow statement

The company is exempt from preparing a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary and a consolidated cash flow statement will be produced in the parent company's consolidated accounts.

#### Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts receivable for goods sold and services rendered during the period, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

#### Depreciation

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

Plant & Machinery

3 - 25% straight line

Site development costs, plus the discounted cost of any estimated final site restoration for which the company has created a legal or constructive obligation to undertake on landfill sites are capitalised. These costs are written off over the operational life of the site, as and when the void space created as a result of this expenditure is consumed.

#### Site provisions

### Site restoration provision

Full provision is made for the net present value of the company's estimated minimum unavoidable cost in relation to restoration liabilities, where this is material.

### Site after care provision

The company provides for the estimated cost of site after care over the useful economic life of the landfill site, based on volumes of waste deposited in the year, since liabilities in relation to their costs increase as waste is deposited. Provision is not made where no significant cost is expected.

#### Amortisation of landfill

Amortisation is charged to the profit and loss account in respect of landfill void usage over the life of the landfill void created. This charge is made by the parent company where the land asset is recognised.

### Pension costs

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

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when recovery is more likely than not.

#### Licences

The costs of preparing and submitting applications for licences have been capitalised as an intangible fixed asset. Amortisation has been calculated so as to write off the cost of the licence over the operational life of the site to which it relates.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company which arose wholly within the United Kingdom.

### 3. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
Amortisation	3	2
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	3	4
Auditor's remuneration	1	1
Amortisation of landfill	148	112

#### 4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

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

2006

2007

	2008	2007
	No	No
Number of production staff	-	2
Number of administrative staff	2	2
	2	4
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:		
	2008	2007
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	57	62
Social security costs	6	6
Other pension costs	3	3
•		
	66	71
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### Directors' remuneration

During the year, E J S Gadsden and M R Warner, directors of the parent company and fellow subsidiaries were paid by the parent company. Costs relating to this company are recharged through the overall management charge by the parent company.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

5.	TAX ON	<b>PROFIT</b>	ON ORDINARY	ACTIVITIES

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	2008 £000	2007 £000
Deferred tax Movement in deferred tax provision (note 12)	<u>-</u> :	-

# (b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed is lower (2007 – lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2007 – 30%). The differences are explained below.

Factors affecting current tax charge

	2008 £000	2007 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	216	352
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the		
standard rate of tax	61	106
Income not taxable	(2)	(3)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	1	(1)
Other timing differences	-	-
Transfer pricing adjustment	13	-
Group relief	(73)	(102)
•	<u> </u>	`—´
Total current tax	<u> </u>	-

### 6. DIVIDENDS

The following dividends have been paid or proposed in respect of the year:

	2008 £000	2007 £000
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	<u>-</u>	400
Proposed dividends on ordinary shares not accrued for in these accounts	· <u>·</u>	

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

7.	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
			PPC Licence
	COST At 1 January 2008 Additions		75 -
	At 31 December 2008		75
	DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2008 Charge for the year		5 3
	At 31 December 2008		8
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2008		67
	At 31 December 2007		70
8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
		Machinery Developme	ite ent Total 000 £000
	COST At 1 January 2008 and at 31 December 2008	9 -	7988
	DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2008 Charge for the year	9 -	39 48 3 3
	At 31 December 2008	<u>9</u>	42 51
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2008	<u>.</u>	37 37
	At 31 December 2007	-	40 40
9.	DEBTORS		
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings Prepayments and accrued income	2008 £000 102 951 9	2007 £000 167 1,025 7 1,199
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

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10.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within	n one year			
			2008		2007
			£000		£000
	Amounts due to group undertakings		148		548
	Accruals and deferred income		15		13
			1/2		561
			<u>163</u>		561
11.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after	more than one ye	ar		
			2008		2007
			£000		£000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings		-		-
					-
12.	DEFERRED TAXATION				
	The movement in the deferred taxation pro	vision during the	period was	•	
			2008		2007
			£000		£000
	Provision brought forward		1		1
	Movement in the provision		-		_
	•				
	Provision carried forward		<u> </u>		<u> </u>
	The provision for deferred taxation consists	s of the tax effect	of timing d	lifferences in resp	ect of:
			2008		2007
			£000		£000
	Excess of taxation allowances over deprec	iation on			
	fixed assets		1		1
13,	RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		<del></del>		
15,					
	The company has taken advantage of the 8, from disclosing transactions with entities subsidiary whose voting rights are controll group have been prepared.	es that are part of	f the group	on the grounds th	at it is a
14.	SHARE CAPITAL				
	Authorised share capital:				
	radio i non mais sapitan		2008		2007
			£000		£000
	10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		10		10
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:				
	, <b>F F</b>	2008		2007	
		No	£000	No	£000
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10	10,000	10
				<u> </u>	-

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

15.	PROFIT	AND	LOSS	ACCOUNT

	2008	2007
	£000	£000
Balance brought forward	845	893
Profit for the year	216	352
Dividends paid	-	(400)
	1,061	845

### 16. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

2008	2007
£000	£000
216	352
-	(400)
216	(48)
855	903
1,071	855
	£000 216  216 855

#### 17. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate parent company is Michelmersh Brick Holdings plc, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate controlling party is E J S Gadsden. A copy of the parent company's consolidated accounts may be obtained from the registered office of the company.

### 18. CONTINGENCIES

The bank holds a cross guarantee between the company, its fellow subsidiaries and the parent company, dated 23 March 2006. At the year-end the total group bank borrowings were £16,905,000 (2006 - £15,539,000).