

AARDMAN EQUIPMENT LIMITED
ACCOUNTS
31 DECEMBER 2009

Company Registration Number 3986159



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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

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AARDMAN EQUIPMENT LIMITED

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Board of directors

P D F Lord
D A Sproxton

Company secretary

D A Sproxton

Registered office

Gas Ferry Road
Bristol
BS1 6UN

Auditors

Nexia Smith & Williamson
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
Portwall Place
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Bankers

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AARDMAN EQUIPMENT LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2009

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of website development, build and moderation

During the year, the contract came to an end and as such going forward the company will become dormant

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year, and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached accounts

The directors have not recommended a dividend (2008 £nil)

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The directors have not established any formal financial risk management objectives and policies due to the size of the company and the nature of its business

THE DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

P D F Lord
D A Sproxton

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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 accounts, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting 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 accounts,
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts comply with the

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DIRECTORS' REPORT *(Continued)*

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES *(Continued)*

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

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

In the case of each person who was a director at the time this report was approved

- So far as that director was aware, there was no relevant available information of which the company's auditors were unaware, and
- That director had taken all steps that the director ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors were aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provision of s418 of the Companies Act 2006

AUDITORS

Nexia Smith & Williamson LLP resigned as auditors effective as of 30 April 2010 Nexia Smith & Williamson Audit Limited, which trades as Nexia Smith & Williamson, has been appointed as auditors A resolution to re-appoint Nexia Smith & Williamson will be proposed at the annual general meeting

Signed on behalf of the directors



D A Sproston

Director

Date 31 August 2010

AARDMAN EQUIPMENT LIMITED

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

We have audited the accounts of Aardman Equipment Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 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 page 2 and 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the accounts 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 accounts

A description of the scope of an audit of accounts is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/UKNP

Opinion on accounts

In our opinion the accounts

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2009 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

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 accounts are prepared is consistent with the accounts.

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 accounts 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

Nexia Smith & Williamson

Steven Coombe
Senior Statutory Auditor, for and on behalf of
Nexia Smith & Williamson
Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Portwall Lane
Bristol
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31 August 2010

AARDMAN EQUIPMENT LIMITED
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
TURNOVER	2	61,678	65,672
Cost of sales		(61,678)	(65,672)
GROSS PROFIT		-	-
Administrative expenses		(136)	-
OPERATING LOSS	3	(136)	-
Interest receivable		7	45
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(129)	45
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	5	37	(1,629)
RETAINED LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(92)	(1,584)

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

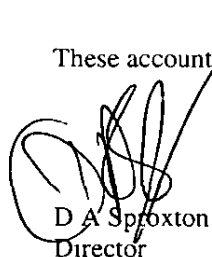
All of the activities of the company became discontinued during the year

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these accounts.

AARDMAN EQUIPMENT LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET****31 DECEMBER 2009**

	Note	2009		2008	
		£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	2		18,833	
Cash at bank		-		5,135	
		<u>2</u>		<u>23,968</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,676)		(25,550)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(1,674)		(1,582)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>(1,674)</u>		<u>(1,582)</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up equity share capital	9		2		2
Profit and loss account	10		(1,676)		(1,584)
EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S DEFICIT	11		<u>(1,674)</u>		<u>(1,582)</u>

These accounts were approved by the directors on 31 August 2010 and are signed on their behalf by



D A Sproston
Director

Company registration number 3986159

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts generated from the build, maintenance and moderation of a website, where the right to consideration has been earned at the year-end, exclusive of value added tax

Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided in Financial Reporting Standard number 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the accounts on the grounds that the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aardman Holdings Limited which publishes a consolidated cash flow statement

2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company, arising wholly within the United Kingdom

3. OPERATING LOSS

Audit fees are paid on the company's behalf by a fellow subsidiary undertaking, Aardman Animations Limited

4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The only staff employed during the current or prior year were the directors, who received no remuneration for their services

5. TAX ON (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

(a) Analysis of (credit)/charge in the year

	2009		2008	
	£	£	£	£
Corporation tax based on the results for the year				
Current year	(37)		1,629	
Total current tax		(37)		1,629
Tax on ordinary activities		(37)		1,629

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5. TAX ON (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES *(continued)*

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is higher (2008 – higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008 – 28.5%)

	2009 £	2008 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(129)	45
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of tax in the UK of 28% (2008 – 28.5%)	(36)	13
Transfer pricing adjustment	-	2,198
Group relief	38	-
Credit for group relief	(38)	-
Other timing differences	(1)	(582)
Total current tax (note 5(a))	(37)	1,629

There is no unprovided deferred tax (2008 – £nil)

6. DEBTORS

	2009 £	2008 £
Trade debtors	-	18,831
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2	2
	2	18,833

7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2009 £	2008 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,675	16,375
VAT payable	-	7,546
Corporation tax	1	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	1,629
	1,676	25,550

8 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions provided by Financial Reporting Standard Number 8 from disclosing transactions with other wholly owned group companies on the grounds that it is itself a wholly owned subsidiary and its parent publishes consolidated accounts

The company is controlled by its parent company, Aardman Holdings Limited, which is itself controlled by D A Sproston and P D F Lord, who are directors of the company

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9. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital	2009	2008
	£	£
100 Ordinary shares of £1 00 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid	2009	2008
	£	£
Ordinary share capital	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

10. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2009	2008
	£	£
Balance brought forward	(1,584)	-
Retained loss for the financial year	<u>(92)</u>	<u>(1,584)</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>(1,676)</u>	<u>(1,584)</u>

11. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	2009	2008
	£	£
Loss for the financial year	(92)	(1,584)
Opening equity shareholder's (deficit)/funds	<u>(1,582)</u>	<u>2</u>
Closing equity shareholder's deficit	<u>(1,674)</u>	<u>(1,582)</u>

12. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is Aardman Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales

Copies of the parent's consolidated accounts may be obtained from Aardman Holdings Limited, Gas Ferry Road, Bristol BS1 6UN

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MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

The following page does not form part of the statutory accounts
which are the subject of the independent auditors' report on page 4

AARDMAN EQUIPMENT LIMITED
DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
TURNOVER	61,678	65 672
COST OF SALES		
Direct costs	<u>61,678</u>	<u>65,672</u>
	(61,678)	(65,672)
GROSS PROFIT	-	-
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Auditors' remuneration	-	-
Bank charges	<u>(136)</u>	<u>-</u>
OPERATING LOSS	(136)	-
Interest receivable	7	45
	<u>(129)</u>	<u>45</u>
Interest payable and similar charges	-	-
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<u>(129)</u>	<u>45</u>