Registration number: SC057720

A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

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A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited Company Information

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Bruce Strachan

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A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012.

Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

John W Stephen

Brian Finlay

Dale Stephen

John Webster

Bruce Strachan

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is general building construction, principally in the field of private house building.

Business review

Fair review of the business

The year to March 2012 experienced market conditions similar to 2011 as this extremely challenging period for the construction industry continues. Volatility in the global financial markets coupled with on-going uncertainty in the Eurozone countries have led to a contraction in the UK economy. The housebuilding industry has been particularly badly impacted with low consumer confidence and lack of mortgage availability driving down activity.

The overall performance of the company is disappointing.

Turnover at £7.4 million showed a significant drop from previous years despite the fact that new home numbers were on par with 2011. Average floor area was however down as a result of a strategic decision to build some smaller properties to make a Stephen Home more achievable in the current market. In addition, a lack of contracting with third parties, a feature of recent years performances, also in part accounted for the drop in revenues.

The gross margin for the year was down on 2011 by 5%. Raw material price increases and incentives to secure sales continue to erode margins but a bigger factor in this year's performance was the mix of sales.

The balance sheet of the Company remains strong and shows Shareholders' funds in excess of £8 million at the year end.

Outlook

We believe that the challenging market conditions will continue in the coming year. Indeed given the global financial turmoil it is difficult to predict when market confidence will return. In such times the Board continue to focus on the fundamentals of the business to ensure that we operate efficiently and against the background the board is taking steps to align the group's overhead with the current level of trading.

Demand for our products remains strong but potential buyers are having difficulty selling their own property. Lack of mortgage finance to the first time buyer continues to frustrate the supply chain. We have invested in Shared Equity, Part Exchange and Rent to Buy initiatives to help address this problem.

A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

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We are also encouraged by government backed schemes such as MI New Home which have been devised with a view to rebuilding the housing market. There is a vast shortage of new homes in Scotland and we are confident that when mortgage liquidity improves we will see a return to the levels of activity previously enjoyed.

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

	Unit	2012	2011
Turnover	£	7,414,668	11,432,878
Gross Margin	%	5	11
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	£	(1,212,986)	(650,981)
Shareholders' funds	£	8,429,293	9,642,279

The Company currently employs 62 people. The dedication and commitment of our people has ensured that A & J Stephen remains at the forefront of quality housebuilding in Scotland. A number of our sites were shortlisted for NHBC awards this year and the Board congratulate all nominees and winners. In particular, Alan Robertson, our Site Manager at Balgarvie Farm, who won National Site Manager of the year for Scotland and the North of England.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company's financial and operational performance is subject to number of risks. The principal risk at this time remains the on-going uncertainty in the financial markets and the impact on mortgage finance and customer confidence. The Board recognise that the management of risk is fundamental to the success of the business and seek to ensure that appropriate processes are put in place to manage, monitor and mitigate these risks.

Disclosure of information to the auditors

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Each director has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information. The directors confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and which they know the auditors are unaware of.

Reappointment of auditors

The auditors Morris & Young, Statutory Auditor are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 11 September 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

John Webster

Director

A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited 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 apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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 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 A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2012, set out on pages 7 to 22. 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 (set out on page 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 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 the 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 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 matter 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 A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited

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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.

Mr Peter Young B.A., C.A. (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Morris & Young, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants 6 Atholl Crescent PERTH PH1 5JN

18 September 2012

A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

	Note	2012 £	2011 £
Turnover		7,417,668	11,432,878
Cost of sales		(7,032,519)	(10,181,972)
Gross profit		385,149	1,250,906
Administrative expenses		(1,985,285)	(1,921,876)
Other operating income		378,344	20,336
Operating loss	2	(1,221,792)	(650,634)
Other interest receivable and similar income	5	8,806	-
Interest payable and similar charges	6		(347)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(1,212,986)	(650,981)
Loss for the financial year	14	(1,212,986)	(650,981)

Turnover and operating profit derive wholly from continuing operations.

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2012

	Note	2012 £	2011 £
Fixed assets Tangible fixed assets	8	144,802	153,079
Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9 10 11	12,948,896 229,589 290 13,178,775 (4,894,284)	13,766,027 870,804 514 14,637,345 (5,148,145)
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year Net current assets Net assets		8,284,491 8,429,293	9,489,200
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account Shareholders' funds	12 14 13	25,000 8,404,293 8,429,293	25,000 9,617,279 9,642,279

Approved by the Board on 11 September 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

John W Stephen

Director

John Webster

Director

A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

Cash flow statement

	2012 £	2011 £
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(472,383)	(466,428)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received HP and finance lease interest	8,806 8,806	(347)
Capital expenditure and financial investment Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets Receipts of government grants	(89,298) 49,337 1,344	(24,007) 150 1,346
Net cash outflow before management of liquid resources and financing	(38,617)	(22,511) (489,286)
Financing Repayment of capital element of finance leases and HP contracts Decrease in cash	(502,194)	(21,215) (510,501)

A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

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Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt

	Note	2012 £	2011 £
Decrease in cash		(502,194)	(510,501)
Cash outflow from repayment of capital element of finance leases and hire purchase contracts			21,215
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	18	(502,194)	(489,286)
Movement in net debt	18	(502,194)	(489,286)
Net debt at 1 April	18	(914,452)	(425,166)
Net debt at 31 March	18	(1,416,646)	(914,452)

Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash flow from operating activities

	2012 £	2011 £
Operating foss	(1,221,792)	(650,634)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment charges	90,172	102,000
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(41,934)	(150)
Decrease in stocks	817,131	941,568
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	641,215	(393,004)
Decrease in creditors	(754,487)	(463,516)
Receipt/release of government grants	(2,688)	(2,692)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(472,383)	(466,428)

A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated).

Going concern

A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of A & J Stephen (Holdings) Limited. The company also is a borrower and guarantor under the group's borrowing facilities as set out in Note 16. These accounts have been prepared having regard to the group's trading forecasts for the next twelve months. These forecasts include detailed cashflow projections. Notwithstanding the above, given the current economic environment, there remains a risk that the external trading environment may be worse than currently envisaged, and as a result, the directors of A & J Stephen (Holdings) Limited have also reviewed forecasts which include sensitivities that make allowance for that risk. Should such a scenario arise, the directors of A & J Stephen (Holdings) Limited have confidence that they have adequate liquidity and covenant headroom to ensure that the group can meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. After taking this in to account the directors of A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited consider that it is appropriate to prepare these accounts on a going concern basis.

Turnover

Turnover represents amounts chargeable, net of value added tax, in respect of the sale of goods and services to customers.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services to third parties in the normal course of business net of VAT and trade discounts. Revenue from goods and services is recognised when goods and services have been provided and the right to consideration has been earned.

Government grants

Grants are credited to deferred revenue. Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the assets. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class

Plant and machinery Fixtures, fittings & equipment Motor vehicles

Depreciation method and rate

20% Straight line 20 & 50% Straight line 25% Straight line

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

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Stock and work in progress

Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Deferred tax

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

Hire purchase and leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities. Where shares are issued, any component that creates a financial liability of the company is presented as a liability in the balance sheet. The corresponding dividends relating to the liability component are charged as interest expense in the profit and loss account.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are recognised in the profit and loss account in the period in which they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

2 Operating loss

Operating loss is stated after charging:

	2012 £	2011 £
Operating leases - other assets	94,977	89,422
Auditor's remuneration - The audit of the company's annual accounts	5,850	5,750
Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	(41,934)	(150)
Depreciation of owned assets	90,172	102,000
Government grants receivable	(1,344)	(1,346)

3 Particulars of employees

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category was as follows:

	2012 No.	2011 No.
Administration and support	35	38 40
Production	<u>36</u> - 71	78
The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:	2012	2011
M d colories	£ 1,926,502	£ 1,920,329
Wages and salaries Social security costs	146,201	148,732
Staff pensions	<u>111,498</u> 2,184,201	102,497 2,171,558

4 Directors' remuneration The directors' remuneration for the year was as follows: 2012 2011 £ £ 185,079 165,057 Remuneration 17,303 18,727 Company contributions paid to money purchase schemes During the year the number of directors who were receiving benefits and share incentives was as follows: 2012 2011 No. No. 2 Accruing benefits under money purchase pension scheme In respect of the highest paid director: 2012 2011 £ £ 101,535 96,912 Remuneration Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes 11,659 11,641 5 Other interest receivable and similar income 2012 2011 £ £ 8,806 Other interest receivable 6 Interest payable and similar charges 2011 2012 £ £ 347 Finance charges 347

7 Taxation

Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

Tax on loss on ordinary activities for the year is higher than (2011 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26% (2011 - 28%).

The differences are reconciled below:

	2012 £	2011 £
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(1,212,986)	(650,981)
Corporation tax at standard rate	(315,376)	(182,275)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Non deductible expenses Tax losses	(22,347) 732 336,991	2,655 4,475 175,145
Total current tax	_	

Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has estimated losses of £932,628 (2011 - nil) to carry forward against future trading profits.

8 Tangible fixed assets

		Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
	Cost or valuation				
	At 1 April 2011	1,016,022	377,222	408,048	1,801,292
	Additions	76,709	12,589	-	89,298
	Disposals	(110,400)		(71,330)	(181,730)
	At 31 March 2012	982,331	389,811	336,718	1,708,860
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2011	881,108	359,057	408,048	1,648,213
	Charge for the year	83,438	6,734	-	90,172
	Eliminated on disposals	(102,997)		(71,330)	(174,327)
	At 31 March 2012	861,549	365,791	336,718	1,564,058
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2012	120,782	24,020	-	144,802
	At 31 March 2011	134,914	18,165	-	153,079
9	Stocks				
				2012 £	2011 £
	Stocks			237,592	135,988
	Work in progress			12,711,304	13,630,039
				12,948,896	13,766,027
10	D Debtors				
				2012 £	2011 £
	Trade debtors			144,458	672,366
	Other debtors			69,216	183,716
	Prepayments and accrued income			15,915	14,722
				229,589	870,804

11 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2012 £	2011 £
Trade creditors	339,785	317,245
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,416,936	914,966
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,955,959	2,387,270
Corporation tax	2,651	2,651
Other taxes and social security	84,270	73,096
Other creditors	44,880	32,666
Accruals and deferred income	1,049,803	1,420,251
	4,894,284	5,148,145

Creditors amounts falling due within one year includes the following liabilities, on which security has been given by the company:

been given by the eampany.	2012 £	2011 £
Bank overdraft	1,416,936	914,966

The bank overdraft is secured by a Bond and Floating Charge over all the assets of the company and letters of offset by A & J Stephen Limited and A & J Stephen (Holdings) Limited.

12 Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid	l shares			
	2012		2011	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
13 Reconciliation of movement in s	shareholders' fu	ınds		
			2012 £	2011 £
Loss attributable to the members of	the company		(1,212,986)	(650,981)
Net reduction to shareholders' funds	S		(1,212,986)	(650,981)
Shareholders' funds at 1 April			9,642,279	10,293,260
Shareholders' funds at 31 March			8,429,293	9,642,279

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2012 continued

14 Reserves

	Profit and loss account Total £ £	
At 1 April 2011	9,617,279	9,617,279
Loss for the year	(1,212,986)	(1,212,986)
At 31 March 2012	8,404,293	8,404,293

15 Pension schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £111,498 (2011 - £102,497).

Contributions totalling £ \min (2011 - £ \min) were payable to the schemes at the end of the year and are included in creditors.

16 Contingent liabilities

There is a contingent liability relating to the guarantee given by the company to the Royal Bank of Scotland in respect of cross corporate guarantee including offset provisions incorporating all group companies.

17 Commitments

Operating lease commitments

As at 31 March 2012 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Operating leases which expire:

	2012 £	2011 £
Land and buildings		
Within one year	120,000	55,000
Within two and five years		65,000
	120,000	120,000
Other		
Within one year	13,441	29,611
Within two and five years	62,925	48,334
	76,366	77,945

18 Analysis of net debt

	At 1 April 2011 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2012 £
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft	514 (914,966)	(224) (501,970)	290 (1,416,936)
	(914,452)	(502,194)	(1,416,646)
Net debt	(914,452)	(502,194)	(1,416,646)

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

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19 Related party transactions

Other related party transactions

During the year the company made the following related party transactions:

Dale Stephen

(director)

During the year a number of the directors and their families purchased consumable items, which are immaterial to the individuals concerned and the company, from A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited at market value. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Dale Stephen was £547 (2011 - £681).

Derek Stephen

(shareholder of parent company)

During the year a number of the directors and their families purchased consumable items, which are immaterial to the individuals concerned and the company, from A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited at market value. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Derek Stephen was £59 (2011 -£1,178).

Brian Finlay

(director)

During the year a number of the directors and their families purchased consumable items, which are immaterial to the individuals concerned and the company, from A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited at market value. At the balance sheet date the amount due from/(to) Brian Finlay was £2,799 (2011 -£nil).

John S Stephen

(shareholder of parent company)

During the year a number of the directors and their families purchased consumable items, which are immaterial to the individuals concerned and the company, from A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited at market value. Also during the year the company has charged John Stephen £84,913 (2011 - £nil) for services. At the balance sheet date the amount due to John S Stephen was £nil (2011 - £nil).

John W Stephen

(director)

During the year a number of the directors and their families purchased consumable items, which are immaterial to the individuals concerned and the company, from A & J Stephen (Builders) Limited at market value. Also during the year the company has provided services of £5,811 (2011 - £544,586) to John W Stephen. The company has charged John W Stephen rent of nil (2011 - £9,900) during the year. At the balance sheet date the amount due from John W Stephen was £5,813 (2011 - £545,263).

A & J Stephen Limited Retirement & Death Benefit Scheme

(the director's pension scheme)

During the year the company was charged rent totalling £100,000 (2011 - £88,959) for the yard, office and an industrial unit which is considered to be a fair market rent. At the balance sheet date the amount due to A & J Stephen Limited Retirement & Death Benefit Scheme was £nil (2011 - £nil).

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2012

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Elmcliff Limited

(a company Derek Stephen, Dale Stephen and Brian Finlay are also directors of)
During the year the company has paid £14 (2011 - £15) on behalf of Elmcliff Limited. Also during the year the company provided services of £624 (2011 - £1,419) to Elmcliff Limited. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Elmcliff Limited was £170 (2011 - £156).

Tanera LLP

(a partnership A & J Stephen Limited is a partner of) During the year the company has paid expenses of nil (2011- £130) on behalf of Tanera LLP. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Tanera LLP was £6,641 (2011 - £6,641).

Inch Farms Limited

(a company that A & J Stephen (Holdings) Limited owns 50% of) During the year the company paid £15 (2011 - nil) on behalf of Inch Farms Limited. At the balance sheet date the amount due from Inch Farms Limited was £60 (2011 - £45).

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosing transactions with other members of the group.

20 Control

The company is controlled by A & J Stephen (Holdings) Limited the parent company which is registered in Scotland.

A & J Stephen (Holdings) Limited prepares group financial statements and copies can be obtained from Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF.