

REGISTERED NUMBER: SC199495 (Scotland)

Abbreviated Accounts For The Year Ended 31 December 2011

for

Speyside Distillers Company Limited

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Speyside Distillers Company Limited

Company Information
For The Year Ended 31 December 2011

DIRECTORS:

Sir J Aykroyd
M G Andersen
K Andersen

SECRETARY:

Sir J Aykroyd

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Duchess Road
Rutherglen
GLASGOW
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REGISTERED NUMBER:

SC199495 (Scotland)

AUDITORS:

Robb Ferguson
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
5 Oswald Street
Glasgow
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Report of the Independent Auditors to
Speyside Distillers Company Limited
Under Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages four to eight, together with the full financial statements of Speyside Distillers Company Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 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.

Other information

On 19/09/2012 we reported as auditors to the shareholders of the company on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011 prepared under Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, and our report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements of Speyside Distillers Company Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 on pages six to nineteen. 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 a Report of the Auditors 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 pages two and three, 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 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 Report of the Directors 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.

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Basis for qualified opinion on financial statements

Included within other debtors is the sum of £63,389 which is still outstanding at the date of signing of the financial statements. The directors consider this sum to be recoverable in full, however we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence as to the value and recoverability of this debt.

Qualified opinion on financial statements

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for qualified opinion paragraph, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2011 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

As detailed above, in respect of other debtors we have not received all the information and explanations that we require for our audit.

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."
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime."

Janice Alexander

Janice Alexander CA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Robb Ferguson
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
5 Oswald Street
Glasgow
G1 4QR

Date:19/09/2012.....

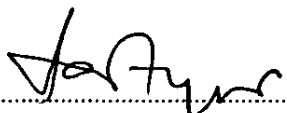
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Abbreviated Balance Sheet
31 December 2011

	Notes	2011 £	2010 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	2,147,170	2,132,573
Investments	3	39,700	39,700
		<u>2,186,870</u>	<u>2,172,273</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		4,704,347	4,644,181
Debtors		1,336,302	1,294,561
Investments		14,800	14,800
Cash in hand		489	311
		<u>6,055,938</u>	<u>5,953,853</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>3,459,061</u>	<u>3,394,532</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>2,596,877</u>	<u>2,559,321</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>4,783,747</u>	<u>4,731,594</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	4	<u>2,005,426</u>	<u>2,121,254</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u><u>2,778,321</u></u>	<u><u>2,610,340</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	5	9	9
Share premium		671,243	671,243
Revaluation reserve		675,306	675,306
Other reserves		1,327,750	1,327,750
Profit and loss account		104,013	(63,968)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			
		<u><u>2,778,321</u></u>	<u><u>2,610,340</u></u>

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 19/9/2012 and were signed on its behalf by:


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Sir J Aykroyd - Director

The notes form part of these abbreviated accounts

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts
For The Year Ended 31 December 2011

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

In accordance with their responsibilities as directors, the directors have considered the appropriateness of the going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

The company has continued to trade profitably in the year to December 2012, however due to continued working capital funding requirements, it relies on the continued support of its bankers and other loan providers. At the date of signing of the financial statements the entire share capital of the company was purchased by HOE International Limited. Also on this date HOE International Limited provided loan funds to repay in full those other loan providers. Accordingly, going forward, the company relies on the continued support of its bankers and its parent company.

HOE International Limited have confirmed that their loan will continue to be available to the company for at least the next 12 months from the date of signing of the financial statements, and that further funds will be made available as required to facilitate the further development of the business and to ensure that the company is able to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The company's banking facilities consist of an overdraft of £300,000 which is renewable on 31 March 2013 and a term loan of £3,000,000 which is repayable by quarterly capital repayments by 30 November 2014.

The directors have reviewed projected profitability and cash flow in detail for a period in excess of 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements, and loans and facilities in place are more than adequate to provide the necessary level of working capital facilities going forward based on the projections prepared.

On this basis, the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from a withdrawal of the facilities by the company's bankers or parent company.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding 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.

Freehold property	- 2% on valuation and 2% on cost
Short leasehold	- over the period of lease
Fixed plant and equipment	- 25% on reducing balance and 5% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance and 15% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Foreign currencies

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 transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost unless, in the opinion of the directors, there has been a permanent diminution in value, in which case an appropriate adjustment is made. Listed current asset investments are stated at the lower of cost or market value where the difference is material, and current asset investments are stated at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value.

Government grants

Government grants on capital expenditure are credited to a deferral account and are released to revenue in accordance with the terms on which capital expenditure is depreciated.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Total £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 January 2011	3,130,989
Additions	76,270
Disposals	(15,863)
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At 31 December 2011	3,191,396
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 January 2011	998,416
Charge for year	57,345
Eliminated on disposal	(11,535)
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At 31 December 2011	1,044,226
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2011	<hr/> 2,147,170 <hr/>
At 31 December 2010	<hr/> 2,132,573 <hr/>

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3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investments other than loans £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1 January 2011	
and 31 December 2011	79,700
PROVISIONS	
At 1 January 2011	
and 31 December 2011	40,000
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2011	39,700
At 31 December 2010	39,700

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

Speyside Distillery Company Limited

Nature of business: Non trading company

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

The aggregate capital and reserves of the Speyside Distillery Company Limited at the year end was nil (2010 - nil).

Speyside Bonding Company Ltd

Nature of business: Non trading company

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

The aggregate capital and reserves of the Speyside Bonding Company Limited at the year end was nil (2010 - nil).

Forbes Ross & Company Ltd

Nature of business: Whisky trademark owner

	%
Class of shares:	holding
Ordinary	100.00

	2011	2010
	£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	2,509	2,509

Included in the costs of unlisted investments is the sum of £5,000 in respect of the cost of the investment in Forbes Ross & Company Limited.

4. CREDITORS

Creditors include an amount of £3,243,499 (2010 - £3,317,472) for which security has been given.

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5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2011 £	2010 £
889	Ordinary	£0.01	9	9
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