# CGMS LIMITED ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 31ST DECEMBER 2009

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# ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

# YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

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#### THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

#### YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 2009

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activities of the company during the year were those of planning and environmental consultancy

2009 was the most challenging year which the Company, like many others, has ever faced and as a result of the significant economic downturn we were forced to make significant cost savings. The savings included redundancies, as well as selective salary sacrifices, suspension of the pension scheme, an overall freeze on pay, as well as central cost savings achieved through renegotiating supplier contracts. For cash flow reasons redundancies were achieved through staff being placed on gardening leave which meant carrying significant unproductive costs for the year. The total cost of unproductive staff on gardening leave and redundancies for the year was almost £250,000. Even with these costs the loss for the year was only slightly higher than in 2008 and if these costs are added back the company would have made a profit before tax of £107,000. This was a remarkable achievement relative to the overall reduction in business activity. As a result of the considerable cost savings we have achieved this has meant that the financial break even monthly fee target which we have set ourselves for 2010, is now much reduced and more realistic in the context of the new level of business activity

Our objective in steering a course through these difficult times has always been to ensure that as a business we remain well positioned to take advantage of any improvement in economic conditions as and when they occur by retaining the maximum number of staff. This has been achieved by taking a balanced approach to cost cutting consistent with the reduced level of business activity which fell by some £2.5 million (net fee income) in 2009 compared to the previous year. We could have cut costs earlier and much further involving a far greater number of redundancies in order to make a quick return to profitability, but we feel that would have been the wrong approach and as a private company we have that flexibility. In our view the best way forward will be achieved by continuing to retain all existing parts of the core business in planning, historic buildings and archaeology.

We will continue to closely monitor the financial position and take whatever action is necessary to ensure the company remains financially sound. The success of the company is a reflection of the people it employs and it goes without saying that it has only been achieved through the considerable efforts of everyone. The Board would therefore like to thank all staff for their continued support, commitment and endeavours in ensuring that we remain a successful business. We have experienced a successful first quarter of 2010 with a return to profitability and move forward in 2010 with cautious optimism.

## 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 financial statements

The directors have not recommended a dividend

#### THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

P CHADWICK K GOODWIN E MORTIMER J STOCKDALE

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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). 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 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,

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

#### THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

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.

In so far as 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

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Signed by order of the directors

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KEVIN ROY GOODWIN Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 4410

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO CGMS LIMITED

#### UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

We have examined the abbreviated accounts, together with the financial statements of CgMs Limited for the year ended 31st December 2009 prepared under Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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 for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 445 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section and to report our opinion to you

#### **BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared.

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 445(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made under that section

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DAVID BARTLETT, FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) For and on behalf of DALY, HOGGETT & CO Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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## ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
TURNOVER	11016	9,273,116	13,119,036
Cost of sales		6,678,878	9,570,791
GROSS PROFIT		2,594,238	3,548,245
Administrative expenses		2,708,982	3,506,741
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	2	(114,744)	41,504
Other provisions			(152,255)
		(114,744)	(110,751)
Interest receivable Interest payable and similar charges	4	179 (27,965)	7,411 (33,735)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE			
TAXATION		(142,530)	(137,075)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	(23,795)	(33,579)
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(118,735)	(103,496)

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

#### ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

## 31ST DECEMBER 2009

		200	9	200	8
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	7		74,400		111,600
Tangible assets	8		91,949		172,772
			166,349		284,372
CURRENT ASSETS			100,010		204,012
Stocks	9	340,501		264,123	
Debtors	10	1,606,798		3,109,702	
Cash at bank		117,968		35,057	
		2,065,267		3,408,882	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due		- <b>,</b> ,		-,,	
within one year	11	1,799,110		3,142,013	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			266,157		266,869
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURREN	T LIABII	LITIES	432,506		551,241
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			<u></u> -		
Called-up equity share capital	13		114,000		114,000
Share premium account	14		18,000		18,000
Capital Redemption Reserve	15		139,000		139,000
Profit and loss account	16		161,506		280,241
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	17		432,506		551,241

These abbreviated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for medium-sized companies under section 445(3) of the Companies Act 2006

These abbreviated accounts were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 41410, and are signed on their behalf by

E MORTIMER

J STOCKDALE

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#### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

#### (b) Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small

#### (c) Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax

#### (d) Amortisation

Amortisation 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

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5 Years Straight Line

#### (e) Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

#### (f) 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

Leasehold Property Improvements	6 Years Straight Line
Plant & Machinery	3 Years Straight Line
Fixtures & Fittings	5 Years Straight Line
Computer Equipment	3 Years Straight Line

## (g) Work in progress

Work in progress is valued on the basis of direct costs plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity Provision is made for any foreseeable losses where appropriate No element of profit is included in the valuation of work in progress

## (h) Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

#### (1) 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. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

#### (1) Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax

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

#### (k) Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

# YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

# **OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT**

Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging

	2009	2008
	£	£
Directors' remuneration	-	
Amortisation of intangible assets	37,200	95,948
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	87,839	108,053
Auditor's remuneration		
- as auditor	12,000	12,000
Operating lease costs		
- Plant and equipment	102,468	96,547
- Motor vehicles	47,907	68,986

Motor vehicles

## PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

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

Number of staff	2009 No <u>86</u>	2008 No 119
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were		
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	2009 £ 4,226,793 439,221 133,707	2008 £ 4,923,160 534,631 115,510
	4,799,721	5,573,301
INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		

	2009	2008
	£	£
Interest payable on bank borrowing	21,531	33,735
Other similar charges payable	6,434	-
	27,965	33,735

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

# YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

# 5. TAXATION ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

# (a) Analysis of charge in the year

Equity dividends on ordinary shares

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	2009 £	2008 £
Current tax:	*	*
In respect of the year		
UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 28% (2008 - 25 13%) Over/under provision in prior year Total current tax	(23,645) (150) (23,795)	(19,240) (11,069) (30,309)
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences Capital allowances	<del></del>	(3,270)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	(23,795)	(33,579)
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge		
The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities for the year the UK of 28% (2008 - 25 13%)	r is higher than the standard rate	e of corporation tax in
	2009	2008
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	£ (142,530)	£ (137,075)
Loss on ordinary activities by rate of tax Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Depreciation for period in excess of capital allowances Adjustment to tax charge in respect of previous periods Total current tax (note 5(a))	(39,908) 7,330 8,933 (150) (23,795)	(34,447) 10,175 5,032 (11,069) (30,309)
DIVIDENDS		
Equity dividends	2009 £	2008 £
Paid		

85,500

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

# YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

# 7. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

						Goodwill £
	COST At 1st January 2009 and 31	st December 2009	•			485,000
	AMORTISATION At 1st January 2009 Charge for the year					373,400 37,200
	At 31st December 2009					410,600
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31st December 2009					74,400
	At 31st December 2008					111,600
8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	3				
		Leasehold Property Improvements £	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
	COST At 1 January 2009 Additions	120,937	67,491 _	277,490 -	261,421 7,016	727,339 7,016
	At 31 December 2009	120,937	67,491	277,490	268,437	734,355
	DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2009 Charge for the year	82,758 20,157	55,718 6,876	193,495 30,871	222,596 29,935	554,567 87,889
	At 81 December 2009	102,915	62,594	224,366	252,531	642,406
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2009	18,022	4,897	53,124	15,906	91,949
	At 31 December 2008	38,179	11,773	83,995	38,825	172,772
9.	STOCKS					
				2009 £		2008 £
	Work in progress			340,501		264,123
10.	DEBTORS					
	Trade debtors Corporation tax repayable Other debtors Prepayments and accrued inc	ome		2009 £ 1,378,623 16,281 35,676 176,218 1,606,798		2008 £ 2,833,827 19,240 61,240 195,395 3,109,702

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

# YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

# 11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2009	2008
	£	£
Overdrafts	504,551	851,281
Trade creditors	783,564	1,372,081
Amounts owed to group undertakings	40,999	165,298
PAYE and social security	116,402	161,472
VAT	239,992	197,625
Other creditors	9,627	6,701
Accruals and deferred income	153,975	387,555
	1,799,110	3,142,013

The bank overdraft has been secured by the company

# 12. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31st December 2009 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

	below				
		20	009	2	2008
		Land and buildings £	Other Items £	Land and buildings	Other Items
	Operating leases which expire	_		~	
	Within 1 year Within 2 to 5 years	339,010	1,927 2 <u>27,352</u>	343,462	7,925 126,933
		339,010	229,279	343,462	134,858
13	SHARE CAPITAL				
	Authorised share capital:				
			2009 £		2008 £
	225,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each 150,000 Undesignated shares of £1 each		225,000 150,000		225,000 150,000
	<b>3</b>		875,000		375,000
			<u></u>		
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:				
			09		2008
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	No 114,000	£ 1 <u>14,000</u>	No 114,000	£ 114,000
14	SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT				
	There was no movement on the share premium	account during the	financial year		
15.	CAPITAL REDEMPTION RESERVE				
			2009		2008
	Capital redemption reserve		£ 139,000		£ 139,000
16.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT				
			2009		2008
	Balance brought forward		£ 280,241		£ 469,237
	Loss for the financial year Equity dividends		(118,735)		(103,496) (85,500)
	Balance carried forward		161,506		280,241

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

## YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

## 17. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2009	2008
	£	£
Loss for the financial year	(118,735)	(103,496)
Equity dividends	<del>-</del>	(85,500)
Net reduction to shareholders' funds	(118,735)	(188,996)
Opening shareholders' funds	551,241	740,237
Closing shareholders' funds	432,506	551,241

## 18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate holding company is CgMs Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales