Registered Number: 4074263

# Carp (S) Limited

# Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2007

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## Registered No 4074263

### **Directors**

MP Dalby MR France

## Secretary

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## Independent auditors

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# Directors' report For the year ended 31 December 2007

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### Business review and principal activities

The company is a dormant subsidiary and has no principal activity

The profit and loss account on page 6 shows a pre tax profit of £nil (2006 £nil) for the year and turnover of £nil (2006 £nil) The balance sheet on page 7 shows net assets of £91 4million at 31 December 2007 (2006 £169 3million) During the year, the directors paid a dividend of 65 pence per share (2006 £nil)

The Directors regard CP Cayman Holdings GP Limited to be the ultimate holding company The ultimate controlling parties are investment funds advised by The Blackstone Group

#### **Future outlook**

The Directors consider that the company will be dormant for the foreseeable future

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the group and are not managed separately. Accordingly, the principal risks and uncertainties of the CP Comet Holdings Limited group, which include those of the company, are disclosed in CP Comet Holdings Limited's annual report, which does not form part of this report

## Key performance indicators ("KPIs")

The directors of CP Comet Holdings Limited manage the group's operations on a per village basis For this reason, the company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance and position of the business of Carp (S) Limited

## Financial risk management

The financing of the Company is managed together with that of all other Group Companies As a result there is no separate analysis of the risks associated with the Company and all such risks are applicable to the CP Comet Holdings Limited group

The Group finances its operations through a mixture of shareholders' funds, bank and other borrowings and loan notes as required. The Group has historically sought to reduce the cost of capital by refinancing and restructuring the Group funding using the underlying asset value.

The overall policy in respect of interest rates is to reduce the exposure to floating rates. The Group currently has swaps in place, held by Comet Refico Limited

## Interest rate risk

The Group has in place floating rate debt as its primary funding source. In order to minimise exposure to interest rate fluctuations, the Group utilises interest rate swaps to achieve a fixed interest rate.

#### Liquidity risk

The Group maintains sufficient cash reserves to ensure that it can meet its medium term working capital and funding obligations

#### **Currency risk**

The Group is exposed to limited currency risk through foreign currency transactions The Group does not operate a hedging facility to manage these currency risks as they are considered to be insignificant

#### Credit risk

The Group borrows from well-established institutions with high credit ratings

# Directors' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### **Directors**

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

MP Dalby

(appointed 19 April 2007)

MR France

JP Baratta (resigned 19 April 2007) CR Pike (resigned 19 April 2007) PH Stoll (resigned 14 February 2007)

# Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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)

The financial statements are required by law to 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements 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,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that
  the company will continue in business, in which case there should be supporting assumptions or
  qualifications as necessary

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that 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 1985. 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.

# Directors' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### Auditors and disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- So far as the director is aware there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware,
- The director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself / herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s234ZA of the Companies Act 1985

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

By order of the Board

M R France Director

30 June 2008

# Independent auditors' report

to the members of Carp (S) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Carp (S) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, and the related notes These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we 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 information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements 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 financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, 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 financial statements 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 financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements 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 2007 and of its result for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985,
   and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

East Midlands 30 June 2008

# Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2007

The company has not traded during the year or the preceding financial year and received no income nor incurred any expenditure Consequently it made neither a profit nor a loss

# **Balance sheet**

as at 31 December 2007

	Notes	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Current assets	2	01 202	192.160
Debtors  Creditors amounts falling due within one year	2 3	91,393	182,169 (12,830)
Net current assets	_	_	169,339
Net assets	_	91,393	169,339
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	6 7	91,393	91,393 77,946
Total shareholders' funds	7	91,393	169,339

The financial statements on pages 6 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 30 June 2008\_and were signed on its behalf by

M R France Director

30 June 2008

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards and the Companies Act 1985

#### Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of an ultimate parent company which itself publishes a consolidated cash flow statement

#### Related parties transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosing related party transactions between companies which are 90% owned by the ultimate UK parent company during the year, CP Comet Holdings Ltd

#### Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exceptions

- provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold,
- deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely
  than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying
  timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

#### 2. Debtors

2007	2006
£'000	£'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings 91,393	182,169

At 31 December 2006, included within amounts owed by group undertakings were two loans totalling £175,803,626 made by the company to Carp (UK) 3 Limited These loans were interest free and repaid during the year as part of the novation of intercompany balances

At 31 December 2007 the balance represents amounts owed by Sun CP Newmidco Limited The balance is interest free and is repayable on demand

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2007

### 3. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors. amounts faming due within one year	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings		12,830

As part of an exercise to simplify balances during the year, the intercompany balances were settled by method of contra

## 4. Dividends paid

During the year, the company paid an in specie dividend of £52 271million, settled by the novation of intercompany accounts

## 5. Related party transactions

No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as are required to be disclosed under Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures"

# 6. Share capital

Share capital				
•			Authorised	Authorised
			2007	2006
			£'000	£'000
120,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each			120,000	120,000
		Allo	tted, called up o	and fully paid
		2007		2006
	No.	£'000	No	£'000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	91,392,559	91,393	91,392,559	91,393

## 7. Reconciliation of total shareholders' funds and movement on reserves

	Share capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total share- holders' funds £'000
At 31 December 2005 Result for the year	91,393	77,946 -	169,339 -
At 31 December 2006 Profit for the year Dividends	91,393	77,946 - (77,946)	169,339 (77,946)
At 31 December 2007	91,393	•	91,393

# Notes to the financial statements (continued)

for the year ended 31 December 2007

#### 8. Ultimate parent company and controlling parties

At 31 December 2006, Carp (L) Limited continued to hold 1 ordinary share in the Company with the remaining ordinary shares in issue being held by Carp (UK) 3 Limited Both companies are registered in England & Wales On 18 July 2007, as part of the simplification of intecompany balances, Carp (UK) 3 Limited sold its shareholding to various group companies, with the controlling parties being Sun CP Midco Limited at 33% and Carp (UK) 2 Limited with 31%

The Directors regard CP Cayman Holdings GP Limited, registered in the Cayman Islands, to be the ultimate holding company. The ultimate controlling parties are funds advised by The Blackstone Group. The largest and smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group accounts are drawn up is now CP Comet Holdings Limited. Copies of the accounts are available from the registered office detailed on page 1.