

Annual report and financial statements

for the year ended

31 October 2014





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Directors' report for the year ended 31 October 2014

The directors present their report and audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 October 2014

Business review and principal activities

The company is dormant and has not traded in the year

The results for the company show turnover for the year ended 31 October 2014 of £nil (2013 £886,894) and result on ordinary activities before taxation of £nil (2013 profit of £81,534) The directors recommended and paid a dividend of £102,004 (2013 £nil)

As at 31st October 2013 the trade and assets of Ash Distribution Limited were transferred to Canford Audio PLC. In the current year, a capital reduction occurred, reducing ordinary shareholders' capital from £102,005 to £1. The directors have decided that the company will eventually be wound up. Accordingly, the going concern basis of accounting is no longer appropriate, and the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

Directors

The directors of the company for the year ended 31 October 2014 and up to the date of signing the financial statements unless otherwise stated, are listed on page 1

Directors' liability insurance

The company (through its parent company) has taken out insurance for directors' liability as permitted by Section 236(2), (3) of the Companies Act 2006

Statement of 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 prepared 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 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,
- 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.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 October 2014 (continued)

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each director, as at the date of the approval of this report has confirmed that as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (that is, information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Approved by the board and signed on their behalf

OKH Robson

Director

15 December 2014

Independent auditors' report to the members of Ash Distribution Limited

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, Ash Distribution Limited's financial statements (the "financial statements")

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 October 2014 and of its result for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

Emphasis of matter - Basis of preparation

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosure made in the Basis of preparation in the Statement of accounting policies concerning the basis of accounting. The Company ceased trading in October 2013. Accordingly, the going concern basis of accounting is no longer appropriate and the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern as described in Basis of preparation in the Statement of accounting policies. No adjustments were necessary in these financial statements to reduce assets to their realisable values, to provide for liabilities arising from the decision or to reclassify fixed assets and long-term liabilities as current assets and liabilities.

What we have audited

Ash Distribution Limited's financial statements comprise

- the Balance sheet as at 31 October 2014,
- the Profit and loss account for the year then ended,
- the accounting policies, and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include other explanatory information

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility

Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Independent auditors' report to the members of Ash Distribution Limited (continued)

Entitlement to exemptions

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)") Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, 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

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland) An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed,
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual report and financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Michael Jeffrey (Senior Statutory Auditor)

Muchael Tophrey

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Newcastle upon Tyne

15 December 2014

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 October 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	£	£
Turnover	1	-	886,894
Cost of sales		<u> </u>	(713,326)
Gross result/profit	-	-	173,568
Operating expenses	2	-	(92,012)
Operating result/profit	<u>-</u> -	-	81,556
Interest payable and similar charges	5		(22)
Result/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6	-	81,534
Tax on result/profit on ordinary activities	7	-	(19,120)
Result/profit for the financial year	13	•	62,414

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than the result/profit above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There is no material difference between the result/profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the result/profit for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

All results derive from discontinued operations

Balance sheet as at 31 October 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	9	1	114,359
Cash at bank and in hand		-	6,714
		1	121,073
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-	(19,068)
Net current assets		1	102,005
Total assets less current liabilities		1	102,005
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	1	10,000
Profit and loss account	12	-	92,005
Total shareholders' funds	13	1	102,005

The financial statements on pages 6 to 16 were approved by the board of directors on 15 December 2014 and were signed on its behalf by

O K H Robson **Director**

Registered number 3310383

Statement of accounting policies

Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared on a basis other than going concern, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom

The Company ceased trading on 31 October 2013 Trade and assets were transferred to the parent company on this date. In the current year a capital reduction was carried out reducing shareholders' capital from £102,005 to £1. The Directors intend to liquidate the entity in the coming year. Accordingly, the going concern basis of accounting is not appropriate. The comparative financial information is also presented on a basis other than going concern, as management's intention to liquidate was decided on during the previous financial year. There were no further adjustments required in the current year financial statements to write down assets to their recoverable value, to reclassify fixed assets and long-term liabilities as current assets and current liabilities and to provide for liabilities arising as a result of the Directors' ongoing intention to liquidate the entity.

The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below and, where necessary, have been updated to include any policies which are now considered significant given the presentation of the financial statements as at 31 October 2014, which continue to be prepared on a non-going concern basis

Cash flow statement

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking and the cash flows of the company are included in the consolidated cash flow statement of its ultimate parent undertaking. Consequently, the company is exempt under the terms of FRS 1 'Cash flow statements' (revised 1996), from the requirement to publish a cash flow statement.

Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax, represents the invoiced amount of goods despatched to customers

Pensions

The company participates in a group personal pension scheme which is a defined contribution scheme Pension contributions are charged to the profit and loss account in the year in which the liability to pay arises. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independent fund

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental cost of acquisition required to bring the asset to working condition for its intended use. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, over their expected useful economic lives using the following rates.

Leasehold alterations 33% straight line
Fixtures and fittings 12 5% straight line
Computer equipment 25% straight line
Plant and machinery 33% straight line

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a first in first out basis and includes transport and handling costs. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks.

Statement of accounting policies (continued)

Deferred tax

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 that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date

A net deferred tax asset is recognised 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 against which to recover carried forward tax losses and from which the future reversal of 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. Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis

Foreign currencies

Revenues and expenses in foreign currencies are recorded in sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. Differences arising on foreign exchange translation are taken to the profit and loss account in the year in which they arise

Operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis to the profit and loss account over the lease term

Dividends

Dividends on ordinary shares are recognised as a liability in the period in which they are approved by the Company's shareholders

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2014

1 Turnover

Turnover consists entirely of sales made in the United Kingdom

2 Operating expenses

	2014 £	2013 £
Distribution costs	-	19,281
Administrative expenses	-	72,731
	-	92,012

3 Directors' emoluments

The directors receive no emoluments in respect of their services to the company (2013 £nil)

4 Employee information

The average monthly number of persons (excluding executive directors) employed by the company during the year was

	2014	2013
By activity	Number	Number
Administration		3
	-	3

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2014 (continued)

4 Employee information (continued)

	2014	2014 2013 € £
	£	
Staff costs (for the above persons)	-	
Wages and salaries	-	50,093
Social security costs	-	3,862
Other pension costs (note 16)	-	256
	•	54,211

5 Interest payable and similar charges

	2014	2013
	£	£
On other loans	-	22

6 Result/profit on ordinary activities before taxation

	2014	2013
	£	£
Result/profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting)	,	
Operating leases - plant and machinery	-	249
Gain arising from exchange movements	-	(49)
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	1,042

The auditors' fees of £nil (2013 £1,514) are borne by fellow subsidiary undertaking, Canford Audio PLC

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2014 (continued)

7 Tax on result/profit on ordinary activities

(a) Analysis of the charge in the year

	2014 £	2013
		£
Current tax		
United Kingdom corporation tax on result/profit for the year	•	18,210
Total current tax	-	18,210
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	<u> </u>	910
Total deferred tax	•	910
Tax on result/profit on ordinary activities	-	19,120

(b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year equals to (2013) differs from) the standard companies rate of corporation tax in the UK for the year ended 31 October 2014 of 22% (2013) 23%) The differences are explained below

	2014	2013
	£	£
Result/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	-	81,534
Result/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 22% (2013 23%)	-	18,753
Effects of		
Tax at marginal rate	-	(783)
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	<u>-</u>	240
Current tax charge for the year		18,210

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2014 (continued)

8 Dividends

	2014	2013
	£	£
Equity – Ordinary		
Final Paid – (2014) 10,200,400 00 pence per £1 share (2013 nil pence per £1 share)	102,004	-
	102,004	-

The directors recommended and paid a final dividend of £102,004 (2013 £nil) for the year ended 31 October 2014

9 Debtors

	2014	2013
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	30,217
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1	84,142
	1	114,359

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and have no fixed terms of repayment

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2014 (continued)

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2014 £	2013 £
Corporation tax	-	18,210
Other creditors		858
	-	19,068

11 Called up share capital

	2014 £	2013 £
Authorised		·· -
100,000 (2013 100,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
Allotted and fully paid		
1 (2013 10,000) ordinary share of £1	1	10,000

	£
At 1 November 2013	10,000
Capital reduction	(9,999)
At 31 October 2014	1

The company carried out a capital reduction in the year reducing 9,999 of ordinary shares at £1 per share

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2014 (continued)

12 Profit and loss account

	£
At 1 November 2013	92,005
Result/profit for the financial year	-
Capital reduction	9,999
Dividends paid (note 8)	(102,004)

13 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2014 £	2013 £
Result/profit for the financial year	-	62,414
Dividends paid (note 8)	(102,004)	•
Net movement in shareholders' funds	(102,004)	62,414
Opening shareholders' funds	102,005	39,591
Closing shareholders' funds	1	102,005

14 Financial commitments

At 31 October 2014 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	Plant and	Plant and equipment	
	2014	2013	
	£	£	
Expiring within one year	-	249	

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2014 (continued)

15 Contingent liabilities

Canford Group PLC, Canford Audio PLC, NEAL Recording Systems Limited, Canford Manufacturing Limited, and Ash Distribution Limited have each entered into a cross-guarantee agreement to secure the bank overdrafts of these companies The total net surplus position of these companies at 31 October 2014 amounted to £625,321 (2013 total net surplus £701,229)

16 Pensions and similar obligations

The company participates in a group personal pension scheme which is a defined contribution scheme Contributions payable by the company amounted to £nil (2013 £256)

17 Related party transactions

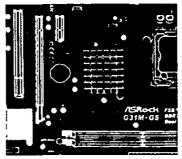
The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosure' not to disclose details of intra-group transactions

18 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

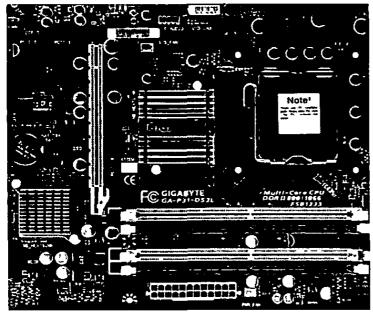
The ultimate parent undertaking is Canford Group PLC, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the parent's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Canford Group PLC, Crowther Road, Washington, Tyne & Wear, NE38 0BW

The directors regard Mr I S Elliott to be the ultimate controlling party by virtue of his majority shareholding in Canford Group PLC

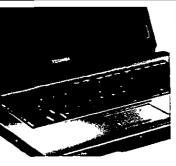














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