## SAINT-GOBAIN EMPLOYEE SHARE PLANS LIMITED

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** 

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

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The Directors submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008. The Company has not traded during the year.

#### **DIRECTORS**

R.Lazard

(resigned 24 February 2009)

T. Lambert

(appointed 24 February 2009)

A.R. Oxenham

The Company is exempted from disclosing interests (if any) of the Directors and their families in the share capital of the ultimate parent company by virtue of the Companies (Disclosure of Directors Interests)(Exemptions) Regulations 1985 (SI1995/802).

No Director has any interests requiring disclosure under the Companies Act 1985.

The Directors confirm that the Company was dormant within the meaning of Section 250(3) of the Companies Act 1985 throughout the accounting year ended on the balance sheet date.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

A.R. Oxenham Director

5 October 2009

Saint-Gobain House Binley Business Park Coventry CV3 2TT

Registered No. 2716363

# SAINT-GOBAIN EMPLOYEE SHARE PLANS LIMITED STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company. In preparing those financial statements the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

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

# SAINT-GOBAIN EMPLOYEE SHARE PLANS LIMITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

|  | <u>Notes</u> | 31 December<br>2008<br>£ | 31 December<br>2007<br>£ |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS<br>Debtors                    |              | 2                        | 2                        |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital | 3            | 2                        | 2                        |
| Profit and loss account                      |              |                          | -                        |
| Shareholders' funds                          |              | 2                        | 2                        |

For the year ended 31 December 2008 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

No members have required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249B(2).

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- i. ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221;
   and
- ii. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of its financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

Approved by the board on Sochber 2009

A.R. Oxenham Director

# SAINT-GOBAIN EMPLOYEE SHARE PLANS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting policies under the historical cost convention.

As permitted by Financial Reporting Standard 8 – "Related Party Disclosures", the financial statements do not disclose transactions with companies that are part of the ultimate holding company's Group, on the grounds that the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the ultimate holding company includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

### 2. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

None of the Directors received any emoluments during the year (31 December 2007: £Nil).

No (2007: nil) Director exercised share options held in Compagnie de Saint-Gobain during the year.

#### 3. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

|   |                 | Allotted and |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
|   | Authorised<br>£ | fully paid   |
| Ordinary shares of £1 each                  | ~               | 2            |
| At 31 December 2008 and at 31 December 2007 | 100,000         | 2            |

#### 4. HOLDING COMPANIES

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Saint-Gobain Plc.

The ultimate holding and controlling company is Compagnie de Saint-Gobain, incorporated in France. The intermediate holding company is Saint-Gobain Building Distribution Limited, incorporated in the UK.

The consolidated accounts for Compagnie de Saint-Gobain are also available to the public and may be obtained from Compagnie de Saint-Gobain, Les Miroirs, 18 Avenue d'Alsace, 92096 La Défense Cédex, Paris, France. Compagnie de Saint-Gobain is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the Company is a member.