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Abbreviated Accounts

for the Year Ended 31 August 2009

<u>for</u>

North Bridge Specsavers Limited

20/05/2010 **COMPANIES HOUSE**

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Company Information for the Year Ended 31 August 2009

DIRECTORS:

Specsavers Optical Group Limited

Ms J S Ballantyne D J D Perkins Mrs M L Perkins Ms S L McIntosh-Mills

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SECRETARY:

Specsavers Optical Group Limited

REGISTERED OFFICE:

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Whiteley Fareham P015 7PA

REGISTERED NUMBER:

06227719 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

BDO LLP, statutory auditor

Bristol

United Kingdom

Report of the Independent Auditors to North Bridge Specsavers Limited Under Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages three to six, together with the full financial statements of North Bridge Specsavers Limited for the year ended 31 August 2009 prepared under Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

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

Basis of opinion

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

Opinion

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

John Mercer (senior statutory auditor) For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor Bristol United Kingdom

13/5/10 Date

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

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Abbreviated Balance Sheet 31 August 2009

FIXED ASSETS	Notes	31 8 09 £	31 8 08 £
Tangible assets Investments	2 3	100,144 120	123,070 120
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		100,264	123,190
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks		15,048	13,884
Debtors		15,282	36,515
		30,330	50,399
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	4	(262,392)	(173,776)
	4		
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(232,062)	(123,377)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(131,798)	(187)
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than on year	e 4	(12,119)	(70,761)
NET LIABILITIES		<u>(143,917</u>)	(70,948)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	5	120	120
Profit and loss account		(144,037)	(71,068)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>(143,917</u>)	(70,948)

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on its behalf by

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and were signed on

FOR SPECSAVERS OPTICAL GROUP LIMITED

JENNIFER BAUANTYNE

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Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts for the Year Ended 31 August 2009

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

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

Turnover

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Turnover represents the net amounts invoiced to customers less customer deposits received during the period net of value added tax

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter

Optical Equipment

- 14-25% on cost

Fixtures and fittings

- 14-25% on cost

Computer equipment

- 33% on cost

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on an average cost basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price allowing for all further costs of completion and disposal.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in tax computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Dividends

The company recognises dividends in the period in which they are authorised

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

Going Concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that continued support will be received from the directors for the foreseeable future

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value

Group Accounts

The Group is small sized and as a result the parent company has taken advantage of the exemption available not to prepare statutory consolidated financial statements granted under Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006 Accordingly these financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group

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Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2009

2	TANGIBL	E FIXED	ASSETS
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COST At 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009	143,145
DEPRECIATION At 1 September 2008 Charge for year	20,075 22,926
At 31 August 2009	_43,001
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 August 2009 At 31 August 2008	100,144 123,070
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS COST	Shares in group undertakings £
At 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2009	120

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following

North Bridge Visionplus Limited

NET BOOK VALUE At 31 August 2009

At 31 August 2008

Country of incorporation England & Wales
Nature of business Ophthalmic opticians

70		
holding		
100 00		
	31 8 09	31 8 08
	£	£
	60,615	25,185
	59,430	25,065
	_	100 00 31 8 09 £ 60,615

4 CREDITORS

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Creditors include an amount of £4,995 (31 8 08 - £9,569) for which security has been given

Total

120

120

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 31 August 2009

5 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Number	ued and fully paid Class	Nominal value	31 8 09 £	31 8 08 £
120	"A" Ordinary	£0 50	60	60
120	"B" Ordinary	£0 50	60	60
			120	120

In accordance with the Articles of Association the following rights attach to shares a) to "A" shares, the right to receive that part (including the whole) of the profits of the company which the directors shall, from time to time, determine to distribute as dividends b) to "B" shares, the right to appoint the chairman of the board of directors and of the general meeting of the company The "B" shares are held by Specsavers Optical Group Limited In all other respects both classes of share carry equal rights over the assets of the company, subject to those provisions as laid out in the shareholders' agreement

6 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

As at the year end Specsavers International Healthcare Limited was the ultimate parent company of North Bridge Specsavers Limited Mr and Mrs Perkins have the controlling interest in the ordinary share capital of Specsavers International Healthcare Limited, the ultimate parent company Specsavers International Healthcare Limited is a Guernsey registered company and its accounts are not available to the public

7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the company has conducted the following transactions with its ultimate parent company, Specsavers International Healthcare Limited and its subsidiaries, including Specsavers Optical Group Limited, its director Specsavers Optical Group Limited is wholly owned by Specsavers International Healthcare Limited

Sales £132,277 (2008 £84,474), Purchases of Goods £90,073 (2008 £64,944), Overhead Costs £139,007 (2008 £102,459), Other Income £Nil (2008 £90,869) and Purchases of Fixed Assets £Nil (2008 £15,533)

The balance due to the Group Treasury Company as at 31 August 2009 is £113,611 (2008 £95,877) This is held with Specsavers Finance (Guernsey) Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Specsavers International Healthcare Limited Specsavers Finance (Guernsey) Limited is incorporated in Guernsey and provides treasury services to the company and other Specsavers Group companies

Included within this balance is a loan of £63,902 (2008 £87,073) which is secured on the company's "A" shares

Directors' Loans as at year end

Specsavers Optical Group £Nil (2008 £50,000), Ms J S Ballantyne £30,000 (2008 £30,000), Ms S L McIntosh-Mills £10,000 (2008 £10,000) and A Uka £10,000 (2008 £10,000)

The loans are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand

8 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Subsequent to the year ended 31 August 2009 the company received a dividend from its wholly owned subsidiary, North Bridge Visionplus Limited of £59,000 (2008 £24,000) These financial statements do not reflect this dividend, which will be accounted for as income in the year ended 31 August 2010