Biwater Industries Limited

Report and financial statements

Year ended 30 September 2021

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Biwater Industries Limited is registered as a Limited Company in England & Wales

Company Number 03107022

Board of Directors

Sir Adrian White CBE, DL, C Sci, D Univ, FCIWEM J S Lamb (resigned 28 February 2023)

Company Secretary

J S Lamb LLB (resigned 28 February 2023)
J J Jones (appointed 1 March 2023)

Registered Office

Biwater House, Station Approach, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1TZ

Auditors

BDO LLP, 2 City Place, Beehive Ring Road, Gatwick, West Sussex, RH6 0PA

Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2021

The Directors submit their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021.

Change of accounting reference date

In the previous financial year, the Company changed its accounting reference date to 30 September and accordingly the prior year comparatives in these statements are for the 18 month period from 1 April 2019 to 30 September 2020.

Revenue and operating result

The Company reports turnover for the period of £Nil (18 months ended 30 September 2020: £Nil) and a loss before taxation of £5,279 (18 months ended 30 September 2020: loss of £3,662).

A loss has been transferred to reserves of £5,279 (18 months ended 30 September 2020: loss of £3,662).

Trading performance

The company did not trade during the year.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2020: £nil).

Going concern

These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, however as explained further in note 1, at this point in time, there are a number of material uncertainties which may cast significant doubt over the Group's and Company's ability to continue as a going concern and therefore its ability to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

Directors

The director who served throughout the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements was Sir Adrian White. Mr J S Lamb resigned on 28 February 2023.

Directors' indemnities

The Company maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers. Following shareholder approval in July 2005, the Company has also provided an indemnity for its directors and secretary, which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent auditors

The auditors, BDO LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2021

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland Section 1A. 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Statement as to disclosure of information to the auditors

So far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the Company's auditors are unaware and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken in his duty 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.

In preparing this directors' report, advantage has been taken of the small companies' exemption.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by

Sir Adrian White

Director

01 November 2023

Independent auditor's report for the year ended 30 September 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BIWATER INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Disclaimer of opinion on the financial statements

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of Biwater Industries Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 30 September 2021, which comprise the profit and loss account and statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity, and the related notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

We do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statements of the Company. Because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Disclaimer of Opinion section of our report, we have not been able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for disclaimer of opinion

As set out in note 1 to the financial statements which indicates the directors' consideration over going concern, there are a number of material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the group's and therefore the company's ability to continue as a going concern. These material uncertainties include completion of a capital raise that is sufficient to enable customer financing to close, obtaining final in country and financing approvals including IMF approval of the non-concessional lending limit in Ghana, and obtaining further funding in the event any of the above or the timing of contract receipts are delayed from that forecast, as disclosed in note 1 to the financial statements. Based on the multiple material uncertainties, their nature, and significance to the financial statements we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence that the financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis.

We concluded that the impact of our inability to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence relating to the matter set out above could be both material and pervasive to the financial statements.

Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

Because of the significance of the matter described in the basis for disclaimer of opinion section of our report, we have been unable to form an opinion, whether based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Notwithstanding our disclaimer of opinion on the financial statements, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit performed subject to the pervasive limitation described above, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

Arising from the limitation of our work referred to above we have not obtained all the information and explanations that we considered necessary for the purposes of our audit.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the Company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made.

Responsibilities of Directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit of the company's financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and to issue an auditor's report. However, because of the matter described in the basis for disclaimer of opinion section, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion on the financial statements. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Based on our understanding of the Company and the industry in which it operates, discussion with management and those charged with governance, obtaining and understanding of the Company's policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the significant laws and regulations to be the UK adopted international accounting standards, tax legislation and the Companies Act 2006.
- We have gained an understanding as to how the Company is complying with those legal and regulatory
 frameworks through enquiries of management and those charged with governance responsible for legal
 and compliance procedures. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes.
- The relevant laws and regulations identified, in addition to fraud risks and how and where this may occur
 were communicated to the audit engagement team who remained alert to any indications of fraud or noncompliance with laws and regulation throughout the audit.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the entity's financial statements to material misstatement, including how
 fraud might occur by discussing with management where it is considered there was a susceptibility of fraud
 relating to management estimates and journal entries. In addressing the risk of fraud we reviewed

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managements estimates for indications of bias, and tested a sample of journal entries throughout the year, which met a defined risk criteria, by agreeing to supporting documentation.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it. In addition, the extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud was limited by the matter described in the basis for disclaimer of opinion section of our report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

— DocuSigned by:

James Fearon
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James Fearon (Senior Statutory Auditor) For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor Gatwick, UK

Date: 01 November 2023

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

Profit and loss account and statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 September 2021

	3	Year ended 30 September 2021	18 months ended 30 September 2020
	Note	Total £	Total £
Exchange (loss)		(5,279)	(3,662)
(Loss) from operations		(5,279)	(3,662)
(Loss) from on ordinary activities before taxation		(5,279)	(3,662)
Taxation on ordinary activities	5	-	
(Loss) for the financial year and total comprehensive (loss)		(5,279)	(3,662)

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet at 30 September 2021

	Note	30 September 2021 £	
Current assets			
Debtors due within one year	6	-	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(3,976,863)	(3,971,584)
Net current liabilities		(3,976,863)	(3,971,584)
Total assets less current liabilities		(3,976,863)	(3,971,584)
Net liabilities		(3,976,863)	(3,971,584)
Capital and reserves			
Share capital Retained loss	8	1,036,199 (5,013,062)	1,036,199 (5,007,783)
Shareholders' liabilities		(3,976,863)	(3,971,584)

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 01 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Sir Adrian White

Director

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 30 September 2021

	Share capital £	Retained loss £	Total £
At 1 October 2020	1,036,199	(5,007,783)	(3,971,584)
Comprehensive loss for the year:			
Loss for the financial year		(5,279)	(5,279)
At 30 September 2021	1,036,199	(5,013,062)	(3,976,863
	Share capital £	Retained loss £	Total £
At 1 April 2019	1,036,199	(5,004,121)	(3,967,922)
Comprehensive profit for the year:			
Loss for the financial year		(3,662)	(3,662)
At 30 September 2020	1,036,199	(5,007,783)	(3,971,584)

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

Biwater Industries Limited is a company incorporated in England under The Companies Act. The address of the registered office is given on the contents page.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland* ('FRS 102') Section 1A and the Companies Act 2006.

Disclosure exemptions adopted

In preparing these financial statements the Company has taken advantage of disclosure exemptions available under FRS 102 Section 1A. Therefore these financial statements do not include:

- · certain disclosures regarding the company's capital;
- a statement of cash flows;
- the disclosure of the remuneration of key management personnel; and
- disclosure of related party transactions with other wholly owned members of the group headed by Biwater Holdings Limited.

The financial statements contain information about Biwater Industries Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by \$400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to produce consolidated financial statements as it is included in the consolidated accounts of a larger group as set out in note 11.

Judgements and key areas of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 Section 1A requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires the Company's directors to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas where significant judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements and their effect are disclosed in note 2.

Going Concern

In determining the appropriate basis of preparation of these financial statements, the Directors are required to consider whether the Company can continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Directors have prepared forecasts for the Group headed by Biwater Holdings Limited for a period of 12 months and subject to the completion of a successful capital raise as detailed below are confident that the Group, and therefore the Company, will be able to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least the next twelve months following approval of these financial statements. As such, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Going Concern (continued)

The Directors recognise that inherent within international contracting are uncertainties around the timing and receipt of significant contract sums. The Directors have forecast future expected receipts in respect of a number of signed international long-term contracts over the forecast period of 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements using their considerable experience of the industry; although the timing of the customer's funding for these signed contracts and therefore the timing of receiving related contracted amounts is uncertain. At January 2022, the construction phase of one such large contract is at the later stages of the client obtaining funding, which would give rise to an initial payment of \$39.6m for which one of the conditions precedent is the completion of the capital raise as considered below. This provides additional visibility over the timing of contract receipts relating to this contract.

Covid-19 has certainly had a dramatic effect across the world and whilst the Group has been able to achieve new contract awards throughout this period, it has also further delayed large construction activity on certain contracts. However, as the world returns to normal, the Group is seeing an increase in demand for our services across all international territories, and a growing pipeline of opportunities to deliver.

This has given rise to capital raise interest for new permanent capital into Biwater Holdings, incorporating some existing debt conversation to equity, which will both strengthen the balance sheet and help facilitate the growth expectations. Signed extended Heads of Terms have been agreed with one consortium, although the closing of this transaction was delayed due to the issue of a winding up petition in July 2023 by the Trustees of the Group's closed defined benefit pension scheme. The Trustees have subsequently agreed to withdraw the petition and have requested the court to do so.

In respect of the loan notes, subsequent to the balance sheet date there have been covenant breaches, however the holders have provided confirmation that it is not their current intention to demand immediate repayment of amounts due and that they are supportive of the capital raise process. If the capital raise is delayed the Group will look at additional funding options to meet any further short-term requirements.

The Board and the main shareholder are confident that in light of progress to date on the capital raise, and support to date in meeting short-term cash requirements that this will be successfully concluded. However, the directors recognise this is not guaranteed. In view of the above, the successful completion of a capital raise and obtaining further funds in the event the forecast timing of contract receipts is later than expected are considered to be material uncertainties, which may cast significant doubt over the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, as the going concern of the Company is linked to the going concern of the Group, a material uncertainty exists which may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Company was unable to continue as a going concern.

Foreign currency

Transactions entered into by the Company in a currency other than the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the 'functional currency') are recorded at the rates ruling when the transactions occur. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rates ruling at the reporting date. Exchange differences arising on the retranslation of unsettled monetary assets and liabilities are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets

The Company's financial assets comprise:

Trade debtors

Trade debtors do not carry interest and are stated at face value as reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated recoverable amounts.

Financial liabilities

The Company's financial liabilities comprise:

Amounts owed to group undertakings

Amounts owed to group undertakings are payable on demand.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Company makes certain estimates and assumptions regarding the future. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. In the future, actual experience may differ from these estimates and assumptions.

The estimates and assumptions that have significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities within the next financial year is discussed below.

In terms of the going concern the Company has reviewed its cash requirements and in conjunction with the Biwater Group cash position it is considered that the company has sufficient funds available to it for at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements.

3 Operating expenses

Fees paid to the Company's auditor, BDO LLP in respect of audit services, for the year and the prior year were borne by Biwater Holdings Limited, the ultimate parent undertaking.

4 Employees and directors' remuneration

No directors received emoluments during the period (2020: £Nil). There were no staff during the period (2020: Nil).



5 Tax expense

There was no tax expense in either the current or preceding financial period.

The reasons for the difference between the actual tax charge for the period and the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom applied to (losses)/profits for the period are as follows:

	Year ended 30 September 2021 £	18 months ended 30 September 2020 £
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(5,279)	(3,662)
Tax using the Company's domestic tax rate of 19% (2020 – 19%)	(1,003)	(696)
Effects of: Unutilised tax losses	1,003	696
Total tax charge	•	-

Changes in tax rates and factors affecting the future tax charge

No deferred tax asset has been recognised. The amount unprovided at 30 September 2021 is £2,233 (30 September 2020: £1,230).

6	Debtors Due within one year:	30 September 2021 £	30 September 2020 £
	Amounts owed by group undertakings		-
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Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

7	Creditors Due within one year:	30 September 2021 £	30 September 2020 £
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	3,976,863	3,971,584
			
		3,976,863	3,971,584
			

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

8 Share capital

Authorised, issued and fully paid

2021 Number	2021 £	2020 Number	2020 £000
1,036,199	1,036,199	1,036,199	1,036,199
	Number	Number £	Number £ Number

9 Reserves

The following describes the nature and purpose of each reserve within equity:

Reserves	Description and purpose	
Share capital	Nominal value of share capital subscribed for.	
Retained loss	All net gains and losses and transactions with owners (e.g. dividends) not recognised elsewhere.	

10 Related party transactions

Advantage has been taken of the exemption given in FRS 102 Section 1A not to provide details of transactions and balances with other members of the Biwater Holdings Limited group.

11 Controlling interests

The Company is wholly owned by Biwater Holdings Limited, which is registered in England & Wales. Biwater Holdings Limited is the only company that consolidates the results of Biwater Construction Limited and is the ultimate parent undertaking. Copies of its consolidated accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Biwater Holdings Limited, Biwater House, Station Approach, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1TZ.

The ultimate controlling party of the Group is Sir Adrian White.