

Company registration number 6358141



Boots Propco C Limited
Directors' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2012

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Directors' report

for the year ended 31 March 2012

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012

Principal activities

The Company is an intermediary holding company within the Alliance Boots GmbH Group ("the Group")

Business review

Details of the result for the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 4

There have been no significant events since the balance sheet date which should be considered for a proper understanding of these financial statements

Dividends

Dividends of £5,426,000 (2011 £9,250,000) were declared and paid in the year

Directors

The following served as Directors during the year

A Clare

F Standish

T Clerckx

Appointed 11 April 2011

M Delve

Resigned 11 April 2011

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor was deemed to be reappointed and KPMG Audit Plc therefore continues in office

Disclosure of information to the auditor

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 auditor is unaware, and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information

By order of the Board



A Clare

Director

26 June 2012

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Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' report and the financial statements

for the year ended 31 March 2012

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK 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 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, 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 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities

Independent auditor's report

To the members of Boots Propco C Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Boots Propco C Limited for the year ended 31 March 2012 set out on pages 4 to 9. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK 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 Directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 2, 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

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

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 March 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK 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 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.



Chris Hearld (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants
15 Canada Square
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London, E14 5GL

29 June 2012

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Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 March 2012

	Notes	2012 £000	2011 £000
Operating profit	2	-	-
Income from shares in Group undertakings		6,296	10,120
Interest receivable and similar income	3	1	-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		6,297	10,120
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	-	(870)
Profit for the financial year		6,297	9,250

There were no recognised gains and losses for the current and preceding financial years other than the profit of £6,297,000 (2011 £9,250,000) shown above. Accordingly, no statement of recognised gains and losses is presented.

There is no difference between the reported profit shown above and the profit for the year restated on an historical cost basis. Accordingly, no note of historical cost profits is presented.

The amounts presented for the current and preceding financial years are derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of the Company's financial statements.

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Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2012

	Notes	2012 £000	2011 £000
Fixed Assets			
Investments	6	30,663	30,663
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	1,321	-
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	8	(450)	-
Net current assets		871	-
Net assets		31,534	30,663
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10,11	315	315
Share premium account	11	31,218	31,218
Profit and loss account	11	1	(870)
Shareholders' funds		31,534	30,663

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of the Company's financial statements

These financial statements were approved by the Board on 26 June 2012 and were signed on its behalf by



A Clare
Director

Registered in England and Wales No 6358141

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Notes to the financial statements

for the period ended 31 March 2012

1 Accounting policies

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

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and under the historical cost convention

Alliance Boots GmbH, the intermediate parent entity, includes the Company's assets, liabilities and results in its own publicly-available consolidated financial statements. Under FRS 1 (Revised 1996), 'Cash flow statements', the Company is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement. In addition, under SSAP 25, 'Segmental Reporting', the Company is exempt from the requirement to present segmental information on the grounds that Alliance Boots GmbH includes segmental information in its own publicly-available consolidated financial statements in compliance with IFRS 8, 'Operating Segments'

The Company's voting rights are wholly controlled within the Group and, consequently, the Company is exempt under FRS 8, 'Related party Disclosures', from disclosing transactions with entities that are part of the Group or investees of the Group qualifying as related parties

The Company is exempt under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements and deliver them to the Registrar of Companies. The financial statements therefore present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group

Going concern

The Company has net assets and generates positive cash flows and expects this to continue in future periods. Based on this, the Company's Directors have assessed that there is no material uncertainty surrounding the going concern of the entity. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements

Share capital

Equity instruments

An equity instrument is a contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of an entity after deducting all of its liabilities. Accordingly, a financial instrument is treated as equity if

- there is no contractual obligation to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or liabilities on terms that may be unfavourable, and
- the instrument is a non-derivative that contains no contractual obligation to deliver a variable number of shares or is a derivative that will be settled only by the Group exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other assets for a fixed number of the Company's own equity instruments

Equity instruments are recorded as share capital and share premium, as applicable, net of tax-effected share issue costs. To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of any issue are classified as a financial liability

Dividends

Interim dividends on equity instruments classified as part of shareholders' funds are recognised as appropriations in the reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds. Dividends unpaid at the balance sheet date are only recognised as a liability at that date to the extent that they are appropriately authorised by the shareholders of the Company and are no longer at the discretion of the Company. Unpaid dividends that do not meet these criteria are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements

Investments

Investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment

Taxation

Current taxation

Current tax is recognised at the amount expected to be paid or recovered for the period based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are only recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not there will be suitable taxable profits against which the underlying timing differences can reverse. Deferred tax liabilities are not recognised in respect of corporation tax on chargeable gains arising on the disposal of assets where that gain is expected to be deferred indefinitely

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis at the average rates expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences are expected to reverse using the tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

2 Profit from operations

Auditor's remuneration

The 2012 audit fee for the audit of these financial statements was borne by a fellow group undertaking. The amount allocated that would have been incurred is £2,000 (2011: £2,000). Amounts receivable by the Company's auditor in respect of non-audit services provided to the Company were £nil (2010: £nil)

Directors' remuneration

The Directors' received no remuneration for their services to the Company during the year (2011: £nil)

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3 Interest receivable and similar income

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Interest receivable from Group undertakings	1	-

4 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

An analysis of the tax charge for the year ended 31 March 2012 is presented as follows

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Current tax		
<i>United Kingdom ('UK') corporation tax</i>		
Corporation tax on income for the period at 26% (2011 28%)	450	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	870
Deferred tax (note 9)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(450)	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-	870

The current tax charge for the financial year is lower (2011 lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax of 26% (2011 28%). The differences are explained below

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	6,297	10,120
Current tax at 26% (2011 28%)	1,637	2,834
Effects of		
Non-taxable dividends received from UK companies	(1,637)	(2,834)
Impact of imputed profits from partnership interests	488	-
Group relief at below standard rate of tax	(38)	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	870
Total current tax charge as above	450	870

During the period to March 2012 the UK Government enacted a reduction in the Corporation Tax rate to 24%, effective from 1 April 2012. It was also announced that the rate would reduce by 1% over each of the next two years to 22%. These further changes to the tax rate have not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and, therefore, are not included in these financial statements.

5 Dividends

The Company's paid and proposed dividends are presented as follows

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Dividends paid in the year		
Interim dividends paid	5,426	9,250

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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6 Fixed asset investments

	Shares in joint ventures £000
Cost	
At 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012	31,533
Provision	
At 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012	870
Net book value	
At 31 March 2011 and 31 March 2012	30,663

The Company's joint venture undertaking at the balance sheet date is presented as follows

	Percentage held by the Company or subsidiary undertakings	Country of incorporation	Main activity
Alliance Boots Propco C LLP	10.67	England & Wales	Property Holding

7 Debtors

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Falling due within one year		
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	871	-
Falling due after more than one year		
Deferred tax (note 9)	450	-
Total debtors	1,321	-

8 Creditors amounts falling due within one year

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Corporation tax payable	450	-

9 Deferred tax

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where there is a legally enforceable right to offset the associated current tax assets and liabilities

Deferred tax assets are attributable to the following after offset

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Other short term timing differences	450	-

The movement in the net deferred tax asset for the year is presented as follows

	Other short term differences £000
Deferred tax assets	
At 1 April 2011	-
Profit and loss account credit	450
At 31 March 2012	450

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10 Called up share capital

	2012 £000	2011 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
315,332 ordinary shares of £1 each	315	315

11 Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds

	Called up share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total £000
At 1 April 2011	315	31,218	(870)	30,663
Profit for the financial year	-	-	9,250	9,250
Equity dividends paid	-	-	(9,250)	(9,250)
At 1 April 2012	315	31,218	(870)	30,663
Profit for the financial year	-	-	6,297	6,297
Equity dividends paid	-	-	(5,426)	(5,426)
At 31 March 2012	315	31,218	1	31,534

12 Ultimate parent undertaking

At 31 March 2012 the Company's immediate parent company was Boots Properties Limited and its ultimate parent company and controlling party was AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited. AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited is also the parent undertaking of the largest group in which the Company is consolidated.

AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited is incorporated in Gibraltar, and its registered office is 57/63 Line Wall Road, Gibraltar. AB Acquisitions Holdings Limited is jointly controlled by Alliance Sante Participations SA, and certain funds advised by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co L.P., S. Pessina, and O. Barra, who are Directors of Alliance Boots GmbH, are also Directors of Alliance Sante Participations SA, which is ultimately owned by a family trust.

The smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Alliance Boots GmbH, a company incorporated in Switzerland. The consolidated financial statements of this group are available from the Alliance Boots website at www.allianceboots.com.