Directors' report and financial statements

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#### **Directors' report**

Registered number: 4067240

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of Virgin Holidays Cruises Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2014

During the previous financial year Virgin Holidays Cruises Limited changed its reporting period to end on 31 December. The decision was taken in order to align with the accounting reference date of the Virgin Group of companies. The comparatives of these financial statements have therefore been prepared for the ten months ended 31 December 2013.

#### Principal activity

The principal activity was the sale of holidays being both self-packaged Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL) bonded holidays and holidays sold as a travel agent as a member of the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) On 1 December 2011 Virgin Holidays Cruises Limited transferred its business to Virgin Holidays Limited From that date Virgin Holidays Cruises has been a trading name of Virgin Holidays Limited The Company has not traded in the current financial year

#### **Business review**

The directors expect that the Company will continue not to trade for the foreseeable future. The profit before tax for the financial year amounted to £nil (period ended 31 December 2013 £nil)

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the financial year and to the date of this report were as follows

C S Kreeger

S J Weiss (appointed 7 July 2014) A E Wills (resigned 16 May 2014)

TJ Livett (appointed 16 May 2014, resigned 7 July 2014)

#### **Dividends**

No dividend has been paid during the financial year. No final dividend has been declared as at the date of issue of the financial statements (period ended 31 December 2013 £nil)

The Directors' report was approved by the Board of Directors on 28 September 2015 was signed on its behalf by



I M J de Sousa Company Secretary

Company Secretariat The Office Manor Royal Crawley RH10 9NU

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#### Directors' responsibilities statement

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 for that period

In preparing the 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 a 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.

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#### **Balance sheet**

at 31 December 2014

	31 December 2014		31 December 2013
Current assets	Note	€'000	5,000
Amounts owed by group undertakings		5,930	5,930
Net current assets		5,930	5,930
Total assets less current liabilities		5,930	5,930
Net assets		5,930	5,930
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	3	50 5,880	50 5,880
Shareholders' funds	4	5,930	5,930

The Company did not trade during the current or previous financial year, and the result for both financial years is £nii The Company has not made any other recognised gain or loss

The Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 September 2015 and were signed on its behalf by

C S Kreeger Director

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these financial statements

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Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

#### 1 Accounting policies

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

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable United Kingdom accounting standards On 1 December 2011, the Company transferred its trade and net assets to its immediate parent undertaking, Virgin Holidays Limited (the Group), where the business will continue to operate as a division of the Group, whereas the Company will have no further trading activities in relation to the sale of holidays. Upon transfer, the Group, through an intercompany loan, assumed ownership of all assets and liabilities of the Company, leaving the Company with net current assets in the amount of £5,930,000 at the balance sheet date, solely consisting of the intercompany debtor of the same amount

The directors have no reason to believe that the Group will not be in a position to provide the support required by the Company for the foreseeable future being at least one year from the date of the approval of these financial statements. Accordingly, the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised) "Cash Flow Statement", the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Virgin Atlantic Limited (formerly known as Virgin Atlantic (Holdings) Limited) and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that company

#### 2 Staff numbers and costs

The Company has not employed any staff during the year ended 31 December 2014 (31 December 2013 nil)

#### 3 Share capital

	31 December	31 December
	2014	2013
	£,000	£,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	50	50
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Notes (Continued)

#### 4 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

Profit/(loss) for the financial period	31 December 2014 £'000	31 December 2013 £'000
Retained Profit/(loss)	<del></del>	
Opening shareholders' funds	5,930	5,930
Closing shareholders' funds	5,930	5,930

#### 5 Related party transactions

At 31 December 2014, the Company's ultimate parent and controlling company was Virgin Group Holdings Limited, whose principal shareholders are Sir Richard Branson and certain trusts, none of which individually has a controlling interest in Virgin Group Holdings Limited. The principal beneficiaries of those trusts are Sir Richard Branson and/or his immediate family. The shareholders of Virgin Group Holdings Limited have interests directly or indirectly in certain other companies which are considered to give rise to related party disclosures under Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related party disclosures"

The Company, being a subsidiary undertaking as at 31 December 2014 of Virgin Atlantic Limited (formerly known as Virgin Atlantic (Holdings) Limited), has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Financial Reporting Standard 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions with entities which form part of the group or investees of the group qualifying as related parties. These transactions have been disclosed in the consolidated financial statements of the intermediate holding company, Virgin Atlantic Limited, which are publicly available (see note 6).

There are no other material transactions and balances by the Company with related entities which are required to be disclosed by Financial Reporting Standard 8

#### 6 Ultimate holding company

As at 31 December 2014, the directors consider the ultimate holding company to be Virgin Group Holdings Limited, a company registered in the British Virgin Islands

As at 31 December 2014, Virgin Wings Limited, a company registered in England & Wales, is the parent undertaking of the largest group of which the Company is a member and for which consolidated financial statements are drawn up

As at 31 December 2014, Virgin Holidays Limited, a company registered in England & Wales, is the parent undertaking of the smallest group of which the Company is a member and for which consolidated financial statements are drawn up

Copies of the financial statements for Virgin Wings Limited, Virgin Atlantic Limited and Virgin Holidays Limited may be obtained from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF14 3UZ

#### 7 Business Transfer

On 1 December 2011, the business was transferred to Virgin Holidays Limited The business will continue as a trading name of Virgin Holidays Limited