Annual report and unaudited financial statements for the 13 month period ended 30th June 2019



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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

W Kenwright CBE
D Barrett-Baxendale MBE (Appointed 2 September 2019)
A Ryazantsev (Appointed 2 September 2019)
J V Woods (Resigned 11 July 2019)

REGISTERED OFFICE

Goodison Park Liverpool L4 4EL

BANKERS

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report together with the unaudited financial statements for the 13 month period ended 30 June 2019.

The Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies' exemption, under s414 of the Companies Act 2006, and accordingly a Strategic Report has not been prepared.

The company has been dormant as defined in section 1169 of the Companies Act 2006 throughout the year. It is anticipated that the company will remain dormant for the foreseeable future. Key performance indicators are not considered necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the company.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The Company acts as a financing vehicle for group activities.

RESULTS, DIVIDENDS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

On 20 March 2002, the Company issued a £30 million 25-year secured loan note. This was repaid during the year ending 31 May 2017 following investment from the major shareholder.

The results for the period are presented on page 5. The loss for the period, after taxation, amounted to £nil (2018: nil). The Directors are unable to recommend the payment of a dividend (2018: same).

Risks and Uncertainties

The Company is in a net liabilities position of £36,504 (2018: £36,504). The Directors of Everton Investments Limited have received a letter from Everton Football Club Company Limited ("the Group") confirming that "intercompany balances within the Group will not be called in within 12 months". It is acknowledged that the risks and uncertainties facing the Company are intrinsically linked to those of the parent company, Everton Football Club Company Limited. In relying on the letter of support, the Directors have considered the matters noted below which have been disclosed in the financial statements of Everton Football Club Company Limited.

The Board of Everton Football Club Company Limited ("The Board") recognises there are risks which affect the Group and has sought to minimise those risks. The Group's cost base, in common with other football clubs, is relatively fixed in the short term, hence unfavourable movements in revenue, including those arising from below budget on-pitch performance, can lead to significant variation in profits. It is the aim of the Board to maximise the flexibility of the cost base to manage unexpected revenue reductions.

The Group also addresses industry risks through the attendance and participation of Club management at FA Premier League meetings, where risks and issues affecting FA Premier League clubs are discussed with representatives of other FA Premier League clubs with a view to mitigating any such identified risks.

In ensuring that the Group has sufficient liquid resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due the Directors have reviewed in detail the business' cash flow projections. As disclosed in note 1, during the 2018/19 season the Group met its day to day working capital requirements through its cash reserves, shareholder support, revolving credit facility and through securitisation of future guaranteed receivables.

The Group's trading projections show that it has a reasonable expectation of staying within its currently available, and future anticipated, finance facilities for at least 12 months from the date of signing of these accounts. In preparing these trading projections, a number of additional inherent uncertainties have been identified; notably on-field performance and the resultant reduction in the Premier League domestic broadcasting merit award payment and the level of player trading.

The Company's and Group's Directors have considered the uncertainty surrounding other inherent uncertainties and, in the event that they would be required, have identified a number of potential mitigating actions to manage any resulting forecast shortfall against current facilities including the ability within the industry to securitise additional future guaranteed revenues and flexibility around player trading.

Based on the mitigating actions referred to above, as well as the continued financial support of Bluesky Capital Limited, a company controlled by Mr Moshiri, and also the parent company, Everton Football Club Company Limited, the Company's and Group's Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Annual Report and Accounts

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Future Outlook

The Directors do not expect the Company to experience any significant change from its current operations in the future.

DIRECTORS

The names of the Directors who served during the year, and to the date of this report, were as follows:

W Kenwright CBE

D Barrett-Baxendale (Appointed 2 September 2019):

A Ryazantsev (Appointed 2 September 2019)

J V Woods (Resigned 11 July 2019)

No Director has an interest in the shares of the Company or any other group undertaking, other than the parent undertaking. The Directors' interests in the shares of the parent undertaking. Everton Football Club Company Limited, are disclosed in the Directors' Report of that Company.

The Company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors which were made during the year and remain in force at the date of this report.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

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A Ryazantsev Director

13 January 2020

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland".

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 judgments 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.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Period ended 30 June 2019

	Note	13 months 2019 £	12 months 2018 £
Operating expenses			-
OPERATING LOSS	3	-	-
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION Taxation on loss	5		- -
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		-	-

All the above results were derived from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses for the current or prior financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account above. Accordingly, no separate Statement of Comprehensive Income has been presented.

BALANCE SHEET At 30 June 2019

	Note.	2019 £	2018 £
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors:	6 :	5,490,521	5,490,521
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(5,527,025)	(5,527,025)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) ASSETS		(36,504)	(36,504)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(36,504)	(36,504)
NET LIABILITIES		(36,504)	(36,504)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	. 0		2
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	8	(36,506)	(36,506)
SHAREHOLDER'S DEFICIT	•	(36,504)	(36,504)

Everton Investments Limited (registered number 4349739) did not trade during the current or prior period and has made neither profit nor loss, nor any other comprehensive income. There have been no movements in shareholders' funds during the current financial year. For the period ending 30 June 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to domant companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year 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.

The financial statements of Everton Investments Limited (Company number 4349739) were approved by the Board of Directors on 13 January 2020.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

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A Ryazantsev Director

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY At 30 June 2019

	Called up share capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total £000
At 1 June 2017	2	(36,506)	(36,504)
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the year	-	· -	
At 1 June 2018	2	(36,506)	(36,504)
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the year	-		-
At 30 June 2019	2	(36,506)	(36,504)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General information and basis of accounting

Everton Investments Limited is a private company incorporated in the England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report on page 2.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of Everton Investments Limited is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

Everton Investments Limited meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it in respect of its separate financial statements. Everton Investments Limited is consolidated in the financial statements of its parent, Everton Football Club Company Limited, which may be obtained from Companies House. Exemptions have been taken in these separate Company financial statements in relation to financial instruments and presentation of a cash flow statement.

Everton Investments Limited is a dormant company, as defined by the Companies Act 2006, and has therefore elected to retain its accounting policies for reported assets, liabilities and equity at the date of transition to FRS 102 in accordance with the transition provisions in paragraph 35.10 in FRS 102.

Going concern

As set out in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement on page 4, in preparing these financial statements the Directors are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business. It is acknowledged that the risks and uncertainties facing the Company are intrinsically linked to those of Everton Football Club Company Limited ("the Group"). In satisfaction of this responsibility the Directors have reviewed in detail the business' cash flow projections, and considered the Group's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

During the 2018/19 season the Group met its day to day working capital requirements through its cash reserves, shareholder support, revolving credit facility and through the securitisation of future guaranteed receivables.

Because of the predictable nature of football club revenue streams, the Group is able to obtain further funding if required through the securitisation of future guaranteed revenues, as is common industry practice, and as it has done in the past. This RCF facility is a three year facility which reduces over the term to July 2020.

The Group's trading projections show that it has a reasonable expectation of staying within its currently available, and future anticipated, finance facilities for at least 12 months from the date of signing of these accounts. In preparing these trading projections, a number of additional inherent uncertainties have been identified; notably on-field performance and the resultant reduction in the Premier League domestic broadcasting merit award payment and the level of player trading.

The Company's and Group's Directors have considered the uncertainty surrounding other inherent uncertainties and, in the event that they would be required, have identified a number of potential mitigating actions to manage any resulting forecast shortfall against current facilities including the ability within the industry to securitise additional future guaranteed revenues and flexibility around player trading.

Based on the mitigating actions referred to above, as well as the continued financial support of Bluesky Capital Limited, a company controlled by Mr Moshiri, and also the parent company, Everton Football Club Company Limited, the Company's and Group's Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Annual Report and Accounts.

Financial instruments

The company has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered.

Creditors are recognised where the company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Impairment of assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Current taxation

Current taxation, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The directors do not consider there are any critical judgements or sources of estimation uncertainty requiring disclosure beyond the accounting policies listed above.

3. OPERATING LOSS

No fees were payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual accounts due to the entity being dormant (2018: nil). No non-audit fees were incurred during the year (2018: £nil).

4. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The Directors received no emoluments from the Company during the year (2018: £nil). Other than the Directors, the Company has no employees (2018: none).

5. TAXATION ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

(i) Current tax	13 months 2019 £	12 months . 2018 £
Total and current tax		
(ii) Factors affecting tax charge for the current year		
The charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit per the profit and lo	ss account as follows:	
	13 months 2019	12 months 2018
	£	£
Loss for the year – continuing operations		
Tax on profit at standard UK tax rate of 19% (2018: 19.83%) Effects of:	•	-
- Effects of group relief/other reliefs		
Tax charge for the year	·	

(iii) Factors that may affect the future tax charge

A deferred tax asset of £nil (2018; £nil) has not been recognised. The asset will be recovered when relevant profits arise in the company which facilitate the offset of the brought forward losses.

Finance Act No.2 2015, which was substantively enacted on 26 October 2015, includes provisions to reduce the corporation tax to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017 and 18% with effect from 1 April 2020. In addition, the Finance Act 2016 which was substantively enacted on 6th September 2016 introduced a further reduction in the main rate of corporation tax from 18% to 17% from 1 April 2020. Accordingly these rates have been applied when calculating deferred tax assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2019.

6. DEBTORS

	30 June 2019 £	31 May 2018 £
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary Amounts owed by parent	5,490,521	5,490,521
	5,490,521	5,490,521

All amounts fall due within one year.

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30 June 2019 £	31 May 2018 £
Loan notes (see note 11) Accruals and deferred income Amounts owed to parent	5,527,025	5,527,025
	5,527,025	5,527,025

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

8. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

		30 June	31 May
	,	2019	2018
		£	£
Called up, allotted and fully paid			
2 ordinary shares of £1 each		2	2
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The Company's other reserve is the profit and loss reserve which represents cumulative profits or losses, net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

9. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Everton Football Club Company Limited, which produces consolidated group accounts and is registered at the same address as this company. This is the smallest and largest group into which Everton Investments Limited's results are consolidated. The major shareholders of Everton Football Club Company Limited are set out in the group accounts which can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted under section 33 of FRS 102 'Related Party Disclosures' not to report transactions between group companies, which are included in the consolidated statements of Everton Football Club Company Limited.