

REGISTERED NUMBER: 04447367 (England and Wales)

**The Ridings Early Growth Investment
Company Limited**

Abbreviated Accounts

Year Ended 31 December 2009

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The Ridings Early Growth Investment Company Limited

Company Information for the year ended 31 December 2009

DIRECTORS:

Mr A T G Burton
Mr K D Caley
Mr S J J Frazer
Mr I H McNeill

SECRETARY:

Mr A T G Burton

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Metic House
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AUDITORS:

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Wakefield
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**Report of the Independent Auditors to
The Ridings Early Growth Investment Company Limited
Under Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages three to six, together with the full financial statements of The Ridings Early Growth Investment Company Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 prepared under Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Regulations made under that Section and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 444(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Regulations made under that Section.

Other information

On 2 March 2010 we reported as auditors to the shareholders of the company on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 prepared under Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, and our report included the following extract:

"Going Concern

In forming our opinion, we have considered the applicability of the going concern basis to the company. As stated in the accounting policies on page 10, the company is an investment company and invests funds provided to it under a contractual agreement of £5m from the DBIS Early Growth Fund (see note 9) and is dependent on the continued support of the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills. Should this support not be forthcoming, adjustment would have to be made to reduce the value of assets to their recoverable amounts, to provide for any liabilities which might arise and to reclassify fixed assets as current assets. Our opinion is not qualified in the respect."

Claire Lawton (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Jolliffe Cork LLP
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
33 George Street
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2 March 2010

The Ridings Early Growth Investment Company Limited (Registered number: 04447367)

**Abbreviated Balance Sheet
31 December 2009**

	Notes	2009 £	2008 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	-	-
Investments	3	<u>2,828,170</u>	<u>3,040,401</u>
		2,828,170	3,040,401
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		32,082	32,783
Cash at bank		<u>50,264</u>	<u>250,711</u>
		82,346	283,494
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>10,497</u>	<u>7,408</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>71,849</u>	<u>276,086</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,900,019	3,316,487
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>5,917,875</u>	<u>5,561,634</u>
NET LIABILITIES		<u>(3,017,856)</u>	<u>(2,245,147)</u>

The notes form part of these abbreviated accounts

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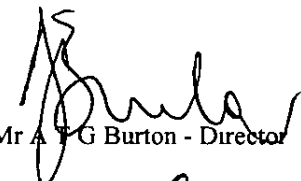
Abbreviated Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2009

	Notes	2009	2008
		£	£
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	4	1	1
Profit and loss account		<u>(3,017,857)</u>	<u>(2,245,148)</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u><u>(3,017,856)</u></u>	<u><u>(2,245,147)</u></u>

The abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 2 March 2010 and were signed on its behalf by



Mr A T G Burton - Director



Mr K D Caley - Director

The notes form part of these abbreviated accounts

The Ridings Early Growth Investment Company Limited

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008)

Turnover

Turnover represents the amount derived from ordinary activities and stated after trade discounts, other sales taxes and net of value added tax

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Computer equipment - 25% on cost

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date

Operating Lease Agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Company is an investment company and invests funds provided to it under a contractual agreement of £5m from the DBIS Early Growth Fund (see note 9). The company had a net deficit of £3,017,856 at the balance sheet date. The company is dependent on the continued support of the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills and despite the significant write downs which the company has made to its investment portfolio in the year, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

The Ridings Early Growth Investment Company Limited

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the year ended 31 December 2009

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Total £
COST	
At 1 January 2009	2,252
Disposals	<u>(1,120)</u>
At 31 December 2009	<u>1,132</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2009	2,252
Eliminated on disposal	<u>(1,120)</u>
At 31 December 2009	<u>1,132</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2009	<u>-</u>
At 31 December 2008	<u>-</u>

3 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investments other than loans £
COST	
At 1 January 2009	3,040,401
Additions	253,767
Impairments	<u>(465,998)</u>
At 31 December 2009	<u>2,828,170</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2009	<u>2,828,170</u>
At 31 December 2008	<u>3,040,401</u>

4 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, issued and fully paid Number	Class	Nominal value £1	2009 £	2008 £
1	Ordinary		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

5 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

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