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Directors and advisors

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Alternate directors

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the company are to act as a catalyst in site assembly, decontamination and regeneration of Granton's Waterfront to achieve economic redevelopment and increased employment, not simply on the land owned by the company, but within the overall Granton Waterfront project including the existing community.

Review of the year

Residential development at Granton Waterfront remains a pioneering market and the effects of the worldwide economic downturn have severely impacted on the Company's short-term developmental ambitions.

Towards the end of the financial year, one of the Company's joint venture shareholders, Scottish Enterprise transferred its investment to the City of Edinburgh Council, who subsequently transferred their entire shareholding to CEC Holdings Limited.

Subsequent to the year end, the City of Edinburgh Council agreed to acquire Waterfront Edinburgh Limited's investment property portfolio for £7.5m. This amount was then utilised by the company to settle in full its outstanding external debt. The repayment of external debt was completed on 29 May 2009 and the legal agreements to transfer title of the investment property to the City of Edinburgh Council was completed on 7 August 2009.

It is the intention of the Shareholder and the Board to continue to ensure that the company remains the catalyst to deliver the whole of the Granton redevelopment by encouraging economic development, job creation and creating a sense of place, whilst ensuring social inclusion with existing communities.

Results and dividends

The trading results for the year and the company's financial position at the year end are shown in the attached financial statements. There has been a substantial loss in the year to 31st March 2009, mainly due to the write down in the valuation of work in progress at the end of the financial year. The decrease in the valuation results from the continued deterioration in the market place for developments in North Edinburgh.

A dividend will not be paid.

Corporate Governance

The Directors seek to ensure that a transparent structure is in place and that best practice in corporate governance is adopted. The company has agreed to the guidelines set out by the City of Edinburgh Council's Code of Guidance for Corporate Governance for Council Companies.

The system of internal controls seeks to identify, assess, manage, and minimise risk.

In addition to identifying, evaluating and managing the risks faced by the company, which is covered by the risk register, closer attention has been paid to evaluating the implications of all contingent liabilities, such as land burdens and planning gain. This will assist the Board and the Chief Executive to manage the company's business, and to identify financial and non financial risks.

The company has identified its key business outputs and the risk associated with delivering them and these are embedded within the 3 year Business Plan. Quarterly updates of the business plan and risks are provided to the Board and the Audit Committee. The company's property assets are revalued on an annual basis by an independent valuer to RICS Red Book requirements.

Directors' report (continued)

The system of internal financial control is based on the provision of regular management information, adherence to financial regulations and administration procedures, management supervision, and a system of delegation and accountability. The system includes:

- Comprehensive budgeting systems;
- Monthly management accounts at group profit and loss and balance sheet level showing anticipated final
 costs compared with budgets at project or for revenue expenditure, at a cost level;
- Clearly defined approval limits

The internal audit function is provided by our shareholders, who review annually certain financial processes.

The Board meets monthly and has delegated responsibility to the Chief Executive for any capital expenditure commitments up to £75,000 and revenue up to £35,000, subject to the expenditure being within the approved business plan. The Chairperson and Chief Executive meet on a regular basis to discuss relevant issues.

Directors

The directors who held office and details of the additional committees on which they served are as follows:

S Cardownie (resigned 27.03.09)

E Morris

A Jackson

S Gallagher (resigned 30.03.09)

J Fanning (resigned 24.06.08)

P Woodburn (appointed 1.04.08, resigned 30.03.09)

S Patrick (appointed 28.11.08, resigned 30.03.09)

T Buchanan (appointed 05.05.09)

Alternate Directors

H Dunn

P Watton

Remuneration Committee

Audit Committee Remuneration Committee Audit Committee

No director who held office at the end of the year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the Company. Certain directors benefit from qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the year and at the date of this report.

Donations

During the year the company made charitable contributions of nil (2008: £nil).

Disclosure of information to auditors

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 auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditors will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

Secretary

19 August 2009

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements

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).

The financial statements are required by law to 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 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 proper accounting records that 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 1985. 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.



KPMG LLP

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Waterfront Edinburgh Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Waterfront Edinburgh Limited for the year ended 31 March 2009 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 4.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as of 31 March 2009 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor 27 tygnt 2009

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Turnover	2	3,668,068	2,907,430
Cost of sales - recurring - exceptional	3	(3,270,767) (10,574,660)	(1,565,949) (6,101,514)
Gross loss		(10,177,359)	(4,760,033)
Administrative expenses Other operating income		(1,121,343) 1,505	(1,041,606) 1,617
Operating loss		(11,297,197)	(5,800,022)
Interest receivable and similar income	5	1,467 (890,000)	1,772
Amounts written off investments Interest payable	6	(782,211)	(805,373)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	3,4	(12,967,941)	(6,603,623)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	7	1,167,733	179,984
Loss for the financial year		(11,800,208)	(6,423,639)
The loss for the financial year has been derived from continuing activities.			
Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 March 2009			
		2009 £	2008 £
Loss for the financial year attributable to shareholders Loss on revaluation of certain fixed assets		(11,800,208) (1,194,607)	(6,423,639) (1,178,500)
Total losses relating to the financial year		(12,994,815)	(7,602,139)

Balance sheet at 31 March 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Fixed assets	n		-
Intangible assets Tangible assets	8 9	2 ((2 442	5 002 922
Investments	10	3,663,443 1,380,001	5,903,832
in estimates	10		
		5,043,445	5,903,834
Current assets Stocks	11	7,545,910	19,584,469
Debtors	12	1,351,600	3,041,362
Cash		412,721	43
		9,310,231	22,625,874
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(12,236,754)	(6,903,683)
Net current liabilities		(2,926,523)	15,722,191
Total assets less current liabilities		2,116,922	21,626,025
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(718,576)	(7,232,864)
Net assets		1,398,346	14,393,161
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	15	33,250,000	33,250,000
Revaluation reserve	16	-	1,194,607
Profit and loss account	16	(31,851,654)	(20,051,446)
Shareholders' funds		1,398,346	14,393,161

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 19 August 2009 and were signed on its behalf by:

T Buchanan

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Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements, except as noted below.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and under the historical cost accounting rules, modified to include the revaluation of certain assets.

The Company is exempt by virtue of s248 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of its size.

The accounting reference date for the company is 26 March. However under section 223 of the Companies Act 1985, the directors have determined that the company adopt an accounting reference period of 31 March.

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons. Subsequent to the year end, the company's external debt was settled by The City of Edinburgh Council, and £7.5m of their investment property portfolio was acquired in exchange for this settlement (note 19).

In relation to the company's short term working capital requirements, the directors have prepared a cash flow forecast which indicates that the company should continue to have sufficient resources available to it to enable it to continue in operational existence by meeting its day to day liabilities as they fall due for payment for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. The City of Edinburgh Council have agreed that the rental income from the investment properties acquired will service the prudential borrowing debt during the period of the loan and provide a surplus which can be utilised to meet the company's ongoing revenue costs. The cash flow forecast does not anticipate any capital costs in the coming year. Accordingly, the directors continue to believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts derived from rental income and property sales. All turnover is stated net of value added tax and is generated from within the United Kingdom.

Intangible assets and amortisation

Intangible fixed assets purchased separately from a business are capitalised at their cost. Intangible assets are amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over their useful economic lives, generally their respective unexpired periods.

Fixed assets and depreciation

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their useful economic lives as follows:

Heritable property
Fixtures and fittings and computer equipment
Motor vehicles

- 2% per annum - 25% per annum

- 25% per annum

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Investment properties

In accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No.19 investment properties are revalued annually and the aggregate surplus or deficit is transferred to the revaluation reserve. Permanent reductions in value to below initial cost are written off to profit and loss account. No depreciation or amortisation is provided in respect on investment properties, nor could it be reasonably quantified.

This treatment of properties is a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act concerning depreciation of fixed assets. However, because the properties are held for investment, the directors consider annual depreciation would be inappropriate and that the accounting policy adopted is therefore necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view.

Investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less provision for permanent impairment.

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is computed as the total consideration paid less those costs transferred to the profit and loss account in the sale of land, and after deducting foreseeable losses.

Pension costs

The company makes payments into personal pension schemes for all its employees. The pension cost charged to the profit and loss account represents amounts paid by the company.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no commitment to sell the asset. A deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is regarded as recoverable.

2 Turnover

An analysis of turnover, which is wholly in the United Kingdom, is given below:

	2009 £	2008 £
Rental income	598,068	492,430
Sales of development land	3,070,000	4,015,000
Adjustment in relation to prior year sales	-	(1,600,000)
	3,668,068	2,907,430

3 Notes to the profit and loss account

Loss on ordinary activities before tax is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2009	2008
	£	£
Depreciation	32,056	54,198
Exceptional write down of development land value (note 11)	10,574,660	6,965,656
Exceptional write down of investment property (note 11)	2,209,252	1,178,500
Impairment of investments	890,000	-
Release of liability transferred to third party	-	(864,142)
Write off of non recoverable accrued income (note 2)	•	1,600,000
Auditor's remuneration		
Audit of these financial statements	11,000	16,000
Amounts receivable by the auditors and their associates in respect of:		
Other services relating to taxation	10,000	7,050

4 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the financial year analysed by category, was as follows:

	2009	2008
	No	No
Administrative	6	7
Security	7	6
	13	13
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	2009	2008
	£	£
Wages and salaries	468,792	479,400
Social security costs	47,372	46,694
Other pension costs	38,138	33,703
		660 303
	554,302	559,797

5 Interest receivable and similar income

Bank interest	2009 £ 1,467	2008 £
Interest on late payment	-	1,772
	1,467	1,772
6 Interest payable and similar charges		
Tilterest payable and similar charges	2009 £	2008 £
On bank loans and overdrafts	782,211	805,373
7 Taxation on ordinary activities	2009 £	2008 £
UK Corporation tax: Adjustment in respect of prior years	(1,167,733)	(179,984)
Factors affecting the tax credit for the current period		
The current tax credit for the period is lower (2008: lower) than the standard ra 28% (2008 – 30%)	te of corporation tax	in the UK of
2070 (2000 – 3070)	2009 £	2008 £
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(12,967,941)	(6,603,623)
Current tax at 28% (2008: 30%) Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(3,631,023)	(1,981,087) 10,000
Deferred tax not recognised Adjustment in respect of prior years	3,631,023 (1,167,733)	1,971,087 (179,904)
Total current tax credit	(1,167,733)	(179,904)

Factors that may affect future current and total tax charges.

An unrecognised deferred tax asset of approximately £6,909,000 exists at 31 March 2009 (2008: £3,278,000) in respect of tax losses carried forward. Its recoverability is dependent upon future profits arising, the likelihood of which cannot be assessed at this stage with reasonable certainty.

8 Intangible fixed assets

					£
Cost As 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009					142,857
Amortisation At 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009					(142,856)
Net book value At 1 April 2008 and 31 March 2009		·			1
9 Tangible fixed assets					
	Investment property	Heritable property	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation		***	•••		
At 1 April 2008 Additions	5,644,252	245,000	281,230 919	32,039	6,202,521 919
Disposals	-	-	-	-	717
Adjustment for valuation	(2,209,252)	-	-	-	(2,209,252)
At 31 March 2009	3,435,000	245,000	282,149	32,039	3,994,188
Depreciation					***************************************
At 1 April 2008	-	24,500	249,730	24,459	298,689
Charged for the year Adjustment on disposal	-	4,900	19,576	7,580 -	32,056
At 31 March 2009	-	29,400	269,306	32,039	330,745
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Net book value					
At 31 March 2009	3,435,000	215,600	12,843		3,663,443
At 31 March 2008	5,644,252	220,500	31,500	7,580	5,903,832
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Investment property was valued at 27 February 2009 by Messrs Montagu Evans, Chartered Surveyors on the basis of open market value for existing use. The valuation was carried out in accordance with the Practice Statement in the RICS Appraisal and Valuation Manual.

10 Investments	
	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost At beginning of year Additions	2,270,000 ———
At end of year	2,270,001
Provisions At beginning of year Made during the year	(890,000)
At end of year	890,000
Net book value At 31 March 2009	1,380,001
At 31 March 2008	1

The investments are held in Waterfront Edinburgh Properties Limited, and Caledonia Waterfront (Harbour Road) Limited.

11 Stocks

	2009 £	2008 £
Development properties Sundry material stock	7,545,000 910	19,580,000 4,469
	7,545,910	19,584,469

Developmental properties were valued by Messrs Montagu Evans, Chartered Surveyors.

The valuation of property assets was undertaken as at 27th February 2009 in accordance with the definition of market value and good practice guidelines as set out in the 6th Edition of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' valuation and appraisal manual.

The valuation has taken account of the extent of the Company's land title, the rights, wayleaves and leases over the land, future land acquisitions required to implement the overall project, planning permissions secured, the conditions and Section 75 obligations associated with the permissions, remediation of past industrial uses and all infrastructure aspects including roads, water supply and drainage.

2009 £	2008 £
2	ı.
40,072	29,490
1,261,534	
49,994	3,011,872
1,351,600	3,041,362
	
2009	2008
£	£
5,000,000	3,398,557
6,849,250	477,000
64,757	2,175,546
11,032	49,668
19,783	17,864
291,932	785,048
12,236,754	6,903,683
	£ 40,072 1,261,534 49,994 1,351,600 2009 £ 5,000,000 6,849,250 64,757 11,032 19,783 291,932

During the year, the company breached the covenants on its bank term loan and accordingly the loan became repayable on demand. As detailed in note 19, subsequent to the year end the company's outstanding debt was settled.

Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year 14

14 Creditors: amounts faming due after more man one year		
	2009 £	2008 £
Bank loans (secured) Accruals and deferred income	- 718,576	6,859,000 373,864
-	718,576	7,232,864
15 Called up share capital		
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid	2009 £	2008 £
100 'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
100 'B' Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	33,249,800	33,249,800
	33,250,000	33,250,000

The 'C' Ordinary shares rank pari passu with the 'A' and 'B' shares for the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets in the event of winding up. 'A' and 'B' shares carry equal voting rights.

16 Reconciliation of shareholders' funds and movement on reserves

	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total shareholders' funds
	£	£	£	£
At beginning of year Loss for the financial year	33,250,000	1,194,607 (1,194,607)	(20,051,446) (11,800,208)	14,393,161 (12,994,815)
	33,250,000		(31,851,654)	1,398,346
	=======================================	<u>-</u>	(31,631,034)	1,376,340

17 Pensions

The company makes payments into personal pension schemes for all its employees. A pension cost charge of £38,138 (2008: £33,703) has been included in the financial statements on the basis of contributions paid. At 31 March 2009 contributions amounting to £2,440 (2008: £NIL) were payable and are included in creditors.

18 Contingent liability

The directors of the company are in dispute with the vendors of a development site in relation to the costs related to environmental clean-up. The discussions are not sufficiently advanced for the directors to reasonably estimate any liability which may be payable should the outcome of the negotiations not be favourable.

19 Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the year end, the City of Edinburgh Council agreed to acquire Waterfront Edinburgh Limited's investment property portfolio for £7.5m. This amount was then utilised by the company to settle in full its outstanding external debt. The repayment of external debt was completed on 29 May 2009 and the legal agreements to transfer title of the investment property to the City of Edinburgh Council was completed on 7 August 2009.

20 Ultimate Parent Company and parent undertaking of larger group of which the company is a member

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of CEC Holdings Limited which is the ultimate parent company and also the smallest group in which the company consolidates, incorporated in the United Kingdom. The consolidated financial statements of this group are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, EH3 9FF.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by The City of Edinburgh Council. The consolidated financial statements of this group are available to the public and may be obtained from the Director of Finance, City Chambers, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ.