

**AARDMAN CREATURE COMFORTS USA LIMITED  
ACCOUNTS**

**31 DECEMBER 2008**

Company Registration Number 4013200



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**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

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# **AARDMAN CREATURE COMFORTS USA LIMITED**

## **OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

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### **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 LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
Portwall Place  
Portwall Lane  
Bristol  
BS1 6NA

### **Bankers**

Coutts & Co  
Media Banking  
440 Strand  
London  
WC2R 0QS

# **AARDMAN CREATURE COMFORTS USA LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

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The directors present their report and the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2008.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW**

The company ceased to trade with effect from 31 December 2007.

#### **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 (2007: £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.

#### **DIRECTORS**

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

P D F Lord  
D A Sproxton

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended.

In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 8, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The directors must also 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors 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.

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT** *(continued)*

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### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES** *(continued)*

In so far as the directors are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

### **AUDITORS**

The current auditors, Nexia Smith & Williamson LLP, are deemed to be reappointed as auditors.

Signed on behalf of the directors



D A Sproxton  
Director

Date: 31 July 2009

# **AARDMAN CREATURE COMFORTS USA LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

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We have audited the accounts of Aardman Creature Comforts USA Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 12. These accounts have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholder, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholder 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 shareholder as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the accounts. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if the information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement within it.

### **BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER** *(continued)*


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**OPINION**

In our opinion:

- the accounts give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of its result for the year then ended;
- the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the accounts.

Nexia Smith & Williamson 

NEXIA SMITH & WILLIAMSON LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
Bristol

Date: 31 July 2009

**AARDMAN CREATURE COMFORTS USA LIMITED****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

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	Note	2008 £	2007 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>	2	-	577,770
Cost of sales		-	(577,770)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	3	-	-
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	-	(65)
<b>RETAINED LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		-	(65)

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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 are classed as discontinued.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts.

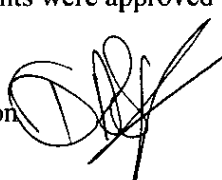
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**AARDMAN CREATURE COMFORTS USA LIMITED****BALANCE SHEET****31 DECEMBER 2008**

	Note	2008	2007
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Investments	6	510	510
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	-	65,776
Cash at bank		-	8
		-	65,784
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(573)	(66,357)
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		(573)	(573)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		(63)	(63)
<b>NET LIABILITIES</b>		(63)	(63)
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called-up equity share capital	10	2	2
Profit and loss account		(65)	(65)
<b>EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S DEFICIT</b>		(63)	(63)

These accounts were approved by the directors on 31 July 2009 and are signed on their behalf by:

D A Sproxton  
Director



The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these accounts.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

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

#### 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 Animations Limited, which is itself a wholly owned subsidiary of Aardman Holdings Limited which publishes a consolidated cash flow statement.

#### Consolidation

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Aardman Animations Limited, itself a wholly owned subsidiary of Aardman Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England, which prepares consolidated accounts. The company has therefore not produced consolidated accounts for itself and its subsidiary undertaking as permitted by the Companies Act 1985. The accounts therefore present information about the company as a single entity and not about its group.

#### Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts generated from film production, exclusive of value added tax, where the right to consideration has been earned at the year-end.

#### Foreign currencies

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 translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

### 2. TURNOVER

The turnover is attributable to the one principal activity of the company, arising wholly in the United Kingdom.

### 3. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2008	2007
	£	£
Auditors remuneration	-	2,200
Loss on foreign currency translation	-	5,384
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#### 4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

	2008 No.	2007 No.
Film Production	-	3

The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:

	2008 £	2007 £
Wages and salaries	-	115,597
Social security costs	-	12,625
	-	128,222

Employment costs are charged to the cost of production. The directors received no remuneration for their services during the year (2007: £nil).

#### 5. TAXATION ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

##### (a) Analysis of charge in the year

	2008 £	2007 £
Current tax:		
Under provision in prior year	-	65
Total current tax	-	65

##### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the prior year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28.5%.

	2008 £	2007 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	-	-
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of tax in the UK of 28.5% (2007 – 30%)	-	-
Adjustments in respect of prior years	-	65
Total current tax (note 5(a))	-	65

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### 6. INVESTMENTS

	2007 £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January and at 31 December	<u>510</u>
<b>Provision for diminution in value</b>	
At 1 January and at 31 December	<u>-</u>
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2008</b>	<u>510</u>
<b>Net book value at 31 December 2007</b>	<u>510</u>

The company has an investment in ordinary shares of the following company:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Country of incorporation</u>	<u>%age holding</u>	<u>Nature of business</u>
Aardman Creature Comforts USA Inc	United States	100	Film Producers

Details of the capital and reserves at 31 December 2008 and the profit after tax for the year then ended for the subsidiary are as follows:

	<b>Capital and reserves at 31.12.2007 and 31.12.2008</b>	<b>Result after tax for the years to 31.12.2007 and 31.12.2008</b>
	£	£
Aardman Creature Comforts USA Inc.	510	-

### 7. DEBTORS

	2008 £	2007 £
Amounts due from group undertakings	-	65,759
VAT recoverable	-	17
	<u>-</u>	<u>65,776</u>

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#### 8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2008	2007
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	573	64,092
Corporation tax	-	65
Accruals	-	2,200
	<u>573</u>	<u>66,357</u>

#### 9. 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 the ultimate parent company publishes consolidated accounts.

The company is ultimately controlled by D A Sproxton and P D F Lord, who are directors of the ultimate parent company, Aardman Holdings Limited.

#### 10. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital:

	2008	2007
	£	£
100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Allotted and called up:

	2008		2007	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

#### 11. 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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**12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS**

	2008	2007
	£	£
Loss for the financial year	-	(65)
Opening equity shareholder's (deficit)/funds	(63)	2
Closing equity shareholder's deficit	<u>(63)</u>	<u>(63)</u>