

# Financial Statements Road Management Services (Darrington) Holdings Limited

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**For the year ended 31 December 2012**

**Registered number: 04612245**



## Company Information

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## **Directors' Report**

**For the year ended 31 December 2012**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

### **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 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). 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 and of the profit or loss of the group 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,
- 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 group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors confirm that

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

### **Principal activities**

On 13 February 2003, Road Management Services (Darrington) Limited, a 100% subsidiary, entered into a design, build, finance and operate (DBFO) contract with the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions to upgrade the 53km section of the A1(M) in Yorkshire from Darrington to Dishforth.

The new construction works comprised two major schemes to upgrade the road to motorway standard.

The first scheme was the improvement of the A1 between Darrington and Hook Moor, the junction with the M1 and is referred to as the A1(M) Ferrybridge to Hook Moor Scheme. The existing dual two lane all-purpose trunk road has been upgraded to a dual three lane motorway constructed to a new alignment, amounting to 16.5km, bypassing the communities of Knottingley, Ferrybridge, Brotherton and Fairburn.

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A new junction, Holmfield Interchange, has been built between the A1(M) and the M62, located to the north-west of Wentcliff Hill and to the north of Pontefract, close to Ferrybridge Power Station. The interchange caters for six of the possible eight movements between the proposed motorway and the M62. The two movements not accommodated are the M62 westbound to A1 southbound and A1 northbound to M62 eastbound. Both of these movements continue to utilise the existing M62/A1 Junction 33 at Ferrybridge. Due to free-flow design many of the link roads pass over or under link roads as well as the two motorways, resulting in the need for seven bridges with an additional two to allow the motorway to cross adjacent side roads.

The scheme also includes works to de-trunk parts of the existing A1 trunk road, some of which have become two-lane single carriageway roads, handed back to the local highway authority.

The second scheme was to upgrade the existing A1 motorway standard between Wetherby and Walshford on a new alignment, amounting to 5.3km of new road to the east of the existing road. The motorway is typically dual three lane standard except for a short length of two lane standard at the southbound tie-in with Wetherby Bypass which was upgraded to 3 lane and completed in July 2009. The previous A1 has been retained for local access purposes and was de-trunked and handed back to the local highway authority.

### **Business review**

The group continues to maintain the whole works and will continue to do so in accordance with the requirements of the DBFO contract for the remaining term of the concession.

Commencing on 7 May 2003 and for a period of 33 years, the group is receiving annual Congestion Management Payments for carrying out the operation and maintenance of the roads to the satisfaction of the Highways Agency.

Three key performance indicators are used to measure the performance of the group:

- 1 The maximisation of the revenue from the Congestion Management Payments, which require the traffic to be moving at a minimum of 90 kilometres per hour.
- 2 The achievement of cash flow targets as set out in the annual budgets. At the year end the actual cash balance exceeded its target.
- 3 The maintenance of the shareholders' internal rate of return as projected in the financial models which are produced on a regular basis. A recently updated financial model shows sufficient levels of cash flow for the company to meet its financial obligations to its creditors and to maintain returns to shareholders.

Eleven other performance indicators are measured on a monthly basis while a further seventeen are measured either quarterly or annually. Each performance target has minimum performance levels and all of these were either matched or improved in the year. They cover a broad range of subjects including response times, health and safety, network availability and traffic monitoring.

### **Results and dividends**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £3,154,000 (2011 - £3,757,000).

Profit is considered to be a Key Performance Indicator for the group and continues to be recognised in accordance with the group's financial model.

The directors have paid a dividend of £2,653,860 (2011 - £1,017,749).

## **Directors' Report**

**For the year ended 31 December 2012**

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were

N Rac  
D W Bowler  
L J Henry  
A Matthew (resigned 22 May 2012)  
P McCulloch (resigned 22 May 2012)  
C A Snart  
S J Usher (resigned 26 March 2013)  
P J Dodd (appointed 22 May 2012)  
B J Wynne-Simmons (appointed 22 May 2012)

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

#### **Risk management policy**

The risk management policy of the group is designed to identify and manage risk at the earliest possible point. The group keeps a detailed risk register which is formally reviewed by the board on a bi-annual basis. The principal risks and uncertainties facing the company are broadly grouped as financial instrument and legislative risk.

#### **Legislative risk**

The group faces legislative risks such as any matters which would materially increase the flow of traffic on the roadway through restrictions placed on traffic movements on any alternative routes, a policy which forces traffic onto this roadway or by major developments in the locality which increases traffic volumes, which could adversely impact the group as a result of potential penalties or reduced recognised revenue. These risks are managed by close monitoring by management of significant developments and maintaining an awareness regarding exposure to penalties.

#### **Financial instruments risk**

The principal risk facing the group is the inability to meet its obligations in respect of interest and principal repayments on the bonds and European Investment Bank ("EIB") loan. A Financial Guarantee provided by Ambac Assurance UK Limited ("Ambac") is in place to manage this risk. Under the terms of the Guarantee, Ambac unconditionally and irrevocably agrees to pay all sums due and payable by the group in the event that the group fails to pay.

The group's exposure to price risk, credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk is detailed below and further detailed in Note 24.

### **Future developments**

The directors do not anticipate any change in the Company's activities.

### **Financial instruments**

Details of the group's financial risk management objectives and policies are included in note 24 to the accounts.

### **Going Concern**

Based upon the group's profitability for the year, which saw the continued recognition of profits in accordance with its financial model, the directors believe that the group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

## Directors' Report

For the year ended 31 December 2012

The Board acknowledges that Citibank are no longer classified as a "qualifying" bank (as defined within the loan facility agreement) in respect of the European Investment Bank ("EIB") loan due to the downgrading of its rating. Furthermore the AMBAC rating was also downgraded in November 2008 and April 2009 (to below BBB). These create uncertainty due to the risk that EIB may request that these institutions are replaced. Given the continued discussions with EIB and wording within the loan facility agreement, the directors are assured that adequate safeguards are in place to enable this funding to remain in place for the foreseeable future. The Board believes it is therefore appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the group.

### Provision of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company and the group's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company and the group's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the company and the group's auditor is aware of that information.

### Auditor

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Grant Thornton UK LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditor 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

### Injurious affection (third party) claims

The group has received claims from third parties in respect of noise and nuisance caused by the new road, operated as part of the DBFO contract, for which it has made a provision, representing the directors' current assessment of the likely amount to settle these claims and associated costs, fees and interest, as described in note 16. Should claims eventually exceed the amount provided, this would adversely impact the group.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf



P J Dodd  
Director

Date 21/05/2013



## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Road Management Services (Darrington) Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Road Management Services (Darrington) Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012, which comprise the consolidated Profit and loss account, the consolidated and company Balance sheets, the consolidated Cash flow statement, the Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow Movement in Net Funds/Debt and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the group's and of the parent company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the group's and of the parent company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's 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 group's and of the parent company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Auditing Practices Board's website at [www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm](http://www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm).

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2012 and of the group's profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.





## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Road Management Services (Darrington) Holdings Limited

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Cardiff".

Mark Cardiff

Senior statutory auditor

for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP

Chartered Accountants, Statutory Auditor

London (Euston)

Date 22 May 2015

## Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 £000	2011 £000
<b>Turnover</b>	1,2	<b>27,223</b>	<b>33,627</b>
Administrative expenses		<u>(6,051)</u>	<u>(7,513)</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>	3	<b>21,172</b>	<b>26,114</b>
Interest receivable and similar income	6	<b>348</b>	<b>428</b>
Interest payable and similar charges	7	<u>(17,970)</u>	<u>(22,155)</u>
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>3,550</b>	<b>4,387</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	<u>(397)</u>	<u>(630)</u>
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	18	<u><b>3,153</b></u>	<u><b>3,757</b></u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2012 or 2011 other than those included in the Profit and loss account

The notes on pages 11 to 28 form part of these financial statements

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2012

	Note	£000	2012 £000	2011 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Tangible assets	9		219,468	222,320
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	11	42,115		38,564
Investments	12	1,718		1,719
Cash at bank and in hand		15,988		18,203
		<u>59,821</u>		<u>58,486</u>
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(10,866)</u>		<u>(11,603)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>48,955</u>	<u>46,883</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>268,423</u>	<u>269,203</u>
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(250,368)	(251,429)
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>				
Deferred tax	15	(5,619)		(5,254)
Other provisions	16	<u>(50)</u>		<u>(633)</u>
			<u>(5,669)</u>	<u>(5,887)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>12,386</u></u>	<u><u>11,887</u></u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>				
Called up share capital	17		520	520
Profit and loss account	18		<u>11,866</u>	<u>11,367</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	19		<u><u>12,386</u></u>	<u><u>11,887</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by

  
**P J Dodd**  
 Director

Date 21/05/2013

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## Company Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2012

	Note	£000	2012 £000	2011 £000
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Investments	10		525	525
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	11	24,127		24,877
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,377)	(9,471)	
<b>Net current assets</b>			14,750	15,406
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			15,275	15,931
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(14,755)	(15,411)
<b>Net assets</b>			520	520
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>				
Called up share capital	17		520	520
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	19		520	520

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by

  
**P J Dodd**  
 Director

Date 21/05/2013

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## Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 £000	2011 £000
Net cash flow from operating activities	21	19,673	22,385
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	22	(9,191)	(9,435)
Taxation		(32)	-
Equity dividends paid		(2,654)	(1,018)
<b>Cash inflow before management of liquid resources and financing</b>		<b>7,796</b>	<b>11,932</b>
Management of liquid resources	22	1	(21)
Financing	22	(10,012)	(10,681)
<b>(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year</b>		<b>(2,215)</b>	<b>1,230</b>

## Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Debt

For the year ended 31 December 2012

		2012 £000	2011 £000
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year		(2,215)	1,230
Cash (inflow)/outflow from (increase)/decrease in liquid resources	22	(1)	21
Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lease financing	22	10,012	10,681
<b>Change in net debt resulting from cash flows</b>		<b>7,796</b>	<b>11,932</b>
Other non-cash changes	23	(8,430)	(12,293)
<b>Movement in net debt in the year</b>		<b>(634)</b>	<b>(361)</b>
Net debt at 1 January 2012	23	(240,338)	(239,977)
<b>Net debt at 31 December 2012</b>		<b>(240,972)</b>	<b>(240,338)</b>

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# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2012

## 1. Accounting Policies

### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. As discussed in the directors report, the Board believes it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements of the group.

### 1.2 Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements comprise a consolidation of the accounts of the Company and all its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 December 2012. The results of companies acquired or disposed of (where applicable) are consolidated from the effective date of the acquisition or the effective date of disposal. The Company has no associates or joint ventures.

### 1.3 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the company in respect of goods and services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

Turnover is recognised to reflect the value of services provided through applying a margin on the expenditure incurred over the life of the contract (including operating costs, depreciation and net finance costs), this margin being reviewed annually by reference to the risk related to the contracts stage of completion and an assessment of overall contract margin anticipated over its 33 year life. No margin has been recognised during the construction phase of the concession contract.

### 1.4 FRS 5 Application Note F 'Private Finance Initiative and Similar Contracts'

In accordance with the requirements of FRS 5 Application Note F 'Private Finance Initiative and similar Contracts', it has been determined that the balance of risks and rewards derived from the underlying asset is borne by the company and, accordingly, the asset created under the contract has been accounted for as a fixed asset.

### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

L/Term Leasehold Property	-	over 30 years
Plant & machinery	-	over 5 to 15 years
Roadway	-	on the annuity basis over remaining period of concession contract

The annuity basis is deemed to be the most appropriate systematic basis of depreciation, reflecting the consumption of the roadways economic benefit by the group, over its economic life.

### 1.6 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment.

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## **1. Accounting Policies (continued)**

### **17 Deferred taxation**

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as 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 assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted

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### 1. Accounting Policies (continued)

#### 1.8 Financial Instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity. The group and parent company financial statements comply with the requirements of FRS 26 "Financial instruments: recognition and measurement".

##### *Interest bearing loans and borrowings*

Index-linked bonds and loans are recognised in the group and parent financial statements in accordance with FRS 26, Application Guidance 7. All index-linked bonds and loans are recognised initially at an amount equal to the principal payable on maturity. After initial recognition, periodic re-estimation of cash flows to reflect movements of interest rates are applied using an effective interest rate.

##### *Other interest-bearing loans and borrowings*

All loans and borrowings are recognised initially at the fair value of the consideration received, net of issue costs associated with the borrowing.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Gains or losses are recognised in the profit and loss account when liabilities are derecognised or impaired, as well as through the amortisation process.

##### *Embedded derivatives*

Embedded derivatives are separated from their host contract and are recorded immediately in the profit and loss account when their economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to the host contract and the hybrid instrument itself is not measured at fair value.

##### *Investments*

All investments are initially recorded at the fair value of the consideration given and including acquisition costs associated with the investment. All purchases and sales of investments are recognised using trade date accounting.

##### *Trade and other debtors*

Trade and other debtors are measured initially at fair value, and subsequent to initial recognition at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Any change in their value through impairment or reversal of impairment is recognised through the profit and loss account.

##### *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents are included in the balance sheet at cost. Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.



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## 2. Turnover

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the one principal activity of the group

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom

## 3. Operating profit

The operating profit is stated after charging

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the group	2,852	2,625

## 4. Auditors' remuneration

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the company's annual accounts	4	4
Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates in respect of		
The auditing of accounts of associates of the company	19	19
Taxation compliance services	4	4
All assurance services not included above	9	9

## 5. Staff costs

The company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2011 - £NIL)

## 6. Interest receivable

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Other loan interest receivable	70	141
Bank interest receivable	278	287
	348	428

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## 7. Interest payable

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Interest payable on bank borrowing	15,818	19,902
Interest payable on shareholder loans and other finance charges	2,152	2,253
	<u>17,970</u>	<u>22,155</u>

The European Investment Bank (EIB) loan instrument incorporates an embedded derivative in the form of step up interest payable if the credit rating of the guarantor falls below a certain grading. For the EIB loan, the AMBAC rating downgrade in November 2008 and April 2009 (to below BBB), has led to additional interest charges of 0.45% and 0.85% respectively. Management consider the embedded derivative in this case is likely to be closely related to the host loan payable and so would not be separated.

## 8. Taxation

	2012 £000	2011 £000
<b>Analysis of tax charge in the year</b>		
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences - losses	397	1,279
Effect of increased tax rate on opening liability	-	(585)
Timing differences	-	(95)
Prior year deferred tax charge on consortium relief	-	31
<b>Total deferred tax (see note 15)</b>	<u>397</u>	<u>630</u>
<b>Tax on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<u>397</u>	<u>630</u>

### Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2011 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24.5% (2011 - 26.5%). The differences are explained below:

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>3,550</u>	<u>4,387</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24.5% (2011 - 26.5%)	870	1,163
<b>Effects of</b>		
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	93	93
Utilisation of tax losses	(963)	(1,256)
<b>Current tax charge for the year (see note above)</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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## 8. Taxation (continued)

Factors that may affect future tax charges

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges

## 9. Tangible fixed assets

Group	L/Term Leasehold Property £000	Plant & machinery £000	Road Construction Costs £000	Total £000
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012	201	269	235,003	235,473
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2012	34	269	12,850	13,153
Charge for the year	7	-	2,845	2,852
At 31 December 2012	41	269	15,695	16,005
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 December 2012	160	-	219,308	219,468
At 31 December 2011	167	-	222,153	222,320

The concession to operate the roadway has been acquired from the Highways Agency for a period of 33 years. Expenditure on improvements to the roadway is reflected in the roadway concession asset and includes net capitalised finance costs up to the date of completion of £31,524,000 (2011 31,524,000)

## 10. Fixed asset investments

Company	Investments in subsidiary companies £000
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012	525
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 31 December 2012	525
At 31 December 2011	525

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## 11. Debtors

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Due after more than one year</b>				
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	14,755	15,411
<b>Due within one year</b>				
Trade debtors	2,639	21	-	-
Amounts due from loans to shareholders	9,375	9,485	9,000	9,078
Prepayments and accrued income	30,101	29,058	372	388
	<u>42,115</u>	<u>38,564</u>	<u>24,127</u>	<u>24,877</u>

## 12. Current asset investments

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Listed investments	<u>1,718</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

### Group listed investments

The market value of the listed investments at 31 December 2012 was £1,718,000 (2011 £1,719,000)

### Company listed investments

The market value of the listed investments at 31 December 2012 was £NIL (2011 £NIL)

## 13. Creditors:

### Amounts falling due within one year

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bank loans	8,310	8,831	-	-
Trade creditors	50	50	-	-
Loan from subsidiary undertaking	-	-	9,000	9,078
Social security and other taxes	549	558	-	-
Other creditors	1,027	1,043	377	393
Accruals and deferred income	930	1,121	-	-
	<u>10,866</u>	<u>11,603</u>	<u>9,377</u>	<u>9,471</u>

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## 14. Creditors:

### Amounts falling due after more than one year

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bank loans	250,368	251,429	14,755	15,411

Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Between one and two years</b>				
Bank loans	6,776	7,120	655	655
<b>Between two and five years</b>				
Bank loans	23,107	21,331	1,965	1,965
<b>Over five years</b>				
Bank loans	220,485	222,978	12,135	12,791

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## 14. Creditors:

### Amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

Creditors include amounts not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows

	Group		Company	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Repayable by instalments	220,485	222,978	12,135	12,791

Loans due in greater than one year include the following

£126,040,000 Secured Guaranteed Sterling Index Linked Bond due 2035, listed on the London Stock Exchange, with a coupon rate of 2.8332% per annum index linked, repayable in six monthly instalments commencing 31 March 2007

£112,152,000 European Investment Bank at a coupon rate of 2.3774% per annum index linked, repayable in six monthly instalments commencing 31 March 2007

The Bond and EIB loan are secured by charges and assignments in favour of the group and over all the assets of Road Management Services (Darrington) Limited

The group's bonds and bank loan have the benefit of an unconditional and irrecoverable financial guarantee as to all payments of interest and principal issued, by the monoline insurer AMBAC

The loans falling due in greater than one year are shown net of unamortised loan issue expenses of £1,923,000 (2011 £2,115,000)

Subordinated debt facility of £18,339,950 provided by the shareholders in equal amounts. Repayable in six monthly instalments commencing on 31 March 2008 over the period to the end of the concession agreement. Interest is charged at 10%

## 15. Deferred taxation

	Group		Company	
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At beginning of year	5,254	4,655	-	-
Charge for the year	365	599	-	-
At end of year	5,619	5,254	-	-

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## 15. Deferred taxation (continued)

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Accelerated capital allowances	6,765	7,449	-	-
Tax losses brought forward	(1,146)	(2,195)	-	-
	<b>5,619</b>	<b>5,254</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## 16. Provisions

<b>Group</b>	<b>Claims provision £000</b>
At 1 January 2012	633
Release of provision	(583)
At 31 December 2012	<b>50</b>

### Claims provision

The group has received claims in respect of noise and nuisance caused by the new road, operated as part of the DBFO contract. At 31 December 2012, £50,000 remained as a provision representing the directors' assessment of the likely amount to settle all remaining legitimate claims and associated costs, fees and interest. The Injurious Affection liability period ends in January 2013 and the directors do not anticipate any future amounts to be payable, with the exception of one outstanding case.

The group has no other provisions at 31 December 2012 (2011: £Nil).

There were no contingent liabilities in the group and parent financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 (2011: Nil).

The Company has no provisions.

## 17. Share capital

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
520,248 (2011: 520,250) Ordinary shares of £1 each	<b>520</b>	<b>520</b>

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## 18. Reserves

	Profit and loss account £000
<b>Group</b>	
At 1 January 2012	11,367
Profit for the year	3,153
Dividends	(2,654)
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At 31 December 2012	11,866
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	Profit and loss account £000
<b>Company</b>	
Profit for the year	2,654
Dividends	(2,654)
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At 31 December 2012	-
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## 19. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	2012 £000	2011 £000
<b>Group</b>		
Opening shareholders' funds	11,887	9,148
Profit for the year	3,153	3,757
Dividends (Note 20)	(2,654)	(1,018)
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Closing shareholders' funds	12,386	11,887
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	2012 £000	2011 £000
<b>Company</b>		
Opening shareholders' funds	520	520
Profit for the year	2,654	1,018
Dividends (Note 20)	(2,654)	(1,018)
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Closing shareholders' funds	520	520
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The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own Profit and loss account

The profit for the year dealt with in the accounts of the company was £2,654,000 (2011 - £1,018,000)



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## 20. Dividends

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Dividends paid on equity capital (£5.10 per share)	2,654	1,018

## 21. Net cash flow from operating activities

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Operating profit	21,172	26,114
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,852	2,625
Increase in debtors	(3,552)	(6,008)
Decrease in creditors	(216)	(172)
Decrease in provisions	(583)	(174)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	19,673	22,385

## 22. Analysis of cash flows for headings netted in cash flow statement

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	349	428
Interest paid	(9,540)	(9,863)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(9,191)	(9,435)

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Management of liquid resources		
Purchase of short term listed investments	-	(21)
Sale of short term listed investments	1	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from management of liquid resources	1	(21)

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Financing		
Repayment of loans	(10,012)	(10,681)

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## 23. Analysis of changes in net debt

	1 January 2012 £000	Cash flow £000	Other non-cash changes £000	31 December 2012 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	18,203	(2,215)	-	15,988
<b>Liquid resources:</b>				
Current asset investments	1,719	(1)	-	1,718
<b>Debt:</b>				
Debts due within one year	(8,831)	3,141	(2,620)	(8,310)
Debts falling due after more than one year	(251,429)	6,871	(5,810)	(250,368)
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>(240,338)</b>	<b>7,796</b>	<b>(8,430)</b>	<b>(240,972)</b>

The other changes relate to the non-cash movements in indexation on the loans during the year

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### 24. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The risk management policy of the group is designed to identify and manage risk at the earliest possible point. The group keeps a detailed risk register which is formally reviewed by the board on a quarterly basis.

A subsidiary of the company, Road Management Services (Finance) PLC has raised finance through guaranteed secured bonds and bank borrowings and has on-lent these to a further subsidiary of the group, Road Management Services (Darrington) Limited, which has placed surplus cash in short term investments.

The guaranteed secured bonds have a coupon of 2.8332% and the bank borrowings have a coupon of 2.3774% index linked. A proportion of the group's investments are held in an index linked deposit fund to hedge the bond loans. The group operates a long-term business and its policy is to finance it with long-term borrowings.

The group's exposure to price risk, credit risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk is detailed below (there have been no changes in the risk profile of the group from prior year).

#### **Foreign currency risk**

The Group has no foreign currency transactions. All of the Group's borrowings are denominated in sterling.

#### **Price risk**

The group is exposed to price risk in relation to its RPI index linked debt through movements in RPI. RPI linked loans have cash flows that change in relation to changes in market variables. The carrying value of the loan and bond represent the principal outstanding, an accrual of unpaid interest at coupon rate, unpaid RPI inflation on this interest based on actual RPI for the year and unpaid RPI inflation on the capital based on actual RPI for the year.

This risk is mitigated as a proportion of the cash flows generated from the roadway concession increase in line with RPI inflators.

#### **Credit risk**

The group's principal trading debtors relate to cash flows from its roadway concession asset, creating a concentration of credit risk. The roadway concession asset cash flows are secured under contract from the Highways Agency, a government body. The maximum credit risk exposure relating to financial assets is represented by the carrying value at the balance sheet date.

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**Interest rate risk**

The floating rate financial liabilities comprise a 2.8332% (coupon rate) Index Linked Guaranteed Secured bond and a 2.3774% (coupon rate) Index Linked European Investment Bank loan. The floating rate financial assets comprise cash and short term investments. The return on cash is determined by bank market interest rates. See table below for disclosure of the effective interest rates used.

The European Investment Bank (EIB) loan instrument incorporates an embedded derivative in the form of step up interest payable if the credit rating of the guarantor falls below a certain grading. For the EIB loan, the AMBAC rating downgrade in November 2008 and April 2009 (to below BBB), has led to additional interest charges of 0.45% and 0.85% respectively. This step up interest payable forms part of the effective interest rate disclosed above.

Interest on financial instruments classified as fixed rate is fixed until maturity of the investment. Interest on financial instruments classified as floating rate is repriced at intervals of less than one year.

The other financial instruments of the group that are not included in the table below are non-interest bearing and are therefore not subject to interest rate risk. Other financial liabilities include trade creditors, other creditors, social security and other taxes and accruals and deferred income. Other financial assets include trade debtors, amounts due from loans to shareholders and prepayments and accrued income. All other financial instruments are due within one year.

The following table sets out the carrying amounts by maturity dates and effective interest rates (when applicable) of the group's financial instruments that are exposed to interest rate risk.

Year ended 31 December 2012	Effective interest rate	1 year or less	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Total
	%	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Floating rate</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand	–	15,988	–	–	15,988
Short term investment	–	1,718	–	–	1,718
Bond loan	2.83	(2,728)	(11,473)	(113,334)	(127,535)
EIB loan	3.22	(3,737)	(15,790)	(95,672)	(115,199)
		<u>11,241</u>	<u>(27,263)</u>	<u>(209,006)</u>	<u>(225,028)</u>

Year ended 31 December 2011	Effective interest rate	1 year or less	1-5 years	More than 5 years	Total
	%	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Floating rate</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand	–	18,203	–	–	18,203
Short term investment	–	1,719	–	–	1,719
Bond loan	2.83	(3,316)	(10,381)	(113,854)	(127,551)
EIB loan	3.22	(3,656)	(15,450)	(96,988)	(116,096)
		<u>12,950</u>	<u>(25,832)</u>	<u>(210,842)</u>	<u>(223,724)</u>

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### *Sensitivity analysis*

The group has floating rate financial liabilities comprising index linked bonds and loans as part of the groups long term financing. These impact the effective interest rates used in calculating the interest payable for a financial period.

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of the effect on profit before tax to a reasonable possible changes in RPI of +2% and - 2% (2011 +2% and -2%), with effect from the beginning of the year.

The calculations are based on the group's financial instruments held at each balance sheet date. All other variables are held constant.

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Effect of profit before tax of 2% increase in RPI rate	5,770,770	4,166,860
Effect of profit before tax of 2% decrease in RPI rate	(4,093,220)	(5,584,835)

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## Liquidity risk

The group under its finance arrangements is required to hold at all times funds in a special reserve account equal to the sum required for the next debt service payment. Under the financing arrangements the group can elect to make a loan to the shareholders, via its immediate parent undertaking, from this reserve account in return for letters of credit amounting to the same value. In 2008 a shareholder loan was made amounting to £9,000,000, see Note 25 for related party disclosures. In addition, the group is required to maintain levels of net cash flow in each year equal to 1.125 times the annual debt service payments.

The liquidity risk is further managed via the funding contracts into which the group has entered. The repayment profiles of the debt and loan commitments are set out in note 14 above. The roadway concession cashflows are generated from Congestion Management Charges paid by the Highways Agency. The financial model for the project will be regularly updated to reflect actual performance.

As discussed in the directors report, Citibank are no longer classified as a "qualifying" bank (as defined within the loan facility agreement) in respect of the European Investment Bank ("EIB") loan due to the downgrading of its rating. Furthermore the AMBAC rating was also downgraded in November 2008 and April 2009 (to below BBB). These create uncertainty due to the risk that EIB may request that these institutions are replaced. Given the continued discussions with EIB and wording within the loan facility agreement, the directors are assured that adequate safeguards are in place to enable this funding to remain in place for the foreseeable future.

## Fair value of financial assets and liabilities

Set out below is a comparison by category of carrying amounts and fair values of all of the company's significant financial instruments that are carried in the financial statements.

	2012		2011	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	15,988	15,988	18,203	18,203
Loans to shareholders	9,375	9,375	9,485	9,485
Short term investment	1,718	1,718	1,719	1,719
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Bond loan	(127,535)	(127,535)	(127,551)	(127,551)
EIB loan	(115,199)	(115,199)	(116,096)	(116,096)
Loans from controlling parties	<u>(14,754)</u>	<u>(14,754)</u>	<u>(15,411)</u>	<u>(15,411)</u>

The fair value of the listed bond loan and EIB loan would be calculated by discounting the expected future cash flows at prevailing interest rates. Given these are floating rate instruments, the carrying value of the loans would not be dissimilar to the market value. Interest charges for the year are calculated using the effective interest rate, being the sum of interest at coupon, actual RPI inflation on this interest and actual RPI inflation on capital.

The other financial instruments of the group (including loans from shareholders) that are not included in the above tables are short term items where the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

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### 25. Related party transactions

Road Management Services (Darrington) Holdings Limited Group have DRSA shareholder loans receivable of £3,000,000 (2011 £3,000,000) each with the following controlling shareholders Semperian PPP Holdings Limited, AM Holdco Limited and A1 PPP Infrastructure Holdings Limited

At 31 December 2012, accrued interest receivable on these loans totalled £371,900 (2011 £388,429)

The group has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with related parties that are part of the Road Management Services (Darrington) Holdings Limited group

### 26. Controlling party

The group is jointly owned and controlled by Semperian PPP Holdings Limited, AM Holdco Limited, Kellogg Brown & Root Limited and A1 PPP Infrastructure Holdings Limited

### 27. Principal subsidiaries

Company name	Country	Percentage Shareholding	Description
Road Management Services (Darrington) Limited	England	100%	Road concession operator
Road Management Services (Finance) PLC	England	100%	Road concession finance company