# **BR Ships Limited**

**Report and Financial Statements** 

**31 December 2013** 

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#### **Directors**

Alan Bekhor Sunil Malhotra Peter Johnson

# Secretary

Harish Chikhlia

#### **Auditors**

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# **Registered Office**

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# **Directors' report**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2013. All amounts are shown in U.S. Dollars, unless otherwise stated.

#### Results and dividends

The Company made a profit on ordinary activities before taxation of \$352,269 for the year (31 December 2012: \$827,092).

The directors approved an interim dividend of \$10,000,000 during the year but do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (31 December 2012: \$4,200,000).

#### Review of activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the Company during the year was that of vessel owning and operation.

The vessel, M.V. Britannia, was employed on long term time charter to British Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd at the prevailing market rate. British Marine (Asia) Pte Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of British Marine plc, the immediate parent undertaking of the Company.

On 25 November 2013, the Company sold the M.V. Britannia at the net book value of \$10,250,768. The vessel was sold to Volumnia Shipping Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of British Marine plc, the immediate parent undertaking of the Company.

The Company's key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	31 Dec 2013	31 Dec 2012	Change
	\$'000	\$'000	%
Turnover	3,086	3,368	(8.4)
Total operating profit	352	827	(57.4)

The Company made a profit for the year, after taxation, of \$344,858 (31 December 2012: \$818,317).

The dry bulk market in the year ending 31 December 2013 was higher than the previous year with market freight rates for supramax averaging \$10,262 per day (31 Dec 2012: \$9,462). The increase in the market rate directly impacts the turnover of the Company.

The Company has discontinued its activities.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

Since the sale of M.V. Britannia, there are no principal risks and uncertainties for the directors to manage.

#### **Going Concern**

The business operations of the Company were discontinued in November 2013. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

# **Directors' report**

#### Directors of the company

Alan Bekhor, Sunil Malhotra, and Peter Johnson served as directors throughout the year.

#### Disclosure of information to the 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, the directors have taken all the steps that they are obliged to take as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

#### Re-appointment of auditors

A resolution to re-appoint BDO LLP as the Company's auditors will be put to the forthcoming annual general meeting.

By Order of the Board H. CHIKHLIA Secretary

Date: 16 May 2014

# 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 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 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 BR Ships Limited

We have audited the financial statements of BR Ships Limited for the year ended 31 December 2013 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of total recognised gains and losses 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 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 auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, 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 Financial Reporting Council's (FRC'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 FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

#### 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 31 December 2013 and of its 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 matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

#### 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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements and the directors' report in accordance with the small mpanies regime and to the exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Matthew White (senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor

London

Date 16 May 2014

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

# Profit and loss account for the period ended 31 December 2013

	Note	31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
Turnover	1(b)	3,086,280	3,367,752
Cost of sales		(2,635,355)	(2,467,786)
Gross profit		450,925	899,966
Administrative expenses		(98,656)	(72,874)
Operating profit	2	352,269	827,092
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		352,269	827,092
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	4	(7,411)	(8,775)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	10,11	344,858	818,317

All activities are continuing activities.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 2013.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those shown in the profit and loss account above.

# Balance sheet at 31 December 2013

	Note	31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
Fixed assets Tangible fixed assets	5	-	10,940,124
Current assets			
Stock Debtors	6 . 7	- 1,486,642	94,299 307,041
:		1,486,642	401,340
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(138,916)	(338,596)
Net current assets		1,347,726	62,744
Net assets		1,347,726	11,002,868
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	9 10	1,906 1,345,820	1,906 11,000,962
Shareholders' funds	11	1,347,726	11,002,868
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The financial statements were approved and authorised by the Board on 16 May 2014 and signed on its behalf by:

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P G Johnson Chief Financial Officer

at 31 December 2013

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The financial statements are stated in U.S. Dollars, being the functional and presentational currency of the Company.

#### (b) Turnover

Revenues are recorded when services are rendered, the Company has a charter agreement or other evidence of an arrangement, the price is fixed or determinable, and collection is reasonably assured. The Company primarily generates revenues from the transportation of cargo and the time charter of vessels. Estimated losses on voyages are provided for in full at the time such losses become evident. Voyages in progress at the period end are accounted for on a percentage completion basis.

Deferred voyage or charter revenues relate to amounts received prior to being earned. These amounts are recognised as revenues over the related voyage or charter period and include both amounts received from charterers and compensation for acquiring a vessel with an existing charter at below market rate.

Where the Company employs its vessels on time charters, for which it receives a fixed hire rate per day. The hire income is recognised on an accruals basis in line with the provision of the vessel to the charterer. Due allowance is made for off-hire when the vessel is unavailable to the charterer.

#### (c) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation (vessels)

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Such cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of the asset, after allowing for an estimated residual value, over its estimated useful life of 25 years from date of construction. The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairments when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value will not be recoverable. The vessel, M.V. Britannia, was sold in November 2013.

#### (d) Drydocking costs

Vessels are subject to a major service (drydock) typically every 30 months. Drydocking costs are capitalised and written off to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the estimated period to the next drydock. The drydocking asset was disposed of in November 2013 at the time of the sale of the vessel.

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### (e) Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value on a first in first out basis. Stocks consist of bunkers, being fuel for the vessels, lubricating oil, stock under bond and food provisions. Stock was disposed of with the sale of the vessel in November 2013.

#### (f) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into U.S. Dollars at the rates ruling on the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted into U.S. Dollars at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences have been dealt with in the profit and loss account.

#### (g) Taxation

The Company is resident in the United Kingdom and pays a flat rate tax based on the net tonnage of the vessel operated (tonnage tax). Any income and profits that the Company earns in the United Kingdom outside the tonnage tax regime are taxed under normal corporation tax rules.

Deferred tax (on non tonnage tax activities) is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

#### (h) Cash flow statement

Under FRS1 (Revised) the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows on the grounds that the ultimate parent undertaking includes the Company in its own publicly reported Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### (i) Related parties

The Company claims exemption under FRS8 in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries of the Britmar (UK) Limited group.

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#### 2. Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging:	31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	689,358	809,235
Foreign exchange differences	(11,846)	3,754

Auditors' remuneration is charged on a group basis in the accounts of British Marine plc.

#### 3. Directors and staff costs

The directors received no remuneration in respect of their services as directors of the Company during the year (31 December 2012: Nil).

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

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Wages and salaries	444,914	430,867

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 23 (31 December 2012: 22), all employed in an operations capacity.

#### 4. Taxation on profit on ordinary activities

The Company operates within the U.K. tonnage tax regime under which its vessel owning and operating activities are taxed based on the net tonnage of the vessel.

	31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
UK corporation tax Adjustments in respect of prior periods	. 7,411 	8,775 
Total tax charge	7,411	8,775

Factors affecting the taxation charge for the year:

The standard rate of corporation tax in the UK reduced from 24% to 23% on 1 April 2013, (31 Dec 2012: 24%). The effective rate of tax is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK.

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## 4. Taxation on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

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	The differences are explained below:		31 Dec	31 Dec
			<u>2013</u> \$	<u>2012</u> \$
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax Profit on ordinary activities multiplied b	ov the standard	352,269	827,092
	rate of corporation tax in the UK	y the standard	81,903	202,638
	Profits attributable to tonnage tax Adjustments in respect of prior periods	3	(74,492) 	(193,863)
	Current tax charge		7,411	8,775
5.	Tangible fixed assets			
			Dry	
			docking	
		<u>Vessels</u> \$	<u>costs</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
	Cost	40 705 044	000 000	40 000 400
	At 1 January 2013 Disposals	18,705,314 (18,705,314)	690,806 (690,806)	19,396,120 _(19,396,120)
	At 31 December 2013	-	-	-
			Dry docking	
		<u>Vessels</u> \$	<u>costs</u>	<u>Total</u> \$
	Depreciation	Φ	\$	•
	At 1 January 2013 Charge for the period	7,972,428 482,120	483,568 207,238	8,455,996 689,358
	Disposals	(8,454,548)	(690,806)	(9,145,354)
	At 31 December 2013	-		-
	Net book value At 31 December 2013		_	-
	At 1 January 2013	10,732,886	207,238	10,940,124

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6.	Stock

Stocks con	sist of	the fo	llowing:
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	Stocks consist of the following:		
		31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
	Lubricating oil Stock under bond	-	81,525 12,774
	·	•	94,299
7.	Debtors		
		31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
	Trade debtors	-	407.040
	Amount owed by parent company Other debtors	1,424,496 62,146	167,819 28,040
	Prepayments and accrued income		111,182
		1,486,642	307,041
8.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		31 Dec 2013 \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
	Trade creditors Other creditors	95,056	132,211 10,794
	Corporation tax	7,411	8,674
	Accruals and deferred income	36,449	186,917_
		138,916	338,596
9.	Issued share capital		
	Allotted, called-up and fully paid	31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
	1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,906	1,906

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10.	Profit and loss account	31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
	At 1 January Profit for the year Interim dividend paid	11,000,962 344,858 (10,000,000)	14,382,645 818,317 (4,200,000)
	At 31 December	1,345,820	11,000,962
11.	Movement in shareholder's funds	31 Dec <u>2013</u> \$	31 Dec <u>2012</u> \$
	At 1 January Profit for the year Interim dividend paid	11,002,868 344,858 (10,000,000)	14,384,551 818,317 (4,200,000)
	At 31 December	1,347,726	11,002,868

#### 12. Related party transactions

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Britmar (UK) Limited, the Company is exempt from the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 (FRS8) to disclose transactions with other group members of the group headed by Britmar (UK) Limited.

#### 13. Ultimate parent undertaking

The Company is the wholly-owned subsidiary of British Marine plc, a company incorporated in England, which is the immediate parent undertaking and the parent company of the smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is Britmar (UK) Limited, a company incorporated in England, which is the holding company of the largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated.

The individual company financial statements and the consolidated financial statements of British Marine plc and Britmar (UK) Limited may be requested from the registered office at 11 Manchester Square, London W1U 3PW.

#### 14. Ultimate controlling party

Mr Alan Bekhor is the ultimate controlling party of the Company.