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**London & Regional Properties Limited** 

Report and accounts

for the year ended 30 September 2007

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# London & Regional Properties Limited Company information for the year ended 30 September 2007

## **Directors**

Mr C King Mr R Luck

## Company secretary

Mr R N Luck

## Registered office

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## Independent auditors

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# London & Regional Properties Limited Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2007

The directors present their report and audited accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 2007

## Principal activities and review of the business

The company acts as a provider of a wide range of property management and development services. The directors consider the financial position at 30 September 2007 to be satisfactory.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to the fact that the company operates within a highly competitive market place. Further discussion of the risks and uncertainties, in the context of the group as a whole, are discussed in the company's ultimate parent's group annual report which does not form part of this report.

## Key performance indicators

London & Regional Properties Limited is managed by the Directors in accordance with its ultimate parent company, Loopsign Limited, group strategies and for this reason, the directors believe that further key performance indicators for the company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. These strategies and key performance indicators are discussed in the company's ultimate parent's group annual report which does not form part of this report.

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 5. During the year certain loans from related undertakings were waived, producing an exceptional profit of £34,539,024. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2006. £nil)

#### **Directors**

The directors of the company who served during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were

Mr I M Livingstone (resigned 4 April 2007)

Mr C King

Mr R Luck

Mr J Mills (resigned 3 July 2007)

## Going concern

The directors believe that preparing the accounts on the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continued financial support of the ultimate parent company Loopsign Limited. The directors have received confirmation that Loopsign Limited intend to support the company for at least one year after these financial statements are signed.

## Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The company maintains liability insurance for its directors and officer. Following shareholder approval, the company has also provided an indemnity for its directors and the company secretary which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985.

## Independent auditors and disclosure of information to auditors

In so far as the directors are aware

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are 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 company's auditors are aware of that information

During the year UHY Hacker Young resigned as auditors to the company, and the directors appointed

The company passed an elective resolution during the period, pursuant to Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985, electing to dispense with the obligation to re-appoint auditors annually. The resolution remains in force

By order of the board

Mr C King Director

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July 2008

# London & Regional Properties Limited Statement of directors' responsibilities for the year ended 30 September 2007

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give 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 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 UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business, in which case there should be supporting assumptions or qualifications as necessary

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with 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.

Mr C King

Director

3 July 2008

## **London & Regional Properties Limited**

## independent auditors' report to the members of London & Regional Properties Limited

We have audited the financial statements of London & Regional Properties Limited for the year ended 30 September 2007 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

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

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, 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.

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

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

We read other information contained in the Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Directors' Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

## Basis of audit opinion

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

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

## Opinion

in our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended.
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

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## London & Regional Properties Limited Profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Turnover		4,059,623	4,435,916
Administrative expenses		(13,087,066)	(18,474,766)
Operating loss	2	(9,027,443)	(14,038,850)
Exceptional items	4	34,541,224	(1,562,971)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before interest		25,513,781	(15,601,821)
Income from investments Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	5	4,984,336 (8,647,135)	405,672 1,649,657 (1,941,710)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		21,850,982	(15,488,202)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	6	-	46,178
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	12	21,850,982	(15,442,024)

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There is no material difference between the profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit/(loss) stated above and their historical costs equivalents

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above, and therefore no separate statement of recognised gains and losses has been presented

## London & Regional Properties Limited **Balance sheet** as at 30 September 2007

	Note		2007 £		2006 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		3,904,827		4,328,202
Investments	8		118,856,847		18,828
	ŭ	_	122,761,674	-	4,347,030
Current assets					
Debtors	9	446,610,943		448,140,834	
Cash at bank and in hand		49,167,224		84,085,405	
		495,778,167		532,226,239	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(621,355,142)		(561,239,552)	
due within one year	10	(021,333,142)		(501,200,002)	
Net current liabilities			(125,576,975)		(29,013,313)
Net liabilities		- -	(2,815,301)		(24,666,283)
Capital and reserves					_
Called up share capital	11		8		8
Profit and loss account	12		(2,815,309)		(24,666,291)
Shareholders' funds		_			
Equity			(2,815,307)		(24,666,289)
Non-equity		L	6		6
Total shareholders' deficit	13	-	(2,815,301)		(24,666,283)
	13	-			

Mr C King Director 3 | July 2008

## 1 Accounting policies

## Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified to include the revaluation of investment properties, and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the period, are set out below.

#### Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in respect of all timing differences that have originated, but not reversed, at the balance sheet date that give rise to an obligation to pay more or less tax in the future. Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless, by the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to anse on sale has been recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis. A deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### **Development properties**

Development properties represent property held with the intention of resale. Development property is included at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where cost exceeds the value of the property then adjustments are made to write down the value accordingly. Cost represents all costs incurred to the balance sheet date but does not include any interest costs.

#### Investments

All investments are stated at cost, less amounts written off

## Turnover

Turnover comprises management charges receivable from group undertakings and other sundry turnover net of value added tax, recognised when the risks and rewards are transferred

#### Depreciation

Provision is made for depreciation on all tangible assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows

Fixtures & Fittings 20% per annum on a straight line basis Motor Vehicles 20% per annum on a straight line basis Airplane 6 67% per annum on a straight line basis

#### Pension

The pension cost charge in the financial statements represents the contributions payable by the company during the year

#### Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term

## Investment in subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recorded at cost plus incidental expenses less any provision for impairment. Impairment reviews are performed by the directors when there has been an indication of potential impairment.

## 1 Accounting policies (continued)

## Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised 1996) from including a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its ultimate parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement

## **Exemption from consolidation**

The financial statements contain information about London & Regional Properties Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its parent, London & Regional Group Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales

2	Operating loss	2007 £	2006 £
	This is stated after charging/(crediting)		
	Auditors' remuneration Depreciation of owned fixed assets Operating leases - land and buildings Employee benefit trusts	200,250 442,658 530,216 2,762,739	39,250 446,257 446,257 7,500,000
3	Staff costs	2007 £	2006 £
	Employee costs including executive directors amounted to		
	Salaries Pension costs Social security costs	5,936,907 4,100 742,461 6,683,468	4,315,246 3,915 542,874 4,862,035
	The average weekly number of employees including	Number	Number
	executive directors was		
	Management and administration	35	31
		£	£
	Directors' emoluments were as follows Directors' remuneration	2,649,915	942,708
	The company has also made contributions to employees' personal pens £4,100 (2006 £3,915)	sion schemes amour	nting to
		£	£
	Highest paid director Remuneration Pension contribution	1,982,415 	471,667

4	Exceptional items	2007 £	2006 £
	Waivers/(provisions) against loans from/(to) related undertakings Profit on sale of tangible fixed asset	34,539,024 2,200 34,541,224	(1,562,971) - (1,562,971)
5	Interest payable and similar charges	2007 £	2006 £
	Bank overdraft interest Other interest	16,520 8,630,615 8,647,135	1,941,710 1,941,710
6	Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	2007 £	2006 £
	Payment for group relief surrendered		(46,178)
	Factors affecting tax charge for period  The differences between the tax assessed for the period and the standard and fallows.	ard rate of corporation	on tax are
	explained as follows	2007	2006
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	£ 21,850,982	£ (15,488,202)
	Standard rate of corporation tax in the UK	30%	30%
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of	£	£
	corporation tax	6,555,295	(4,646,461)
	Effects of Income not taxable Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Depreciation in excess of capital allowances Surrender of tax losses through group relief	(10,361,707) 835,427 29,561 2,941,424	474,885 20,034 4,151,542
	Payment for group relief surrendered  Current tax charge for period	<u> </u>	(46,178)
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7	Tangible	fixed	assets
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Tungible fixed deserts		Fixtures &	Motor	
	Airplane	Equipment	Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 October 2006	4,640,369	1,018,419	244,667	5,903,455
Additions	-	19,283	-	19,283
Disposals			(10,000)	(10,000)
At 30 September 2007	4,640,369	1,037,702	234,667	5,912,738
Depreciation				
At 1 October 2006	618,716	715,820	240,717	1,575,253
Charge for the year	309,358	131,983	1,317	442,658
On disposals	<del></del>		(10,000)	(10,000)
At 30 September 2007	928,074	847,803	232,034	2,007,911
Net book value				
At 30 September 2007	3,712,295_	189,899	2,633	3,904,827
At 30 September 2006	4,021,653	302,599	3,950	4,328,202

## 8 Investments

Cost	Investments in subsidiary undertakings £
At 1 October 2006	18,828
Provision against diminution in value	(18,828)
At 30 September 2007	

The company owns 100% of the share capital of London & Regional Properties GmbH, a company incorporated in Germany and whose principal activity was the provision of advisory services. The company has been put into liquidation

	2007 £	2006 £
Unlisted investments	118,856,847	

Unlisted investments comprise unsecured loan notes issued by the David Loyd Leisure Group, a joint venture undertaking, which are repayable in 2017 and accrue interest at 12% per annum compounde in the opinion of the directors, the value of the unlisted investments was not less than the cost

9	Debtors	2007 £	2006 £
	Trade debtors	8,704	33,104
	Amounts owed by ultimate controlling parties	36,502,526	2,523,600
	Amounts due from group undertakings	363,577,113	421,753,404
	Amounts due from joint ventures	13,607,401	42,115
	Development projects	8,718,186	8,583,778
	Prepayments and accrued income	4,236,163	4,660,641
	Taxation and social security	908,815	-
	Other debtors	19,052,035_	10,544,192
		446.610.943	448.140.834

10	Creditors amounts falling due wit	hın one year		2007	2006
				£	£
	Trade creditors			566,688	1,038,036
	Amounts due to group undertakings			618,924,435	558,512,664
	Other taxes and social security costs			248,313	305,711
	Other creditors			1,206,294	1,261,176
	Accruals and deferred income			409,412	121,965
				621,355,142	561,239,552
	Amounts due to group undertakings	are unsecured and r	non-interest bea	inng	
11	Called up share capital			2007	2006
				£	£
	Authorised				
	Ordinary shares of £1 each			2	2
	Deferred shares of \$1 each			6	6
				8	8
		2007	2006	2007	2006
		Number	Number	£	3
	Allotted and fully paid				
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2	2	2
	Deferred shares of \$1 each	10	10	6	6
		12	12	8	8
	Class Rights				

Class Rights
The deferred shares of \$1 each carry the right to repayment of \$1 each on a winding up, carry no other right to participate in the capital or income of the company and the holders are entitled to one vote for every two shares held

12	Profit and loss account	2007 £	2006 £
	At 1 October 2006	(24,666,291)	(9,224,267)
	Profit/(loss) for the financial year	21,850,982	(15,442,024)
	At 30 September 2007	(2,815,309)	(24,666,291)
13	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' deficit	2007 £	2006 £
	A4 4 October 2000	(0.1.000.000)	(0.00.4.000)
	At 1 October 2006	(24,666,283)	(9,224,259)
	Profit/(loss) for the financial year	(24,666,283) 21,850,982	(9,224,259) (15,442,024)

#### 14 Other financial commitments

At the year end the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

	Land and buildings 2007	Land and buildings 2006	Other 2007	Other 2006
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire				
within one year	-	-	•	-
within two to five years	-	-	-	-
ın over five years	303,120	303,120		
	303,120	303,120		

## 15 Related parties

At 30 September 2007 the company was owed by I M. Livingstone and R J. Livingstone, former directors of the company, £36,502,526 (2006 £2,523,600). The loan is included in debtors in note 9. The maximum loan outstanding during the year was £36,502,526 (2006 £7,511,462). The loan is interest free and repayable on demand. The loan was repaid subsequent to the year end.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS8 that transactions do not need to be disclosed with companies 90% or more whose voting rights are controlled within the group

At 30 September 2007 the company was owed £697,893 (2006 £708,963) by Optika Holdings Limited, a company 50% indirectly owned by I M Livingstone The loan does not bear interest and is repayable on demand

## 16 Parent undertaking

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of London & Regional Group Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales

The ultimate parent undertaking is Loopsign Ltd, a company incorporated in England and Wales

Copies of the Loopsign Limited consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the company secretary at

Quadrant House, Floor 6 17 Thomas More Street Thomas More Square London E1W 1YW

The ultimate controlling parties are I M Livingstone and R J Livingstone through their joint ownership of Loopsign Limited