# COLAS RAIL SERVICES LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

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# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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Secretary J Quinnell

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010

#### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of providing engineering consultancy on railway construction

On 29 March 2010, as part of a group restructuring program, the company sold its shareholding in Colas Rail Systems Ltd to Colas Rail Holdings Limited, a company which is incorporated in England and Wales and is wholly owned by Colas Rail SA the immediate parent company of Colas Rail Services Limited The consideration was £1,000,000 The intercompany debt was waived on the same day

On 1 September 2011 the company ceased trading and no further trading activity is anticipated in the company. The financial statements have therefore not been prepared on the going concern basis and adjustments have been made where appropriate to write down the company's assets to net realiseable value. The financial statements do not include any provision for the future costs of terminating the business of the company except to the extent that such costs were committed at the balance sheet date.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The company operates a treasury function which is responsible for managing the liquidity, interest and foreign currency risks associated with its activities

The company has various financial assets and liabilities such as trade debtors and trade creditors arising directly from operations

The company manages its cash and borrowing requirements in order to maximise interest income and minimise interest expense, whilst ensuring it has sufficient liquid resources to meet the operating needs of the business

The company's principal foreign currency exposures arise from balances with other group companies

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 5

#### Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2010

- J Bertrand
- **B** Troise
- C Giral

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### 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 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.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

On behalf of the board

J-Bertrand Director

22 September 2011

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

# TO THE MEMBERS OF COLAS RAIL SERVICES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Colas Rail Services Limited for the year ended 31 December 2010 set out on pages 5 to 12. 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 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 pages 1 - 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). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

# 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 2010 and of its loss 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**

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw your attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which explains that the company ceased trading after the year end and therefore the financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis

# 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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF COLAS RAIL SERVICES LIMITED

# 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, or

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Andrew Warren (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of McBrides Accountants LLP

29 September 2011

**Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor** 

Nexus House 2 Cray Road Sidcup Kent DA14 5DA



# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Notes	2010 £	2009 £
Turnover	2	200,610	473,105
Cost of sales		(177,616)	(412,694)
Gross profit		22,994	60,411
Administrative expenses		(24,677)	(43,913)
Operating (loss)/profit	3	(1,683)	16,498
Intercompany balance written off	3	(1,000,000)	
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before interest		(1,001,683)	16,498
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(17,301)	(14,729)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(1,018,984)	1,769
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	5	-	-
(Loss)/profit for the year	10	(1,018,984)	1,769

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations per the definition of FRS 3 Reporting Financial Performance, however, as noted in note 1 all activities ceased on 1 September 2011

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

		20	10	20	009
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	6		-		1,000,000
Current assets					
Debtors	7	19,826		90,671	
Cash at bank and in hand		22,253		28,829	
		42,079		119,500	
Creditors amounts falling due within					
one year	8	(701,693)		(760,130)	
Net current liabilities			(659,614)		(640,630)
Total assets less current habilities			(659,614)		359,370
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	9		10,000		10,000
Profit and loss account	10		(669,614)		349,370
Shareholders' funds	11		(659,614)		359,370

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 22 Jeptember 2011

Director

Company Registration No. 03508173

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention

The financial statements have not been prepared on the going concern basis, as the company ceased trading on 1 September 2011, hence adjustments have been made where appropriate to write down the company's assets to net realisable value. The financial statements do not include any provision for the future costs of terminating the business of the company except to the extent that such costs were committed at the balance sheet date.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a subsidiary undertaking where 90 percent or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group

#### 12 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated)

#### 13 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts

# 14 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value

# 15 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

## 16 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

# 2 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

3	Operating (loss)/profit	2010	2009
		£	£
	Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging		
	Loss on foreign exchange transactions	479	-
	Auditors' remuneration	5,475	5,750
	and after crediting		
	Profit on foreign exchange transactions	_	(5, 124)
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4	Interest payable	2010 £	2009 £
	On amounts payable to group companies	17,301	14,729
5	Taxation Total current tax	2010	2009
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the year (Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(1,018,984)	1,769
	(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 26 50% (2009 - 28 00%)	(270,031)	495
	Effects of		
	Non deductible expenses Tax losses utilised	265,000	(405)
	Losses carried forward	5,031	(495)
		270,031	(495)
	Current tax charge for the year		- =======

The company has unutilised tax losses of £247,885 (2009 £228,901) available for carry forward

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### 6 Fixed asset investments

Shares in participating interests
£
1,000,000
(1,000,000)

Cost

At 1 January 2010 Disposals

At 31 December 2010

Net book value At 31 December 2010

At 31 December 2009

1,000,000

The company had entered into a joint venture agreement with AMEC Plc and acquired 50% of the ordinary shares of Colas Rail Systems Limited, a company incorporated in England, on 19 November 1998. Colas Rail SA subsequently acquired the 50% from Amec Plc. The nature of the company's business is railway engineering, design and major build work.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

6	Fixed asset investments		(continued)
	Additional disclosures are given on Colas Rail Systems Limited, which exceed Financial Reporting Standard No. 9, Associates and Joint Ventures, as follows	certain thro	esholds under
		2010 £	2009 £
	Fixed assets Current assets Pension liability Liabilities due within one year Liabilities due after one year Share of net assets	- - - - -	18,775,000 22,561,500 (4,428,000) (23,099,500) (12,024,000) 1,785,000
	Share capital Reserves	-	1,000,000 785,000
	Capital and reserves	-	1,785,000
	Turnover	-	52,008,500
	Profit/(Loss) before taxation Taxation Profit/(Loss) after taxation	-	527,000 (70,500) 456,500
7	Debtors	2010 £	2009 £
	Amounts owed by parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings Other debtors	15,926 3,900	83,981 6,690
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

8	Creditors amounts falling due within one year	2010 £	2009 £
	Amounts owed to parent undertakings	677,008	729,776
	Corporation tax	304	304
	Other taxes and social security costs	13,224	16,490
	Accruals and deferred income	11,157	13,560
		701,693	760,130
9	Share capital	2010 £	2009 £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	10.000	10.000
	10,000 Ordinary of £1 each	10,000	10,000
10	Statement of movements on profit and loss account		Profit and loss account £
	Balance at 1 January 2010		349,370
	Loss for the year		(1,018,984)
	Balance at 31 December 2010		(669,614)
11	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2010 £	2009 £
	(Loss)/Profit for the financial year	(1,018,984)	1,769
	Opening shareholders' funds	359,370	357,601
	Closing shareholders' funds	(659,614)	359,370

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

# 12 Employees

# Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was

year was	2010 Number	2009 Number
Operations and management	1	3
Employment costs	2010 £	2009 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs	154,908 20,962	319,986 33,489
	175,870	353,475

#### 13 Related party relationships and transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard Number 8 from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that consolidated financial statements are prepared by the ultimate parent company

# 14 Control

The company's immediate parent company is Colas Rail SA a company incorporated in France. The company prepares group accounts which can be obtained from

Colas Rail SA 44, Rue Jean Mermoz 78600 Maisons-Laffitte France

The ultimate parent company is Bouygues SA, a company incorporated in France