

# Financial statements CEG Administrative Services Limited

For the Year Ended 31 August 2010





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Company No. 06355644

# Officers and professional advisers

**Company registration number** 

06355644

**Registered office** 

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**Directors** 

F Brownlee M Stanton

**Secretary** 

M Stanton

**Bankers** 

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# Report of the directors

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 August 2010

#### Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the company during the year was the provision of administrative services for other group companies

#### **Business review**

The directors are please with the results for the year

#### **Future developments**

The directors foresee a similar level of activity in the coming year

#### **Results and dividends**

The profit for the year amounted to £880,235 The directors have not recommended a dividend

### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The company uses various financial instruments including loans and trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of these financial instruments is working capital for the company's operations.

The existence of these financial instruments exposes the company to a number of financial risks, which are described in more detail below

The main risks arising from the company's financial instruments are cash flow interest rate risk and liquidity risk. The directors review and agree policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged from previous years.

#### Liquidity risk

The company seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to invest cash assets safely and profitably

Short-term flexibility is achieved by an asset backed bank lending facility

#### Interest rate risk

The company finances its operations through a mixture of retained profits and bank borrowings. The company exposure to interest rate fluctuations on its borrowings is managed by the use of floating facilities as covered by interest-rate swap arrangements.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows

F Brownlee M Stanton

#### **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. Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). 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 those 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,
- 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.

In so far as the directors are aware

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information

#### **Auditor**

Grant Thornton UK LLP are deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

M Stanton

Secretary



# Independent auditor's report to the members of CEG Administrative Services Limited

We have audited the financial statements of CEG Administrative Services Limited for the year ended 31 August 2010 which comprise the accounting policies, profit and loss account, balance sheet 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 Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on pages 3 to 4, 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 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 APB's website at www frc org uk/apb/scope/UKNP

#### **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 August 2010 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 matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the report of the directors 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 CEG Administrative Services 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

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ALISON SEEKINGS (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of
GRANT THORNTON UK LLP
STATUTORY AUDITOR
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

## **CAMBRIDGE**

21 December 2010

# Accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards

The directors consider that the company has adequate group support to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### Consolidation

The financial statements contain information about CEG Administrative Services Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company is exempt under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent, Cambridge Education Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales

#### **Cash flow statement**

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its ultimate parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement

#### Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts receivable for services to group companies

#### **Fixed assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Fixtures & Fittings

25% Straight Line

Equipment

25% Straight Line

### **Operating lease agreements**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

#### **Pension costs**

The company makes payments by way of defined contributions to the personal pension plans of certain staff members. The pension charge represents the aggregate amount payable by the company to those plans in respect of the year.

#### **Deferred taxation**

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 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, with the following exceptions

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

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

#### Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

#### 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

# Profit and loss account

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
Turnover	1	3,599,988	_
Other operating charges		2,934,487	4,338,746
Operating profit/(loss)	3	665,501	(4,338,746)
Income from shares in group undertakings Interest payable and similar charges	6 7	- (6)	1,151,154 -
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		665,507	(3,187,592)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	8	(214,728)	(1,211,010)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	18	880,235	(1,976,582)

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

# Balance sheet

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	415,946	487,449
Investments	10	300	300
		416,246	487,749
Current assets			
Debtors	11	4,642,785	2,638,293
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	9,881,679	8,828,925
Net current liabilities		(5,238,894)	(6,190,632)
Total assets less current liabilities		(4,822,648)	(5,702,883)
Capital and reserves			
Called-up equity share capital	17	100	100
Profit and loss account	18	(4,822,748)	(5,702,983)
Deficit	19	(4,822,648)	(5,702,883)

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on their behalf by

F Brownlee

Director

Company Registration Number 06355644

# Notes to the financial statements

## 1 Turnover

The turnover and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company An analysis of turnover is given below:

		2010	2009
		£	£
	United Kingdom	3,599,988	<del>-</del>
2	Other operating charges		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Administrative expenses	2,934,487	4,338,746
3	Operating profit/(loss)		
	Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging/(crediting)		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets Auditor's remuneration	219,869	188,575
	Audit fees	31,969	25,000
	Non-audit fees	13,377	7,113
	Operating lease costs	·	•
	- Other	46,134	29,210
	Net profit on foreign currency translation	(1,163)	(17,198)

# 4 Particulars of employees

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The average number of staff	f employed by the	he company during	the financial	year amounted to
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	2010 No	2009 No
Number of administrative staff	36	31
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were		
	2010	2009
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,156,547	1,765,075
Social security costs Other pension costs	233,844 24,577	210,679 25,951
Outer pension costs	2,414,968	2,001,705
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Directors		
Remuneration in respect of directors was as follows.		
	2010	2009
	£	£
Remuneration receivable	375,987	427,551
Remuneration of highest paid director		
ŭ .	2010	2009
	£	£
Total remuneration (excluding pension contributions)	235,434	268,942
Income from shares in group undertakings		
	2010	2009
	£	£
Income from group undertakings	_	1,151,154
Interest payable and similar charges		
	2010	2009
	£	£
Interest payable on bank borrowing	(6)	_

# 8 Taxation on ordinary activities

# (a) Analysis of charge in the year

	2010 £	2009 £
Current tax		
In respect of the year		
UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 28% (2009 - 28%) Over/under provision in prior year	465 -	(1,206,017) (4,993)
Total current tax	465	(1,211,010)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences (note 12) Capital allowances Losses Short term timing differences	(44,198) (113,934) (57,061)	- - -
Total deferred tax (note 12)	(215,193)	-
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	(214,728)	(1,211,010)

# (b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit/(loss) on ordinary activities for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2009 - 28%)

	2010	2009
	£	£
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	665,507	(3,187,592)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities by rate of tax	186,342	(892,526)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	10,786	10,793
Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation	17,320	(1,961)
Utilisation of tax losses	(273,759)	-
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	465	(4,993)
Receipt for group relief	59,174	1,206,017
Group relief surrendered	-	(1,206,017)
Group income	-	(322,323)
Sundry tax adjusting items	137	-
Total current tax (note 8(a))	465	(1,211,010)

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#### 9 **Tangible fixed assets**

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2009	258,738	607,211	865,949
Additions	26,459	121,907	148,366
Transfers	(113,173)	113,173	-
At 31 August 2010	172,024	842,291	1,014,315
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2009	141,991	236,509	378,500
Charge for the year	30,334	189,535	219,869
Transfers	(84,009)	84,009	
At 31 August 2010	88,316	510,053	598,369
Net book value			
At 31 August 2010	83,708	332,238	415,946
At 31 August 2009	116,747	370,702	487,449
Investments			

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# Company

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Cost	
At 1 September 2009	and 31 August 2010

Net book value

At 31 August 2010 and 31 August 2009

300

# Subsidiary Undertakings

At 31 August 2010 the company held 100% of the allotted ordinary share capital of the following:

	Country of incorporation	Proportion held	Nature of business
CEG UFP Limited CEG Colleges Limited Limited	England	100%	Education Holding
	England	100%	company
Stafford House Companies Limited	England	100%	Holding company

# 11 Debtors

		2010 £	2009 £
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,155,690	2,326,075 957
	Corporation tax repayable Other debtors	13,404	808
	Prepayments and accrued income	258,498	310,453
	Deferred taxation (note 12)	215,193	
		4,642,785	2,638,293
12	Deferred taxation		
	The deferred tax included in the Balance sheet is as follows		
		2010 £	2009
		-	£
	Included in debtors (note 11)	215,193	_
	The movement in the deferred taxation account during the year was		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Profit and loss account movement arising during the year	215,193	-
	Balance carried forward	215,193	
			-
	The balance of the deferred taxation account consists of the tax effect of	timing differences i	n respect of
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Excess of depreciation over taxation allowances	44,198	_
	Tax losses available	113,934	-
	Short term timing differences	57,061	_
		215,193	_
13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2010	2009
		£	£
	Overdrafts	3,423,839	1,008,979
	Trade creditors	215,602	286,128
	Amounts owed to group undertakings Accruals and deferred income	5,280,752 961,486	7,007,106 526,712
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		9,881,679	8,828,925

The bank overdraft is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the group

#### 14 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 August 2010 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

	2010		2009	
	Land and	Other	Land and	Other
	buildings	Items	buildings	Items
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire				
Within 1 year	-	30,000	-	-
Within 2 to 5 years	98,640	40,800	-	1,776
After more than 5 years	-	-	22,000	-
	98,640	70,800	22,000	1,776
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## 15 Contingent liabilities

A cross guarantee agreement has been entered into with the Group's bankers, National Westminster Bank Plc, whereby all positive balances that exist within the group headed by Cambridge Education Group Limited (the ultimate parent undertaking), or any of its subsidiaries, may be called upon to secure or repay any net bank indebtedness. At 31 August 2010 there was group indebtedness of £nil (2009 - £1,785,850)

#### 16 Related party transactions

As a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cambridge Education Group Limited, the company is exempt from the requirements of FRS 8 to disclose transactions with other members of the group on the grounds that accounts are publicly available from Companies House

## 17 Share capital

Authorised share capital

				2010 £	2009 £
	100 Ordinary shares of £1 each			100	100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid				
		2010		2009	
		No	£	No	£
	100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100	100	100
18	Profit and loss account				
				2010 £	2009 £
	Balance brought forward Profit/(loss) for the financial year			(5,702,983) 880,235	(3,726,401) (1,976,582)
	Balance carried forward			(4,822,748)	(5,702,983)

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## 19 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds

	2010	2009
	£	£
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year Opening shareholder's deficit	880,235 (5,702,883)	(1,976,582) (3,726,301)
Closing shareholder's deficit	(4,822,648)	(5,702,883)

# 20 Capital commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements amounted to £6,547 (2009 - £Nil)

# 21 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate parent undertaking is Cambridge Education Group Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales

The ultimate controlling party is considered to be Palamon Capital Partners LP by virtue of its shareholding in Cambridge Education Group Limited