UPP (Aberdeen) Limited
Report and financial statements
for the year ended 31 August 2008

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# **UPP (Aberdeen) Limited Directors and advisors**

**Directors** 

S O'Shea

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### Directors' report for the year ended 31 August 2008

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2008.

#### Results, principal activities and review of business

The principal activity of the company is that of an investment company.

UPP Group Holdings Limited has agreed to provide funding to enable the company to settle its liabilities as they fall due and has waived its entitlement to receive any sums outstanding to the extent that the company does not have sufficient funds in the future to settle these. Accordingly the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The profit for the year attributable to shareholders and reported in the financial statements is £3,000 (2007: loss £27,000).

On 17 April 2008 the company was acquired by UPP Group Limited for a consideration of £1.

#### Dividend

The directors are unable to propose the payment of a dividend (2007: £Nil).

#### Directors and their interests

The directors holding office during the year were:

C W Crawford	(resigned 15 October 2008)
R S McClatchey	(resigned 15 October 2008)
S O'Shea	(appointed 15 October 2008)
J C W Benkel	(resigned 15 October 2008, reappointed 15 October 2008)
A J Mav	(resigned 15 October 2008)

At 31 August 2008, none of the directors had any beneficial interest in the shares of the company or in any of the group companies.

#### Creditor payment terms

When entering into commitments for the purchase of services and goods the company gives due consideration to quality, price and the terms of payment. Suppliers are made aware of these terms. The company abides by these terms where it is satisfied that suppliers have provided the services or goods in accordance with such agreed terms and conditions. In the event of disputes, every effort is made to resolve these quickly.

# Directors' report (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2008

#### 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 financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom 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 judgments 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;
- 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 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 auditors are 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 auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Auditors**

Having passed elective resolutions of the shareholders the company is exempt from the obligation to annually re-appoint auditors and to hold annual general meetings. Accordingly the board recommend that Grant Thornton UK LLP continue in office as auditors to the company.

By order of the board

J C W Benkel

**Company Secretary** 

18 Dec 2008



# Report of the independent auditors to the members of UPP (Aberdeen) Limited

We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2008, which comprise the profit and loss account, balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 11. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of 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 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 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 Directors' Report and financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities.

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 if, in our opinion, 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 transactions with the company 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 judgements 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.

# Report of the independent auditors to the members of UPP (Aberdeen) Limited (continued)

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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 August 2008 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.

Grant Thornton UKLLP

Grant Thornton UK LLP Registered Auditors Chartered Accountants Central Milton Keynes

19 December 2008

# UPP (Aberdeen) Limited Profit and loss account For the year ended 31 August 2008

		Year ended	Year ended
	Notes	31 August 2008	31 August 2007
		£'000	£'000
Turnover		-	-
Cost of sales	_		
Gross result loss		•	-
Operating expenses	_	(1)	(37)
Operating loss		(1)	(37)
Interest receivable and similar income	4	4	10
Interest payable and similar charges	_		
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		3	(27)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	5		
Profit / (loss) for the financial year	-	3	(27)

The freehold properties of the company were sold on 31 October 2005 and the above results all related to discontinued operations.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the year ended 31 August 2008 and the loss for the year ended 31 August 2007 and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

# Balance sheet as at 31 August 2008

	Notes	31 August 2008 £'000	31 August 2007 £'000
Current assets		-0	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	28	27
Cash at bank and in hand		217	251
		245	278
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(9,924)	(9,960)
Net current liabilities		(9,679)	(9,960)
		(9,679)	(9,682)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	8	170	170
Profit and loss account	9	(9,849)	(9,852)
Equity shareholders' deficit	9	(9,679)	(9,682)

The financial statements were approved by the board on and were signed on its behalf by:

18 DEC 2008

S O'Shea Director

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2008

#### 1. Principal accounting policies

#### (a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985. The accounting policies remain unchanged from the previous year.

#### (b) Going concern

The company's parent undertaking has waived its entitlement to receive any sums outstanding from the company to the extent that the company does not have sufficient funds in the future to settle them and confirmed its intention to provide continuing financial support to enable the company to settle its liabilities as they fall due. Accordingly the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

#### (c) Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 1 (revised) and has not prepared a cash flow statement by virtue of it being a wholly owned subsidiary.

#### (d) Taxation

#### (i) Current tax

The charge for current taxation for the year is based on the result for the year, adjusted for disallowable items.

#### (ii) Deferred tax

Full provision has been made for deferred taxation in respect of timing differences that have originated, but not reversed at the balance sheet date where an event has occurred that results in an obligation to pay more or less tax in the future by the balance sheet date except that:

- Provision is made for gains on disposal of assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned.
- Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent 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 a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences reverse, based on the tax rates enacted at the balance sheet date. Group relief is only accounted for to the extent that a formal policy is in place at the year/period end. Where no formal policy is in place, current and deferred tax are measured before benefits which may arise from a formal group relief policy.

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2008

#### 1. Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### (e) Related party transactions

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of UPP Group Holdings Limited and as such the company has taken advantage of the terms of FRS 8 not to disclose related party transactions after 17 April 2008 which are eliminated on consolidation.

#### 2. Directors' remuneration

The directors received £Nil (2007 £Nil) in respect of services performed in connection with the management of the affairs of this company.

#### 3. Audit fees

The audit fees for the year ended 31 August 2008 amount to £4,000 (2007: £4,000).

#### 4. Interest receivable and similar income

		Year ended 31 August 2008 £'000	Year ended 31 August 2007 £'000
	Bank interest received	4	10
5.	Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	Year ended	Year ended
a)	Analysis of credit for the year	31 August 2008 £'000	31 August 2007 £'000
	Current tax credit for the year (note 5b)	•	-
	Deferred tax: Current year	-	-
	Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	-	~

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2008

- 5. Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities (continued)
- b) Factors affecting current tax credit

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The tax assessed for the year is lower (2007: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 28% (2007 28%). The differences are explained below:

	•	
	Year ended	Year ended
	31 August 2008	31 August 2007
	£'000	£'000
	2 000	2 000
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before tax	3	(27)
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of		
28% (2007: 28%)	1	(8)
Effects of:		
Tax losses (utilised) / unutilised	(1)	212
Rate change	•	(204)
Current tax credit for the year (note 5a)	-	-
Factors that may affect future tax charges The deferred tax asset of £2,970,000 has not be (2007: £2,971,000). As the company sold its freely there is no persuasive and reliable evidence available in the future to offset these losses.	old properties on 31	October 2005
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
	31 August 2008	31 August 2007
	£'000	£,000
Other debtors	1	-
Amounts owed by group	27	27
	28	27
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31 August 2008

£'000

9,919

9,924

31 August 2007

£'000

9,643

10

286

21

9,960

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Sundry creditors, accruals and deferred income

Amounts due to group companies

Amounts due to related parties

Trade creditors

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2008

#### 8. Share capital

	31 August 2008	31 August 2007
	£'000	£'000
Authorised		
84,950 A Ordinary shares of £1 each	85	85
84,950 B Ordinary shares of £1 each	85	85
	170	170
Alloted, called up and fully paid		
84,950 A Ordinary shares of £1 each	85	85
84,950 B Ordinary shares of £1 each	85	85
	170	170

<sup>&</sup>quot;A" and "B" shares rank pari passu in all respects.

#### 9. Reconciliation of shareholders' funds and movements on reserves

	Share capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total shareholders' deficit £'000
At 1 September 2007	170	(9,852)	(9,682)
Profit for the year	_	3	3
At 31 August 2008	170	(9,849)	(9,679)

#### 10. Parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking is UPP Group Limited, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of UPP Group Holdings Limited.

UPP Group Holdings Limited is owned by Alma Mater Fund LP (acting through its general partner Barclays Alma Mater General Partner Limited), Barclays European Infrastructure Fund LP (acting through its general partner Barclays European Infrastructure Limited) and Barclays European Infrastructure Fund II LP (acting through its general partner Barclays European Infrastructure II Limited). Alma Mater Fund LP and Barclays Alma Mater General Partner Limited are collectively known as 'Alma Mater'.

It is the directors' opinion that, as at 31 August 2008 and 31 August 2007, Alma Mater is the ultimate controlling party.

The smallest and largest group of which the company is a member and for which group accounts are prepared is UPP Group Holdings Limited. Copies of the accounts can be obtained from Companies House, Cardiff CF4 3UZ, once they have been filed.

# Notes to the financial statements (continued) for the year ended 31 August 2008

#### 11. Related party transactions

On the 17 April 2008 the company became a wholly owned undertaking of UPP Group Holdings Limited and as such the company has taken advantage of the terms of FRS 8 not to disclose related party transactions which are eliminated on consolidation from that date.

In the period to 17 April 2008 and the prior year, UPP Residential Services Limited was a related party of the company. In this period the company received £2,000 (2007: £7,000) in respect of services provided by UPP Residential Services Limited.