

Alswick Hall Farms Limited

Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

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Company Information

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|--------------------------|---|
| Directors | M A Johnson G D M Johnson D M Melman P A Hearn J D A Johnson A M Johnson P D A A Johnson |
| Company secretary | A M Johnson |
| Registered office | Alswick Hall Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0AA |
| Solicitors | Nockolds Market Square Bishop's Stortford Hertfordshire CM23 3UZ |
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| Accountants | Landmark Accountants Limited Chartered Accountants Leavesden Park 5 Hercules Way Watford Hertfordshire WD25 7GS |

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Annual 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;
- 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.

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(Registration number: 00691955)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018

| | Note | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | |
| Tangible assets | <u>4</u> | 2,623,932 | 2,603,374 |
| Investments | <u>5</u> | <u>180,000</u> | <u>180,000</u> |
| | | 2,803,932 | 2,783,374 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stocks | <u>6</u> | 547,508 | 486,124 |
| Debtors | <u>7</u> | 619,946 | 757,786 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | <u>1,057</u> | <u>1,056</u> |
| | | 1,168,511 | 1,244,966 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year | <u>8</u> | <u>(2,072,279)</u> | <u>(3,631,250)</u> |
| Net current liabilities | | <u>(903,768)</u> | <u>(2,386,284)</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 1,900,164 | 397,090 |
| Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year | <u>8</u> | <u>(1,812,034)</u> | <u>(497,938)</u> |
| Net assets/(liabilities) | | <u>88,130</u> | <u>(100,848)</u> |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital | | 142 | 142 |
| Share premium reserve | | 379,958 | 379,958 |
| Profit and loss account | | <u>(291,970)</u> | <u>(480,948)</u> |
| Total equity | | <u>88,130</u> | <u>(100,848)</u> |

For the financial year ending 31 March 2018 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

These financial statements have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and the option not to file the Profit and Loss Account has been taken.

The notes on pages 5 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2018

Approved and authorised by the Board on 19 December 2018 and signed on its behalf by:

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M A Johnson

Director

The notes on pages 5 to 10 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2018

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:

Alswick Hall
Buntingford
Hertfordshire
SG9 0AA

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared using the historical cost convention except that as disclosed in the accounting policies certain items are shown at fair value.

Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods and provision of services in the ordinary course of the company's activities. Turnover is shown net of sales/value added tax, returns, rebates and discounts.

The company recognises revenue when:

The amount of revenue can be reliably measured;
it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the entity;
and specific criteria have been met for each of the company's activities.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are stated in the statement of financial position at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land and properties under construction over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

| Asset class | Depreciation method and rate |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Leasehold improvements | 10 years |
| Plant & machinery | 10 years |
| Tractors, combines, motor vehicles | 20% reducing balance |

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Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method. The consideration for each acquisition is measured at the aggregate of the fair values at acquisition date of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued by the group in exchange for control of the acquired, plus any costs directly attributable to the business combination. When a business combination agreement provides for an adjustment to the cost of the combination contingent on future events, the group includes the estimated amount of that adjustment in the cost of the combination at the acquisition date if the adjustment is probable and can be measured reliably.

Investments

Investments in equity shares which are publicly traded or where the fair value can be measured reliably are initially measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. Investments in equity shares which are not publicly traded and where fair value cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Interest income on debt securities, where applicable, is recognised in income using the effective interest method. Dividends on equity securities are recognised in income when receivable.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Leases

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised at the lower of their fair value at inception of the lease and the present value of the minimum lease payments. These assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the useful life of the asset and the lease term. The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the Balance Sheet as a finance lease obligation.

Lease payments are apportioned between finance costs in the Profit and Loss Account and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

Defined contribution pension obligation

A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the company has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as employee benefit expense when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

3 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 10 (2017 - 9).

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4 Tangible assets

| | Leasehold improvements £ | Tractors and combines £ | Plant and machinery £ | Motor vehicles £ |
|--------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cost or valuation | | | | |
| At 1 April 2017 | 2,513,339 | 1,125,135 | 810,056 | 129,910 |
| Additions | 125,025 | 354,658 | 27,330 | - |
| Disposals | - | (410,000) | (4,850) | - |
| At 31 March 2018 | <u>2,638,364</u> | <u>1,069,793</u> | <u>832,536</u> | <u>129,910</u> |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 April 2017 | 611,982 | 841,066 | 441,232 | 80,786 |
| Charge for the year | 230,857 | 104,787 | 60,413 | 11,316 |
| Eliminated on disposal | - | (335,768) | - | - |
| At 31 March 2018 | <u>842,839</u> | <u>610,085</u> | <u>501,645</u> | <u>92,102</u> |
| Carrying amount | | | | |
| At 31 March 2018 | <u><u>1,795,525</u></u> | <u><u>459,708</u></u> | <u><u>330,891</u></u> | <u><u>37,808</u></u> |
| At 31 March 2017 | <u><u>1,901,357</u></u> | <u><u>284,069</u></u> | <u><u>368,824</u></u> | <u><u>49,124</u></u> |
| | | | | Total £ |
| Cost or valuation | | | | |
| At 1 April 2017 | | | | 4,578,440 |
| Additions | | | | 507,013 |
| Disposals | | | | <u>(414,850)</u> |
| At 31 March 2018 | | | | <u>4,670,603</u> |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 April 2017 | | | | 1,975,066 |
| Charge for the year | | | | 407,373 |
| Eliminated on disposal | | | | <u>(335,768)</u> |
| At 31 March 2018 | | | | <u>2,046,671</u> |
| Carrying amount | | | | |
| At 31 March 2018 | | | | <u><u>2,623,932</u></u> |
| At 31 March 2017 | | | | <u><u>2,603,374</u></u> |

Included within the net book value of land and buildings above is £1,795,525 (2017 - £1,901,357) in respect of short leasehold land and buildings.

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Restrictions on title and pledges as security

Tangible fixed assets with a carrying amount of £2,623,932 (2017 - £2,603,374) have been pledged as security for the company's finance lease liabilities and bank borrowings.

5 Investments

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Investments in subsidiaries | <u>180,000</u> | <u>180,000</u> |
| Subsidiaries | | £ |
| Cost or valuation | | |
| At 1 April 2017 | | <u>180,000</u> |
| At 31 March 2018 | | <u>180,000</u> |
| Carrying amount | | |
| At 31 March 2018 | | <u>180,000</u> |
| At 31 March 2017 | | <u>180,000</u> |

6 Stocks

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other inventories | <u>547,508</u> | <u>486,124</u> |

The carrying amount of stocks pledged as security for liabilities amounted to £547,508 (2017 - £486,124).

7 Debtors

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade debtors | 327,534 | 411,381 |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest | 143,996 | 143,333 |
| Prepayments | 14,075 | 2,257 |
| Other debtors | <u>134,341</u> | <u>200,815</u> |
| | <u>619,946</u> | <u>757,786</u> |

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8 Creditors

| | Note | 2018 £ | 2017 £ |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|
| Due within one year | | | |
| Bank loans and overdrafts | 9 | 1,826,002 | 3,359,392 |
| Trade creditors | | 136,056 | 133,369 |
| Taxation and social security | | 9,187 | 9,406 |
| Other creditors | | 101,034 | 129,083 |
| | | <u>2,072,279</u> | <u>3,631,250</u> |
| Due after one year | | | |
| Loans and borrowings | 9 | 131,853 | 17,757 |
| Other non-current financial liabilities | | 1,680,181 | 480,181 |
| | | <u>1,812,034</u> | <u>497,938</u> |

9 Loans and borrowings

| | 2018 £ | 2017 £ |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Non-current loans and borrowings | | |
| Finance lease liabilities | <u>131,853</u> | <u>17,757</u> |

| | 2018 £ | 2017 £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Current loans and borrowings | | |
| Bank borrowings | 1,100,000 | 2,850,000 |
| Bank overdrafts | 616,763 | 421,344 |
| Finance lease liabilities | 109,239 | 88,048 |
| | <u>1,826,002</u> | <u>3,359,392</u> |

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