Eastern Airways (UK) Limited

Directors' report and financial statements
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Company information

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Directors' report

The directors present the annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

Principal activity and business review

The principal activity of the company continues to be the operation of airline services

Business review

The results of the company for the year ended 31 December 2009 are as disclosed in the attached financial statements. The company is a subsidiary of Eastern Airways (Europe) Limited and the performance is reviewed on a group basis and is set out below.

The group continues to provide scheduled airline services, charter and ACMI operations, to Domestic and European destinations for which it enjoys an excellent reputation for operational reliability

Total passenger numbers for the scheduled airline services and charter operations have increased by 7% over the prior year despite the economic downturn. In December 2008, the group was successful in obtaining a significant long-term contract with Bristows Helicopters for the provision of air services between Aberdeen and the Shetland Isles on behalf of the major oil producers. The addition of this contract to the existing Charter and ACMI operations has effectively doubled the turnover for these operations over the prior year and delivers continued growth in this side of the business for future years.

The overall number of sectors flown has increased for the scheduled airline services and charter operations over the prior year. On the scheduled airline services, the number of flights has been reduced to maintain load factors and also to reduce flying on routes that are not considered economically viable. The group continues to seek new opportunities for scheduled airline services and started six new routes in the year including Aberdeen-Liverpool-Southampton and new routes to Norway serviced from Aberdeen and Newcastle.

The group incurred exceptional start-up costs on the newly acquired Bristows Helicopter contract and restructuring the cost base of the scheduled operation. These costs have been separately reported in the consolidated income statement. Despite the difficult trading conditions experienced throughout the airline industry, the group has been able to generate a substantial operating profit in the year.

The group continues to operate a fleet of 8 SAAB 2000 aircraft and 20 Jetstream 41 aircraft which allows for considerable flexibility in matching demand to capacity in both the scheduled airline and the charter markets

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key financial risks and uncertainties facing the company are set out below. The directors feel the group has a good mix of business activities and is well-balanced to handle the risks and uncertainties that it may face

The directors believe the key areas of risk facing the company are

Environmental and government legislation

There continues to be uncertainty in the airline industry regarding taxation levied on domestic travel. The directors believe that due to the groups investment in fuel efficient turbo-prop aircraft Eastern would enjoy a competitive advantage over the rest of the industry.

Fuel prices

During the year fuel prices reduced significantly over the peaks experienced in 2008. The group uses fuel hedges to mitigate the risk where required, although the need for fuel hedges has been reduced with the reduction in the general demand for oil. The price of oil continues to be a risk for the group, however, due to the fuel efficient nature of the turbo-prop aircraft used by the group, the proportionate cost of fuel to other operating costs is significantly lower than the industry average

Currency movements

A large proportion of aircraft parts, leasing, fuel and other costs are priced in US dollars. The group matches some revenues and costs to reduce this risk. There is an exposure to US dollar movements above the natural hedge and the group has in the past used forward contracts to manage this risk.

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Directors' report (continued)

Dividends

No dividend payment has been made in the year to 31 December 2009 (2008 £nil)

Political and charitable contributions

Charitable contributions totalling £990 were made during the year (2008 £25,600)

Directors

The directors who served during the period were

Global Aviation Holdings Limited P&B Investment Holdings Limited Magnificent Obsessions Limited Mr R Lake Mr B Huxford

Appointed 24 April 2009 Appointed 24 April 2009

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

Auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office

By order of the board

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Registered Office:

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Dated 26 May 2010

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Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the directors' 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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 judgments 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, 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



Independent auditors' report to the members of Eastern Airways (UK) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Eastern Airways (UK) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 set out on pages 6 to 16. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 auditors' 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 and 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 4, 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at www frc org uk/apb/scope/UKNP

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 31 December 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

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

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 reserved all the information and explanations we require for our audit

Philip Charles (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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Dated 28th May 2010

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2009

	Note		Non-	2009	2008
		Recurring £000	recurring £000	Total £000	£000
Turnover	2	64,243	-	64,243	58,731
Cost of sales		(46,174)	(222)	(46,396)	(40,919)
Gross profit		18,069	(222)	17,847	17,812
Administrative expenses		(15,483)	-	(15,483)	(15,145)
Operating profit		2,586	(222)	2,364	2,667
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	5 6			186 13 (148)	(15) 37 (164)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	7			2,415	2,525
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8			(680)	(753)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	17			1,735	1,772

There were no recognised gains or losses in either the current or preceding periods other than those disclosed in the profit and loss account

In both the current and preceding periods, the company made no material acquisitions and had no discontinued operations

Balance sheet at 31 December 2009

at 31 December 2009					
	Note	200	-	2008	
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets					
Investments	9		4		4
Tangible assets	10		3,386		4,491
			3,390		4,495
Current assets			·		·
Stock	11	1,246		605	
Debtors	12	12,772		12,293	
Cash at bank and in hand		965		2,086	
		14,983		14,984	
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	13	(10,635)		(13,839)	
Net current assets			4,348		1,145
Total assets less current liabilities			7,738		5,640
Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(1,336)		(825)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15		(605)		(753)
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Net assets			5,797		4,062
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	16		501		501
Profit and loss account	17		5,296		3,561
Shareholders' funds	18		5,797		4,062
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These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on behalf by behalf by

Registered number 03468489

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules

Going concern

As set out in note 20 bank loans of approximately £10 million are provided to the group by Kaupthing, Singer & Friedlander to which administrators were appointed in October 2008. The administrators have continued to provide the facilities to the group throughout the period and in December 2009 agreed to revise both covenants and the capital repayment profile. The facilities are required to be repaid in full during December 2011 and the directors are confident that the group will be refinanced before that date

The directors have prepared trading and cash flow forecasts for a period in excess of 12 months following the date of approval of these financial statements. The forecasts indicate appropriate cash and covenant headroom based upon the revised facilities. On this basis the directors are of the opinion that the company and the group have adequate resources to trade in an orderly fashion for the foreseeable future and accordingly adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

Cash flow statement

Under FRS 1 'Cash Flow Statements (Revised 1996)', the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off tangible fixed assets to their estimate residual value by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows

Portable buildings - 2-25% per annum
Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 15-25% per annum
Motor vehicles - 25% per annum

Aircraft rotables - 5-10% per annum from the date of acquisition to estimated residual value - over the shorter of the life or remaining lease period of the relevant aircraft

For those aircraft that are owned, part of the initial cost of the aircraft is attributed to major components. Depreciation is then charged against these components at a variable rate dependent on the actual usage of the aircraft. The remainder of the initial cost is depreciated to its residual value on a straight line basis over its estimated useful economic life of 25 years from date of manufacture.

Subsequent costs of periodic overhauls on these components are capitalised within tangible fixed assets and depreciated over the period benefiting from these enhancements

Aircraft improvements include directly attributable finance costs in relation to the interest incurred on loans undertaken to finance the improvements in the period of their availability

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Maintenance costs

The costs of periodic overhauls on owned and finance leased aircraft are capitalised and depreciated within tangible fixed assets as noted above, unless the liability for those overhauls has been passed to a third party. All other costs relating to the general maintenance and repair of owned and finance leased aircraft are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Provisions for periodic overhaul costs on aircraft held under operating leases are made with reference to the number of hours flown, or similar basis, over the lease period

For certain owned and operating lease aircraft, arrangements have been entered into with maintenance providers under which monthly payments are made on a flying hour, or similar, basis which fix the costs associated with the maintenance of engines, airframe and landing gear. Under these arrangements no further liability will arise to the company in respect of the maintenance of these components and their costs are expensed as incurred

Leased assets

Annual rentals payable or receivable under operating leases are charged or credited to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic and more rational basis is appropriate

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value including provision for obsolescence

Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currency are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the dates of the transactions, except where a transaction is to be settled at a contracted rate, when that rate is used. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated into sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date. Differences arising on translation are transferred to the profit and loss account.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19 'Deferred Tax'

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is regarded as recoverable. Provision is made at rates of taxation anticipated to be in force when the timing differences are expected to reverse

Turnover

Turnover represents flown revenue from scheduled services, freight and other activities net of value added tax and Airport Passenger Duties

Ticket sales are recorded as current liabilities in a 'forward sales' account and are included in creditors, within deferred income, until recognised as revenue when transportation occurs. Unused tickets are recognised as revenue when the right to travel expires which is determined by the terms and conditions of the ticket.

All other revenue streams are recognised at the point of fulfilling the service or the date at which the right to receive consideration occurs

Dividends on shares presented within shareholders' funds

Dividends unpaid at the balance sheet date are only recognised as a liability at that date to the extent that they are appropriately authorised and are no longer at the discretion of the Company Unpaid dividends that do not meet these criteria are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements

2 Analysis of turnover

It is the view of the directors that all activities of the company fall within one class of business, that of airline operator

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Thursday of turnover of geographical area	2009 £000	2008 £000
Within the British Isles Between the British Isles and Europe	59,491 4,752	54,557 4,174
	64,243	58,731

Turnover within the British Isles comprises revenue from domestic flights Turnover between the British Isles and Europe comprises revenue from inbound and outbound flights between the British Isles and Europe

The activities of the company are managed and administered on a central basis within the British Isles As a result it would not be possible to provide a meaningful analysis of the operating results and net assets of the company on a route by route basis. Consequently the operating results and net assets of the company are not shown across the geographical areas defined.

3 Remuneration of directors

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Directors' emoluments consist of		
Remuneration for management services	222	278

No retirement benefits were accruing for directors in either the current or prior period

The aggregate emoluments of the highest paid director were £179,000 (2008 £159,000) At the year end accrued pension benefits amounted to £nil (2008 £nil)

4 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows

	Num	ber of employees
	2009	2008
Administration Operations	65 223	70 229
		
	288	299

4 Staff numbers and costs (continued)

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows		
The aggregate payton code of those persons were as tonomy	2009 £000	2008 £000
Wages and salaries Social security costs	7,027 690	6,358 652
	7,717	7,010
5 Interest receivable and similar income		
	2009 £000	2008 £000
Bank interest	13	37
6 Interest payable and similar charges		
	2009 £000	2008 £000
On bank loans and overdrafts Other interest	112	156
Other interest	36 ———	8
	148	164
7 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		•••
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:	2009 £000	2008 £000
Depreciation	563	658
Operating lease rentals to non group companies - aircraft Operating lease rentals to non group companies - other plant	3,085	1,896 36
Operating lease rentals to group companies - aircraft	6,812	5,234
Auditors' remuneration		
Auditors remainer attori	2009 £000	2008 £000
Audit of these financial statements	30	29
		

Amounts receivable by the Company's auditor in respect of services to the Company and its associates, other than the audit of the Company's financial statements, have not been disclosed as the information is required instead to be disclosed on a consolidated basis in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's parent Eastern Airways (Europe) Limited

Non-recurring items of £222,000 (2008 £nil) are in relation to restructuring costs and contract termination costs that were incurred following a review of the costs base of the scheduled airline operation

8 Taxation on profit on ordinary activities		
	2009	2008
a) Analysis of charge in the period	£000	£000
UK corporation tax		509
UK corporation tax at 28% (2008 28 5%) Payment for group relief	776	227
Under provision in prior period	52	27
lotal current tax (note 8(b))	828	763
Deferred tax		
Reversal of timing differences	(78) (70)	(10)
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	(70)	
Deferred tax (note 15)	(148)	(10)
Lotal tax charge	680	753
b) Factors affecting the current tax charge for the year		
The current tax charge is higher (2008 higher) than the standard rate of corporation 28 5%)	n tax in the UK of 2	18% (2008
20 0749	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2,415	2,441
Corporation tax at 28% (2008 28 5%)	676	696
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	21	7
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Under provision in prior periods	79 52	33 27
Onder provision in prior periods		
Current tax charge for the period	828	763
9 Fixed asset investments		
	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Investment in The Professional Darts Corporation Limited (0 6%)	4	4

The investment is held at cost but given the success of the PDC the directors are confident the market value of the shares is significantly in excess of the original cost

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Portable buildings £000	Aircraft and aircraft improvements £000	Aircraft rotables £000	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £000	Boat and motor vehicles £000	Total £000
Cost						
At 1 January 2009	1,171	1,980	1,444	2,025	418	7,038
Additions	-	999	72	140	7	1,218
Disposals	-	(1,726)	-	(4)	(63)	(1,793)
At 31 December 2009	1,171	1,253	1,516	2,161	362	6,463
Accumulated depreciation						
At 1 January 2009	552	246	223	1,275	251	2,547
Charge for year	76	175	15	267	30	563
Disposals	-	-	-	(4)	(29)	(33)
At 31 December 2009	628	421	238	1,538	252	3,077
Net book value At 31 December 2009	543	832	1,278	623	110	3,386
At 31 December 2008	619	1,734	1,221	750	167	4,491
110 1 December 2000						

During the year the company disposed of its aircraft as such at 31 December 2009 the aircraft and aircraft improvements category represents aircraft improvements on leased aircraft

11 Stocks

11 Stocks		
	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Aircraft held for resale	638	336
Consumable stocks	479	269
Other	129	
	1.246	605
	1,246	600
12 Debtors		
	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Trade debtors	1,786	3,430
Amounts owed by group undertakings	8,841	5,717
Corporation tax	30	· •
Other debtors	1,018	1,412
Prepayments and accrued income	1,097	1,734
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	12,772	12,293
		

13 Creditors amounts falling due within one year

	2009	2008
	000£	£000
Bank loans	692	1,022
Trade creditors	5,266	4,933
Corporation tax	-	412
Taxation and social security	569	359
Other creditors	790	837
Accruals and deferred income	3,318	6,276
		
	10,635	13,839

Loans of £2,028,000 (2008 £1,847,000) are repayable in equal monthly instalments and are secured on the aircraft held by Air Kilroe Limited, a fellow subsidiary During the year the company raised additional finance on one of the aircraft Interest is charged at between 2% - 3% above LIBOR

The group has an overdraft facility which is secured by a debenture incorporating a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the group

The bank loans and overdraft are subject to a cross guarantee arrangement including Eastern Airways (Europe) Limited and Air Kilroe Limited as described in note 20

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2009 £000	2008 £000
Bank loans (note 13)	1,336	825
Repayments fall due as follows		
Less than one year	692	1,022
Between one and two years	595	424
Between two and five years	741	401
	2,028	1,847
		
15 Provisions for liabilities and charges Movement on deferred taxation		
	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Opening balance	753	763
Credit to profit and loss account	(148)	(10)
At 31 December	605	753
Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances	605	753

16	Called up share capital		
		2009 £000	2008 £000
Allott Equit	y 501,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	501	501
Equit	y 301,000 Ordinary Shares of ET each	===	
17	Profit and loss account		
		2009 £000	2008 £000
Openi	ng balance	3,561	1,789
	for the financial period	1,735	1,772
At 31	December	5,296	3,561
18	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds		
		2009	2008
		£000	£000
Profit	for the financial period	1,735	1,772
	dition to shareholders' funds	1,735	1,772
Openi	ng shareholders' funds	4,062	2,290
Closin	ng shareholders' funds	5,797	4,062
			
19	Commitments		
a)	Capital commitments		
	At 31 December 2009, contracts for capital commitments amounted to £nil (20	08 £nıl)	
b)	Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows		
	Other	2009	2008
	Operating leases which expire	£000	£000
	Within one year In the second to fifth years inclusive	233 2,635	3,232
	After fifth year	-	
		2,868	3,232

20 Contingent liabilities

The Company, together with its parent Eastern Airways (Europe) Limited and other group companies, are part of a group for arranging borrowing requirements

The group companies are subject to cross guarantee arrangements and as such the Company has guaranteed certain of the bank loans and overdraft of Eastern Airways (Europe) Limited aggregating to £10,043,000 (2008 £9,992,000)

The company is also party to a guarantee for the bank loans of Eastern Airways Share Plan Limited ('EASP'), a minority share holder in the company's parent company Eastern Airways (Europe) Limited EASP had bank loans outstanding of £6,000,000 at 31 December 2009 (2008 £6,000,000)

21 Related party disclosures and ultimate controlling parties

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosures' and has therefore not disclosed transaction or balances with entities which form part of the group

The ultimate controlling parties are Messrs R Lake and B Huxford who each have a 41 1% (2008 41 1%) interest in the share capital of Eastern Airways (Europe) Limited, the companies ultimate parent undertaking, through their direct shareholdings and through interests in Magnificent Obsessions Limited and P & B Investment Holdings Limited Eastern Airways Share Plan Limited ('EASP') is also a related party as it is owned by Messrs R Lake and B Huxford During the period EASP purchased 0% (2008 2 8%) of the share capital of Eastern Airways (Europe) Limited for a consideration of £nil (2008 £1,150,000) All companies are registered in England and Wales

The transactions with these related parties are as follows

	2009 £000	2008 £000
Management charge payable to Magnificent Obsessions Limited Management charge payable to P & B Investment Holdings Limited	43 179	159 119
Balance due to at period end		
Magnificent Obsessions Limited	27	100
P & B Investment Holdings Limited	13	100

The individual company financial statements of Magnificent Obsessions Limited and P & B Investment Holdings Limited can be obtained from Charter House, 56 High Street, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1UL