# **BEAUMONT CORNISH LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

**Company Registration Number 3311393** 

**RSM Tenon Limited** 

Cedar House Sandbrook Business Park Sandbrook Way Rochdale Lancashire **OL11 1LQ** 



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## Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2009

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#### **Directors**

R D Cornish

Mrs R M Hill Abrahams

M D Cornish

## Secretary and registered office

R D Uttley, Cedar House, Sandbrook Business Park, Sandbrook Way, Rochdale, Lancashire OL11 1LQ

## Company number

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#### **Auditors**

RSM Tenon Audit Limited, Cedar House, Sandbrook Business Park, Sandbrook Way, Rochdale, Lancashire OL11 1LQ

#### **Accountants**

RSM Tenon Limited, Cedar House, Sandbrook Business Park, Sandbrook Way, Rochdale, Lancashire OL11 1LQ

#### **Bankers**

Bank of Scotland, 41/51 Grey Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 6EE

## Report of the directors for the year ended 30 September 2009

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2009

#### Results and dividends

The profit and loss account is set out on page 4 and shows the profit for the year

An interim dividend of £372,844 (2008 - £149,138) has been paid on the ordinary shares in the year The directors do not propose a final dividend (2008 - £Nil)

#### Principal activities and business review

The company trades as a corporate finance adviser and is a sponsor registered with the UK Listing Authority, a Nominated Adviser approved by the London Stock Exchange, a Member of PLUS Markets and a Member of the London Stock Exchange. The main activity remains that of advising Fully Listed, AIM traded and PLUS Markets companies

Whilst the Company was quite active during the year, a number of transactions were not concluded, reflecting the general lack of confidence associated with the continuing poor market conditions. The reduction in turnover compared to the previous year of almost 30 per cent was however largely offset by the receipt of a premium on surrender of the lease on the Company's previous premises.

The first quarter of the current year has been promising and a number of transactions are currently being progressed for completion in the next few months

The IPO market continues to represent challenges despite some recent signs of increased interest. There is work around in the smaller company sector and the challenge remains to spend resources on work which is most likely to come to fruition.

At the year end, shareholders funds were £179,532 (2008 - £173,840), with current assets exceeding current liabilities by £126,005 (2008 - £147,162)

## Financial instruments risk management objectives and policies

The company makes little use of financial instruments other than an operational bank account and so its exposure to price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and cash flow risk is not material for the assessment of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company

#### **Directors**

The directors of the company during the year were

R D Cornish Mrs R M Hill Abrahams M D Cornish

## Report of the directors for the year ended 30 September 2009 (continued)

#### 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 these 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, 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.

In so far as the directors are, individually, 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

#### **Auditors**

Our auditors have changed their name to RSM Tenon Audit Limited and have signed the audit report in their new name

RSM Tenon Audit Limited are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006

Signed by order of the board

R D Uttley
Secretary

Approved by the board on 2 March 2010

#### Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Beaumont Cornish Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Beaumont Cornish Limited on pages 4 to 13 for the year ended 30 September 2009. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Sections 495 and 496 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

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement 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 the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

## Scope of the audit

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.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2009 and of the profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice,
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

## Opinion on other matters 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

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- 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, or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- · we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Alton Wickes, Senior Statutory Auditor For and on behalf of

RSM Tenon Andet Limited

RSM Tenon Audit Limited

Statutory Auditor

Cedar House

Sandbrook Business Park

Sandbrook Way

Rochdale

Lancashire

**OL11 1LQ** 

4 March 2010

## Profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Turnover	2	1,484,437	2,063,128
Administrative expenses Other operating income		(1,535,917) 554,356	(2,059,646) 46,930
Operating profit	5	502,876	50,412
Interest receivable		3,841	11,882
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		506,717	62,294
Taxation	6	(128,181)	(19,051)
Profit for the year	14	378,536	43,243

All amounts relate to continuing activities
All recognised gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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## Balance sheet at 30 September 2009

	Note	•	2009		2008
	Mote	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		59,847		26,845
Current assets					
Debtors	, 9	360,746		382,608	
Investments	10	180,433		90,845	
Cash at bank and in hand		43,562		64,912	
		584,741		538,365	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(458,736)		(391,203)	
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Net current assets			126,005		147,162
Total assets less current liabilities			185,852		174,007
Provisions for liabilities	12		(6,320)		(167)
Net assets			179,532		173,840
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Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	13		99,425		99,425
Share premium account	14		575		575
Capital redemption reserve	14		50,000		50,000
Profit and loss account	14		29,532		23,840
Shareholders' funds	15		179,532		173,840

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 2 March 2010 and are signed on their behalf by

R D Cornish

Director

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements

## Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 September 2009

	Note		2009		2008
		£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	16		432,005		(390,643)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		,			
Interest received			3,841		11,882
Taxation UK corporation tax			(20,195)		(31,839)
Capital expenditure and financial					,
Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of investments		(59,157) -		(12,444) 271,476	
Purchase of investments		(5,000)	(64,157)	(40,667)	218,365
Equity dividends paid			(372,844)		(149,138)
(Decrease) in cash	17		(21,350)		(341,373)

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements

## Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2009

## 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following principal accounting policies have been applied

#### Turnover

Turnover represents income from corporate advisory services, net of VAT, which is recognised when earned to the extent that the company is entitled to the income at the balance sheet date

Retainer fee income is credited to turnover rateably over the agreement period, amounts attributable to future accounting periods are included as deferred income in the balance sheet

## Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets on a straight-line basis. It is calculated at the following rates

Leasehold improvements

20% per annum

Office equipment

- 30% per annum

Fixtures and fittings

20% per annum

#### Current asset investments

Current asset investments are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Any provision for diminution in value is charged to the profit and loss account

Shares for which there is no liquid market that have been received as consideration for services provided, are recorded at the cost incurred in providing the services where the cost is able to be measured reliably. Shares for which there is a liquid market that have been received as consideration for services provided are recorded at market value at the date of acquisition.

## Deferred taxation

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that the recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that the company anticipates to make sufficient taxable profits in the future to absorb the reversal of the underlying timing differences. Deferred tax balances are not discounted

## Operating leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the term of the lease

#### 2 Turnover

Turnover is wholly attributable to the principal activity of the company and arises solely within the United Kingdom

3	Employees	2009 £	2008 £
	Staff costs (including directors) consist of	L	L
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	942,272 112,690	1,412,111 189,484
		1,054,962	1,601,595
	The average number of employees (including directors) during the y	ear was as follows	
		2009 Number	2008 Number
	Operations	8	8
4	Directors' remuneration	2009 £	2008 £
	Aggregate emoluments	612,306	1,198,001
	The emoluments of the highest paid director were £310,097 (2008 -	£582,426)	
5	Operating profit	2009 £	2008 £
	This has been arrived at after charging/(crediting)		
	Depreciation Auditors' remuneration for audit of the financial statements Auditors' remuneration – non audit services Operating lease rentals - land and buildings - other	25,726 7,350 6,650 70,832 6,359	15,430 7,000 3,500 44,138 4,031
	(Profit) on sale of investments Premium on surrender of lease	(469,768)	(139,476)

6	Taxation	2009 £	2008 £
	Current tax		
	Current tax on income for the year Adjustment in respect of prior periods	121,643 385	19,807 (61)
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	Current tax charge for the year	122,028 6,153	19,746 (695)
	Deferred tax, charge/(credit)	<del></del>	(093)
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	128,181	19,051
	The current tax charge for the year is different to the standard differences are analysed as below	rate of corporation tax i	n the UK The
	amereness are analysed as balon	2009 £	2008 £
	Profit for the year before taxation	506,717	62,294
	Profit for the year before taxation at the standard rate of corporation tax in the year of 28% (2008 – 21%)	141,881	13,082
	Effect of		
	Difference between depreciation and capital allowances	(4,114)	785
	Items not allowed for taxation purposes	1,426	6,420
	Adjustment in respect of prior periods	385	(61)
	Lower tax rates	-	(480)
	Marginal relief	(17,550)	
	Current tax charge for the year	122,028	19,746
7	Dividends	2009 £	2008 £
	Paid during the year		
	Equity dividends on ordinary shares	372,844	149,138

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2009 (Continued)

8	Tangible assets	Leasehold improvements £	Office equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
	Cost		50.254	44.004	00.040
	At 1 October 2008	-	50,354	41,894	92,248
	Additions	22,982	9,741	26,434	59,157
	Disposals	<del>-</del>	(23,991)	(4,377) ————	(28,368)
	At 30 September 2009	22,982	36,104	63,951	123,037
	Depreciation	······		<u> </u>	
	At 1 October 2008	-	37,035	28,368	65,403
	Provided for the year	4,405	9,777	11,544	25,726
	Disposals	-	(23,991)	(3,948)	(27,939)
	At 30 September 2009	4,405	22,821	35,964	63,190
	Net book value			<u> </u>	
	At 30 September 2009	18,577	13,283	27,987	59,847
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	At 30 September 2008	-	13,319	13,526	26,845
9	Debtors			2009 £	2008 £
	Trade debtors			407.242	248,347
	Director's loan			197,242 110,299	84,501
	Prepayments and accrued income			53,205	49,760
				360,746	382,608
	All amounts shown under debtors fall of	due for payment withi	n one year		
10	Current asset investments			2009 £	2008 £
	Unlisted investments			180,433	90,845

At 30 September 2009, the company held warrants, acquired at £nil cost, enabling it to acquire shares in various public companies. The value of these warrants has not been included in the financial statements.

11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one	year	2009 £	2008 £
	Trade creditors Taxation and social security Corporation tax Accruals Deferred income		91,705 121,643 49,663 195,725	107,474 19,810 25,419 238,500
			<u>458,736</u>	391,203
12	Provisions for liabilities – deferred tax			£
	At 1 October 2008 Transfer to profit and loss account			167 6,153
	At 30 September 2009			6,320
	Deferred tax liability		2009 £	2008 £
	Accelerated capital allowances		6,320	167
13	Share capital		2009 £	2008 £
	Authorised 200,000 (2008 - 200,000) Ordinary share 50,000 (2008 - 50,000) Redeemable pre		200,000	200,000
	shares of £1 each - non-equity		50,000	50,000
	Allotted collection and fully poid		250,000	250,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid 99,425 (2008 - 99,425) Ordinary shares	of £1 each - equity	99,425	99,425
14	Reserves	Share premium account £	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss account £
	At 1 October 2008 Retained profit for the year Dividends	575 - -	50,000 - -	23,840 378,536 (372,844)
	At 30 September 2009	<del></del> 575	50,000	29,532
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15	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' fun	ds	2009 £	2008 £
	Profit for the year Dividends		378,536 (372,844)	43,243 (149,138)
	Net increase in shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds  *		5,692 173,840	(105,895) 279,735
	Closing shareholders' funds		179,532	173,840
	An interim dividend of £2 00 and £1 75 per ordinary respectively	y share was paid on 9	March 2009 and	29 July 2009
16	Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflo from operating activities	w/(outflow)	2009 £	2008 £
	Operating profit		502,876	50,412
	Depreciation		25,726	15,430
	Amounts written off investments		(84,588)	127,546
	Shares received in consideration for work done		-	(140,000)
	Profit on sale of investments			(139,476)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors		21,862	(134,859)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors		(34,300)	(219,440)
	Shares purchased in consideration for work done		-	30,000
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		429	19,744
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		432,005	(390,643)
17	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in ne	et funds	2009 £	2008 £
	(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year		(21,350)	(341,373)
	Change in net funds resulting from cash flows Opening net funds		(21,350) 64,912	(341,373) 406,285
	Closing net funds		43,562	64,912
18	Analysis of net funds	At 1 October 2008 £	Cash flow £	At 30 September 2009 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	64,912	(21,350)	43,562

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2009 (Continued)

#### 19 Commitments under operating leases

As at 30 September 2009, the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

	2009		200	2008	
Operating leases which expire	Land and buildings	Other £	Land and buildings £	Other £	
Within one year	-	-	-	-	
In two to five years	70,832	6,359	<b>-</b>	6,359	

## 20 Controlling party and related party transactions

At 30 September 2009, the company's controlling party was R D Cornish, a director of the company There was £84,781 (2008- £73,639) due from R D Cornish at 30 September 2009. The maximum amount outstanding during the year was £182,669 (2008 - £187,139)

At 30 September 2009, there was £25,518 (2008 £10,863) due from M D Cornish who has an interest in the company. The maximum amount outstanding during the year was £30,862 (2008 £100,000).

During the year the following dividends were paid to directors

R D Cornish £337,500 (2008 - £135,000) M D Cornish £35,344 (2008 - £14,138)

During the year, professional services amounting to £18,209 (2008 - £112,935) were provided to the company in the normal course of business from a firm of which Mrs R M Hill Abrahams, a director of the company, is the proprietor. There were no amounts outstanding at 30 September 2009 (2008 – Nil)