Report and Financial Statements

For the 52 Weeks Ended

29 December 2012

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## **Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the 52 Weeks ended 29 December 2012

#### **Directors**

Jeffrey van der Eems Susan Furst\* Helen McCarthy\*\*

\*Susan Furst resigned as a director on 17 April 2012

Mark Oldham served as Company Secretary for the Financial Year Ended 29 12 2012

#### Principal activity, review of the business and future developments

The principal activity of the Company is to act as an investment holding company for the United Biscuits Group ("Group") Full details of the performance of the United Biscuits Group are set out in the report and financial statements of United Biscuits Topco Limited, copies of which may be obtained from its registered address. Hayes Park, Hayes End Road, Middlesex, Hayes, UB4 8EE

## Principal risks and uncertainties

Full details of the principal risks and uncertainties are set out in the report and financial statements of United Biscuits Topco Limited

#### Financial risk management objectives

Full details of the financial risk management objectives are set out in the report and financial statements of United Biscuits Topco Limited

#### Key performance indicators

Refer to United Biscuits Topco Limited for the Key Performance Indicators for the Group

#### Loss and appropriations

The loss for the period is shown in the profit and loss account on page 6. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the period (2011. Nil)

### **Directors**

During the period the Company maintained liability insurance for its directors and officers

<sup>\*\*</sup> Helen McCarthy was appointed as a director on 17 April 2012

## Directors' Report (continued)

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's auditor will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting

## Directors' statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the Company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he / she is obliged to take as a director in order to make himself / herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This information is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006

On behalf of the board

Helen McCarthy - Director

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28 March 2013

Registered Office

Hayes Park Hayes End Road Hayes Middlesex UB4 8EE

### 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). 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 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,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business

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.

## Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of United Biscuits Bondco Limited

We have audited the financial statements of United Biscuits Bondco Limited for the year ended 29 December 2012, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 11 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 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 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 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 Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 3, 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

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 29 December 2012 and of its loss 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 matters 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 United Biscuits Bondco Limited (continued)

## 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the 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

Ernst & Young LLP

Andrew Walton (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor London

28 March 2013

Company registered no: 5957937

Profit and Loss Account			
For the 52 Weeks ended 29 December 2012			
	Notes	2012 £m	2011 £m
Interest expense	3	(36 8)	(34 0)
Loss for the financial year before and after tax	4,5	(36 8)	(34 0)

All amounts relate to continuing activities

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those disclosed above

# United Biscuits Bondco Limited Notes to the financial statements

Balance Sheet	<del></del>		
As at 29 December 2012			
	Notes	2012 £m	2011 £m
Fixed Assets			
Investment in subsidiary	6	331 8	331 8
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Amounts due to fellow Group company		(0 1)	(0 1)
Net current liabilities	•	(0.1)	(0 1)
Total assets less current liabilities	•	331.7	331.7
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Loan	7	(492 1)	(455 3)
Net Liabilities	•	(160 4)	(123.6)
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	8	-	-
Share premium	9	18	1 8
Profit and loss account	9	(162 2)	(125 4)
Total shareholders' funds	•	(160 4)	(123.6)

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf on 28 March 2013

Helen McCarthy - Director

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## United Biscuits Bondco Limited Notes to the financial statements

## 1 Accounting Policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards. The Company is exempt from producing consolidated financial statements, under s400 of the Companies Act 2006, as its ultimate UK parent undertaking, United Biscuits Topco Limited, has produced group financial statements as at 29 December 2012. These financial statements solely relate to United Biscuits Bondco Limited.

#### **Going Concern**

The Company is dependent on continuing finance being made available by its parent company to enable it to continue operating and to meet its liabilities as they fall due

The ultimate UK parent Company has agreed to provide sufficient funds to the company for these purposes. The directors believe that it is therefore appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost unless, in the opinion of the directors, there has been a permanent diminution in value, in which case an appropriate adjustment is made

#### Interest expense

Interest expense is recognised as it accrues

## Taxation

Current taxation for the current and prior periods is provided at the amount expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or the right to pay less tax, at a future date, at tax rates expected to apply when the timing differences reverse based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. 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 the financial statements.

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

#### Cash flow statement

The Company has not produced a cash flow statement as its ultimate UK parent undertaking, United Biscuits Topco Limited has prepared a consolidated cash flow statement as at 29 December 2012

Notes to the financial statements

## 2 Directors and employees

The remuneration of JP van der Eems, Helen McCarthy and S Furst was paid by United Biscuits (UK) Limited by whom they are employed 
The directors received no remuneration in respect of qualifying services to the subsidiary company

The Company, as an investment holding Company, has no employees

3 Interest expense		
	2012 £m	2011 £m
Interest expense		
Amount payable on 8 1% notes due 2036 and 2038 (see note	7) 36 8	34 0

## 4 Retained loss for the financial year

The auditor's remuneration is borne by United Biscuits (UK) Limited

### 5 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

The current tax credit on the loss on ordinary activities for the year 2012 is lower than the average rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24 5% (2011 – 26 5%) The differences are reconciled below

Tax credit at UK statutory rate of 24 5% (2011-26 5%)	2012 £ m (9 0)	2011 £m (9 0)
Interest expenses deductible from previous years	-	(9 9)
Losses on which no tax credit provided	90	18 9
Total tax credit	-	-
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(36 8)	(34 0)

Notes to the financial statements

6 Investment in subsidiary		
	2012 £m	2011 £m
Investment at cost	331 8	331 8
The investment is in respect of a 100% owned subsidiary, finance company incorporated in England and Wales	, United Biscuits VLNco Limite	d, which is a
7 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one	year	
8 1% Loan Notes due 2036 and 2038		
	2012 £m	2011 £m
Loan	490 5	453 7
Accrued Interest	16	1 6
Total	492.1	455.3
The loan from United Biscuits Luxco S C A is represented b Notes due 2036 and 2038. The Notes are quoted on the accrues on the Notes at the rate of 8.1% per ann 15 December each year, which commenced on 15 December	e Channel Islands Stock Excha num compounded annually in	ange Interest
8 Share capital		
	Number	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup>

	Number	Ordinary Shares <sup>(1)</sup> £
Authorised At 29 December 2012 and 31 December 2011	100	100
Issued, called up and fully paid At 29 December 2012 and 31 December 2011	20	20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Represents authorised, issued, called up and fully paid Ordinary Share of £1 each

#### 9 Reconciliation of shareholder's funds and movements on reserves

	Share Capıtal £m	Share Premium £m	Profit & Loss Account £m	Total £m
Balance at 1 January 2011	-	18	(91 4)	(89 6)
Loss for the period	-	-	(34 0)	(34 0)
Balance at 31 December 2011		1.8	(125.4)	(123.6)
Balance at 31 December 2011	-	18	(125 4)	(123 6)
Loss for the period	-	-	(36 8)	(36 8)
Balance at 29 December 2012	-	1.8	(162.2)	(160.4)

### 10 Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions set out in Financial Reporting Standard 8, "Related Party Transactions" not to disclose transactions with entities that are part of United Biscuits Topco Limited group, on the grounds that consolidated financial statements are publicly available. All entities party to the transactions are wholly owned by United Biscuits Topco Ltd.

### 11 Ultimate parent company

The Company's ultimate U K parent undertaking as at 29 December 2012 is United Biscuits Topco Limited, which has included the Company in its consolidated financial statements, copies of which may be obtained from its registered address

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The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is United Biscuits Luxco S C A, which is incorporated in Luxembourg