MCG Company No 1 Limited Directors' report and financial statements

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies under S246(4) of the Companies Act 1985 and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 As the Company is a small company, no enhanced business review is presented

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company during the current and preceding year was that of an investment holding company. No change in activity is anticipated. The accounts have been prepared in US Dollars as the directors believe this to be the functional currency of the company as its cash flows are in US Dollars.

Business review

The company made a profit for the year of US\$ 13,737,997 (2006 US\$ 13,972,406)

One interim dividend totalling US\$ 1,910,000, which amounts to approximately US\$ 0.02 per share, was declared and paid on 13 December 2007. In 2006, an interim dividend of US\$ 12,182,205 was declared and paid. The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the current year and did not recommend a payment of a final dividend in the preceding year.

Financial risk management

The company does not use derivatives to manage its financial risks. The most important components of financial risk are interest rate risk, currency risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, cash flow risk and price risk. Due to the nature of the company's business and the assets and liabilities contained within the company's balance sheet the only financial risk the directors consider relevant to this company is credit risk. This risk is mitigated by the company's credit control policies.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of this report, except as noted, were as follows

CW Ansley

ALR Smyth CH Smith

- appointed 1 May 2007

KAH Parry

- resigned 31 March 2008

At the end of the year, KAH Parry was a director of the ultimate parent company, Management Consulting Group PLC KAH Parry resigned as director of the ultimate parent company on 31 March 2008 CH Smith was appointed a director of the ultimate parent company on 26 April 2007

Directors' report (continued)

Disclosure of information to the auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

Auditors

Deloitte & Touche LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors of the company In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution to reappoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company's auditors for the ensuing year and to authorise the directors to determine their remuneration is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

On behalf of the board,

CH Smith

8th August 2008

10 Fleet Place London EC4M 7RB

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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) 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 these 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, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping 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.

Independent auditors' report to the members of MCG Company No 1 Limited

We have audited the financial statements of MCG Company No 1 Limited for year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 15 These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the company's member, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 and the 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 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)

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 judgements 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.

Independent auditors' report to the members of MCG Company No 1 Limited (continued)

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 profit 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

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London, United Kingdom

8 August 2008

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 December 2007

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2007 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2006 US\$
Administrative expenses			(1)
Operating loss			(1)
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(354,208)	(247,979)
Investment income	5	1,910,000	2,266,507
Other income	5	<u>12,182,205</u>	12,182,204
Profit before taxation		13,737,997	14,200,731
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	6		(228,325)
Profit for the year		13,737,997	13,972,406

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those shown in the profit and loss account, therefore no statement of total recognised gains and losses is presented

The profit for both the current and the prior year relates to continuing operations

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2007					
22 2	Note		2007		2006
		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Fixed assets					
Investments	8		112,100,000		112,100,000
Current assets					
Debtors amounts falling due after	9				
more than one year		171,548,062		171,548,062	
Debtors amounts falling within one	9	2 (15 49)		2 220 012	
year		2,615,486 174,163,548		$\frac{2,330,012}{173,878,074}$	
		174,103,548		1/3,0/0,0/4	
Creditors Amounts falling due	10				
within one year		(634,985)		(12,177,508)	
Net current assets			173,528,563		161,700,566
Net assets			285,628,563		273,800,566
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	11		197,442,960		197,442,960
Share premium account	12		74,105,104		74,105,104
Profit and loss account	12		14,080,499		2,252,502
Shareholder's funds	12		205 (20 5(2		272 900 577
Suarenoider's lunds	13		285,628,563		273,800,566

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors the 8th August 2008 and were signed on its behalf by

CH Smith

Notes to the accounts

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

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

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom laws and accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules

Functional currency

The accounts have been prepared in US Dollars as the directors believe this to be the functional currency of the company as its major cash flows are in US Dollars

Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard Number 1 (Revised), the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement because it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Management Consulting Group PLC and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that company

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, comprising shares in group undertakings, are stated at cost less provision for impairment

Group accounts

At the end of the year the company was a wholly owned subsidiary of a company incorporated in a member state of the European Economic Community which prepares group accounts Accordingly, the preparation of group accounts is not required under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 and these financial statements represent information about the company as an individual undertaking

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

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 that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date

A deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, 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 not discounted

2 Staff numbers and costs

The company did not have any employees during either the current or the preceding year. The directors did not receive any emoluments from the company

3 Auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration of £2,000 (2006 £2,000) was borne by the company's parent company in both the current and prior year. There were no amounts paid to the auditors by the company for non-audit services in either the current or the prior year.

4 Interest payable and similar charges

	Year ended	Year ended
	31 December	31 December
	2007	2006
	US\$	US\$
Interest on loans from group undertakings	354,208	247,979

5 Other income and investment income

Year ended	Year ended
31 December	31 December
2007	2006
US\$	US\$
1,910,000	2,266,507
12,182,205	12,182,204
14,092,205	14,448,711
	31 December 2007 US\$ 1,910,000 12,182,205

6 Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities

	Year ended 31 December 2007 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2006 US\$
Current tax		
UK corporation tax at 30% on the profit for the period on ordinary activities	-	115,000
Withholding tax suffered on receipt of foreign dividend	<u>-</u>	113,325
Prior period tax credit	<u> </u>	228,325
Total tax charge/(credit) on profit on ordinary activities		228,325

Factors affecting tax charge for the period

The applicable rate of tax on the company's profit on ordinary activities for the year is 30%. The tax charge for the year is less than the charge expected by applying the applicable rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation.

	Year ended 31 December 2007 US\$	Year ended 31 December 2006 US\$
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	13,737,997	14,200,731
Expected tax at 30% on profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4,121,399	4,260,219
Timing differences re interest expense	(74,394)	74,394
Non-taxable consideration Group relief claimed for nil consideration	(3,654,661) (392,344)	(3,654,661) (451,627)
Current tax charge		228,325

7	Equity dividends paid		
		Year ended	Year ended
		31 December	31 December
		2007	2006
		US\$	US\$
	Equity dividends paid during year	1,910,000	12,182,205
	One interim dividend totalling US\$ 1,910,000, which am share, was declared and paid on 13 December 2007	ounts to approximat	ely US\$ 0 02 per
8	Investments held as fixed assets		
		Country of	Shares in
		incorporation	subsidiaries US\$
	Alexander Proudfoot Overseas Holdings Limited	United Kingdom	12,100,000
	Proudfoot Company AG	Switzerland	100,000,000
	At 31 December 2006 and 31 December 2007		112,100,000
	The Company held 100% of the ordinary shares of each	ch of the above cor	npanies
9	Debtors		
		Year ended	Year ended
		31 December	31 December
		2007	2006
		US\$	US\$
	Amounts owed by group undertakings due after more		
	than one year	171,548,062	171,548,062
	Amounts owed by group undertakings due within one		
	year	2,615,486	2,330,012
	The amounts owed by group undertakings represents of subsidiary undertakings	consideration receiv	able from fellow
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2007	2006
		US\$	US\$
	Amounts owing to group undertakings	519,985	12,062,508
	Corporation tax payable	115,000	115,000
		634,985	12,177,508

11	Called up share capital		2007 £	2006 £
	Authorised 150,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2006 150,000,000)		150,000,000	150,000,000
	Allotted, issued and fully paid 110,226,396 ordinary shares of £1 each (2006 110,226,396)		110,226,396	110,226,396
			US\$ 197,442,960	US\$ 197,442,960
12	Movement in reserves			
		Profit and loss account US\$	Share premium US\$	Total US\$
	As at 1 January 2006 Profit for the year Equity dividends paid As at 1 January 2007	462,301 13,972,406 (12,182,205) 2,252,502	74,105,104	74,567,405 13,972,406 (12,182,205) 76,357,606
	Profit for the year Equity dividends paid As at 31 December 2007	13,737,997 (1,910,000) 14,080,499	74,105,104	13,737,997 (1,910,000) 88,185,603
13	Reconciliation of the movement in shar	eholder's funds		
			2007 US\$	2006 US\$
	Opening shareholder's funds Profit for the year Equity dividends paid Closing shareholder's funds		273,800,566 13,737,997 (1,910,000) 285,628,563	272,010,365 13,972,406 (12,182,205) 273,800,566

14 Related party transactions

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Management Consulting Group PLC, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties) There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure in the current or prior year. The consolidated financial statements of Management Consulting Group PLC, within which the results of this company are included, can be obtained from the address given in note 15.

15 Immediate and ultimate parent company

The immediate and ultimate parent company and controlling party is Management Consulting Group PLC, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, which holds 87 14% of the ordinary share capital Alexander Proudfoot Overseas Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, holds the remaining 12 86% of the ordinary share capital

The smallest and largest group in which the accounts are consolidated is that headed by Management Consulting Group PLC Copies of the accounts of Management Consulting Group PLC may be obtained at the following address Management Consulting Group PLC, 10 Fleet Place, London EC4M 7RB