

Company registration number 03473999 (England and Wales)

**SHORTS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LIMITED**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**  
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# SHORTS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3		3,165,223		2,618,750
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	839,063		783,996	
Cash at bank and in hand		172,007		416,900	
		<u>1,011,070</u>		<u>1,200,896</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	<u>(1,044,091)</u>		<u>(1,243,757)</u>	
<b>Net current liabilities</b>			<u>(33,021)</u>		<u>(42,861)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			3,132,202		2,575,889
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	6		(777,190)		(310,754)
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>			<u>(367,423)</u>		<u>(486,486)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>1,987,589</u>		<u>1,778,649</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital			1		1
Profit and loss reserves			<u>1,987,588</u>		<u>1,778,648</u>
<b>Total equity</b>			<u>1,987,589</u>		<u>1,778,649</u>

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the profit and loss account within the financial statements.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

## **SHORTS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LIMITED**

### **BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

***AS AT 31 MARCH 2023***

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The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 20 July 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr G J D Short  
**Director**

**Company Registration No. 03473999**

# SHORTS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Share capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 April 2021	1	1,514,031	1,514,032
<b>Year ended 31 March 2022:</b>			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	264,617	264,617
Balance at 31 March 2022	1	1,778,648	1,778,649
<b>Year ended 31 March 2023:</b>			
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year	-	208,940	208,940
Balance at 31 March 2023	1	1,987,588	1,987,589

# SHORTS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Company information**

Shorts Agricultural Services Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is London Court, London Road, Bracknell, Berkshire, United Kingdom, RG12 2UT.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Turnover**

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

#### **1.3 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Long leasehold	20% on cost
Leasehold improvements	Period of lease
Plant and equipment	Straight line over 6 years
Fixtures and fittings	Straight line over 5 years
Motor vehicles	Straight line over 5 years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

#### **1.4 Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

# SHORTS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

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Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

#### 1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.6 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Classification of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

# SHORTS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 1.7 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

#### 1.8 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

##### **Current tax**

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

##### **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

#### 1.9 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

#### 1.11 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to profit or loss so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

#### 1.12 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

### 2 Employees

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

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	18	15

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 3 Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold	Leasehold	Plant and	Fixtures and	Motor vehicles	Total
	improvements	improvements	equipment	fittings		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 April 2022	148,358	436,722	4,673,484	48,107	261,338	5,568,009
Additions	-	40,460	1,128,189	3,681	58,078	1,230,408
Disposals	-	-	(581,081)	-	(22,500)	(603,581)
At 31 March 2023	148,358	477,182	5,220,592	51,788	296,916	6,194,836
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>						
At 1 April 2022	37,090	28,031	2,670,718	42,777	170,643	2,949,259
Depreciation charged in the year	7,418	23,660	567,336	3,225	39,773	641,412
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	-	(538,558)	-	(22,500)	(561,058)
At 31 March 2023	44,508	51,691	2,699,496	46,002	187,916	3,029,613
<b>Carrying amount</b>						
At 31 March 2023	103,850	425,491	2,521,096	5,786	109,000	3,165,223
At 31 March 2022	111,268	408,691	2,002,766	5,330	90,695	2,618,750

The net carrying value of tangible fixed assets includes the following in respect of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts.

	2023	2022
	£	£
Plant and equipment	1,971,598	1,316,414
Motor vehicles	106,876	78,670
	2,078,474	1,395,084

### 4 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	305,753	442,602
Amounts owed by group undertakings	272,730	218,865
Other debtors	260,580	122,529
	839,063	783,996

# SHORTS AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	157,631	193,059
Amounts owed to group undertakings	48,028	68,486
Taxation and social security	11,706	49,901
Other creditors	826,726	932,311
	<u>1,044,091</u>	<u>1,243,757</u>

### 6 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	<u>777,190</u>	<u>310,754</u>

### 7 Finance lease obligations

	2023 £	2022 £
Future minimum lease payments due under finance leases:		
Within one year	437,460	453,735
In two to five years	<u>777,190</u>	<u>310,754</u>
	<u>1,214,650</u>	<u>764,489</u>

Finance lease payments represent rentals payable by the company for certain items of plant and machinery. Leases include purchase options at the end of the lease period, and no restrictions are placed on the use of the assets.

### 8 Related party transactions

At 31 March 2023, the company was owed £39,424 by Shorts Group Limited (2022: £8,992). This loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

At 31 March 2023, the company was owed £209,873 by Gary Short Limited (2022: £209,873). This loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

At 31 March 2023, the company was owed £6,536 by G2 Partnership (2022: £Nil). This loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

At 31 March 2023, the company owed £41,259 to Jordan Construction Limited (2022: £68,486). This loan is unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

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