Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 August 2010



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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010

DIRECTORS

C M Giles P D Matson

COMPANY SECRETARY

AG Hessett

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BANKERS

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SOLICITORS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors 141 Bothwell Street Glasgow G2 7EQ

GILES PLUS SERVICES LIMITED COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: SC267205

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 August 2010.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of insurance advisory services.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. The profit for the year was £38,000 (2009: £43,000).

No dividends were paid or proposed during the year (2009: nil).

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The company plans to build on existing customer base with a view to enhancing future turnover and profitability.

CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL DONATIONS

No charitable or political donations were made during the year (2009: nil).

PRINCIPAL RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Governance

The management of the business and the execution of the group's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The group has implemented a three lines of defence corporate governance model to mitigate and manage risks the business. All risk exposures are monitored by the Risk Committee and the Board regularly. The Risk Committee is chaired by a Non Executive Director and comprises members of Executive and Senior Management.

First line: During the year the Executive Management team has been reviewed and strengthened with a number of new hires, including the promotion of the Group Operations Director into a Group Managing Director Role. The mitigation of risk is a key consideration within the delivery of our strategy by our Executive Management team.

Second Line: Risk and Compliance Department. We have formal risk strategy appropriate to our business model and a revised risk register has been implemented across the business, which has a formal review cycle.

Our risk management reporting framework is reviewed by the Risk Committee and during the year has been enhanced through development of our Key Risk Indicators (KRIs), and reporting of risk management information, which is tracked and reported by the Risk and Compliance Department.

The compliance monitoring team also supports this work undertaking risk based branch and thematic audits, reviewed by both the Risk and Compliance Department and the first line Executive Management.

Third line: Internal Audit Department, which follows the Internal Audit Framework, as identified by the Audit Committee, and highlights areas where control weaknesses exist in order that these can be addressed. Internal audit includes regular review of areas where risk exists. Internal Audit Department reports to the Audit Committee which is chaired by a Non Executive Director.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010 (CONTINUED)

PRINCIPAL RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Key Risks

The key risks which are considered to have a material impact on the business are detailed below

Market Risk

The group is affected by the insurance market cycle. The current assessment is of soft market conditions with the group tackling this risk by both new business initiatives and ongoing supplier negotiations. A further market risk factor is the strength of the supply base. The group ensures the supply base is appropriate by regular monitoring and assessment of insurer credit ratings through the Securities and Markets Authorisation Committee.

Regulatory Risk

The regulatory environment applicable to the group's main trading subsidiaries is set by the Financial Services Authority ("FSA"). A breach of FSA regulations by any of the regulated group companies could lead to financial penalties and could restrict the group's ability to operate.

To minimise this risk, the group operates a three lines of defence model as described above, as well as a dedicated Compliance Policy department who, along side the business, develop and implement controls to mitigate risk of FSA regulatory breaches.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is minimised by the group ensuring that it receives cash in respect of premiums from clients before paying these premiums to insurers.

Liquidity Risk

The group's main financing facilities are term loans which accrue interest at variable rates and loan notes and eurobonds which accrue interest at a fixed rate. The directors manage and monitor the financing of the companies on a group basis to mitigate the liquidity risks. To manage the risk of interest rate movements relating to the group's variable rate borrowings, the group has entered into an interest rate swap arrangement. Further details are provided in the consolidated financial statements of the group.

A breach of the group's loan covenants may lead to funding being withdrawn. The risk is mitigated by closely monitoring forecast and actual performance against these covenants.

Staff recruitment and retention risk

The group relies on its key employees to maintain the delivery of high quality service to its customers. The loss of key employees is a risk to the group. The group aims to attract, retain and motivate employees by providing competitive remuneration packages.

GOING CONCERN

The company and the group's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect the future development, performance and position are set out in the business review above. This includes commentary on regulatory and market risk management objectives and exposure to credit risk and liquidity risk.

As at 31 August 2010, the company was in a net liability position. The company has the support of the ultimate holding company in providing adequate funds to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The company and the group have access to considerable financial resources through bank funding available to be drawn down. As a consequence, the directors believe the group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current economic outlook.

The company and group's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the company and group should have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements subsequently are as follows:

C M Giles

P D Matson

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2010 (CONTINUED) DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

The directors have benefitted from third party indemnity provisions in place during the financial year and to the date of this report.

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 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 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The directors at the date of approval of this report confirm that:

- 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 the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors. A resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed by order of the Board

A G Hessett

Company Secretary

9 December 2010

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GILES PLUS SERVICES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Giles Plus Services Limited for the year ended 31 August 2010 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. 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).

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement 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 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.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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.

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 August 2010 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 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 AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GILES PLUS SERVICES LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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.

Michael Timar (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Glasgow 9 December 2010

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 August 2010

	Note	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
TURNOVER	2	63	56
Administrative expenses		(25)	(13)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		38	43
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5		
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		38	43

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

There are no recognised gains and losses for the current or preceding financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 August 2010

		2010		2009	
	Note	£000	£'000	£'000	£'000
CURRENT ASSETS				_	
Debtors	6	7		2	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due					
within one year	7	(61)	_	(94)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		_	(54)	_	(92)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES		=	(54)	=	(92)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	8		-		-
Profit and loss account	9	_	(54)	_	(92)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT	10	=	(54)	=	(92)

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved by the Board of Directors on 9 December 2010.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

P D Matson **Director**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 August 2010

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and United Kingdom accounting standards and accounting policies which have been consistently applied.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared under the going concern concept as discussed in the directors' report.

Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") I "Cash Flow Statements (Revised 1996)" from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement.

Turnover

Turnover comprises amounts for fees invoiced in the year net of value added tax. The company recognises the income when earned.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover and loss before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

The company derives all turnover from the operations in the United Kingdom.

3. AUDIT FEES

The total remuneration payable, excluding VAT, to its auditors in respect of the audit of these accounts is £3,400 (2009: £3,000) and in respect of taxation services is £2,000 (2009: £2,000). These costs have been borne and paid for by Giles Insurance Brokers Limited, the immediate parent company.

4. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Directors Emoluments

The members of the Board of Directors are listed on page 1 of these financial statements. The directors are remunerated by Giles Insurance Brokers Limited, a subsidiary of DMWSL 588 Limited which is wholly owned by DMWSL 585 Limited. Details of their emoluments are given in the financial statements of Giles Insurance Brokers Limited. The directors do not consider it practical to allocate the percentage of their remuneration to Giles Plus Services Limited.

Employees

No staff other than the directors, are employed directly by Giles Plus Services Limited in either financial year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 August 2010

5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

a) Analysis of charge in the year

Current tax:	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 28% (2009: 28%)		
Total current tax		

b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is lower (2009: lower) than the rate of corporation tax applicable to the group of 28% (2009: 28%) for the reasons below:

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	49	43
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by rate of tax	14	12
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(1)	(2)
Other timing differences	-	(2)
Group relief claimed	(13)	(8)
Total current tax (note 5(a))	-	-

6. DEBTORS

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Other debtors	7	2
	7	2

7. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings Value Added Tax	59 2	94
	61	94

Amounts owed to group undertakings are payable on demand and are on an interest free basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 August 2010

8. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2010		2009
	£'000		£'000
	1		1
		-	
2010		2009	
No	£	No	£
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9. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Balance brought forward Profit for the financial year	(92) 38	(135)
Balance carried forward	(54)	(92)

10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT

	2010 £'000	2009 £'000
Opening shareholders' deficit Profit for the financial year	(92) 38	(135) 43
Closing shareholders' deficit	(54)	(92)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 August 2010

11. PARENT COMPANY AND ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The company is a direct subsidiary of Giles Insurance Brokers Limited. The ultimate holding company is DMWSL 585 Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, and is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. A copy of the consolidated financial statements is available from DMWSL 585 Limited, Birchin Court, 3rd Floor, 20 Birchin Lane, London, EC3V 9DU. The ultimate controlling party is Charterhouse Capital Partners LLP.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions available to subsidiary undertakings in FRS 8 "Related Party Disclosures" not to report transactions with other group companies on the basis that consolidated financial statements are available for the ultimate parent undertaking.

13. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

In the opinion of the directors there have been no significant post balance sheet events.