

ERS Claims Limited

Financial Statements

For the year ended
31 December 2019

Company Number 02996846



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Directors and Officers

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Ryan R Warren

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David C Turner

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Strategic report

For the year ended 31 December 2019

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Review of business

The principal activity of the Company was that of a claims administrator for insurance businesses. As at 31 December 2013 the Company ceased to provide claims administrative services for Syndicate 218.

Results

The results for the year ended 31 December 2019 are set out on page 8.

Key performance indicators

As the Company ceased to provide claims administration services for Syndicate 218 the directors do not believe it is appropriate to disclose KPI's for the Company.

Principal risks and uncertainties

As the Company ceased to provide claims administration services for Syndicate 218 the directors do not believe that the Company is exposed to any significant risks or uncertainties.

Directors' Section 172 Companies Act statement

The board of directors of ERS Claims Limited, both individually and collectively must act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its shareholders as a whole and, in doing so have regard to matters set out in s172(1)(a-f) as below:

- the likely consequences of any decisions in the long-term;
- the interests of the company's employees;
- the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the company's operations on the community and environment;
- the desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between shareholders of the Company.

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of ERS Insurance Group Limited ("ERS IGL"), with its ultimate parent company being ERS DGB Limited ("ERS DGB"). The Company was formerly a claims administrator, has ceased to trade, has no employees or suppliers and as such the Directors primarily consider the interests of the sole member ERS IGL, and the ultimate parent company, ERS DGB with regard to performing their duties on matters set out under Section 172 as outlined above.

The key board decisions approved during the year were made in line with the strategic goals and objectives of both the Company and the ultimate parent company ERS DGB. Please refer to the "Directors' Section 172 UK Companies Act 2006 Statement", in the Financial Statements of ERS DGB Limited available at www.ers.com to see how the Directors of the company have discharged their duties in respect of the requirements of s172(1)(a-f).

Future developments

The directors are planning to put the Company into a Member's voluntary liquidation arrangement in the second half of 2020.

On behalf of the Board:



Ryan R Warren

Director

7 May 2020

Directors' report

For the year ended 31 December 2019

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing of the financial statements were as follows:

Ian D Parker	
Ryan R Warren	(Appointed 15 August 2019)
Katharine A Wade	(Resigned 16 August 2019)

Principal activities and review of business

The principal activity of the Company was that of a claims administrator for insurance businesses. As at 31 December 2013 the Company ceased to provide claims administrative services for Syndicate 218, accordingly these financial statements are not prepared on a going concern basis.

Going concern

These financial statements have not been prepared on the going concern basis, as it is the intention to liquidate the Company in the near future. No adjustments have been made to the financial statements to reflect that the Company is not a going concern because the Company expects to continue to realise its assets and settle liabilities in an orderly fashion and for the amounts stated.

Results and dividends

The results for the year ended 31 December 2019 are set out on page 8. The Company has no retained earnings available for distribution.

Employees

During the year all staff were employed by ERS Administration Services Limited ("ERS ASL"), a fellow subsidiary undertaking of ERS DGB Limited ("ERS DGB"). The amount recharged to the Company by ERS ASL in respect of employee costs was £nil (2018: £nil).

Directors' and officers' liability insurance

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the Group has maintained insurance cover for directors and officers against liabilities arising in relation to the ERS DGB group.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

Each person who is a director at the date of this report confirms that:

- (a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- (b) the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself 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 section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent auditors

The auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution that they be reappointed will be proposed and approved by the Board.

Directors' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", 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 the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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 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.

The directors 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.

Future developments

Future developments of the Company are discussed in the strategic report on page 2.

On behalf of the Board:



David C Turner
Company Secretary
7 May 2020

Independent Auditors' report to the Members of ERS Claims Limited

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, ERS Claims Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2019; the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Emphasis of matter – financial statements prepared on a basis other than going concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we draw attention to note 1 to the financial statements which describes the directors' reasons why the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern.

Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Independent Auditors' report to the Members of ERS Claims Limited

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Reporting on other information (continued)

Strategic Report and Directors' Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

Use of this report

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.

Independent Auditors' report
to the Members of ERS Claims Limited
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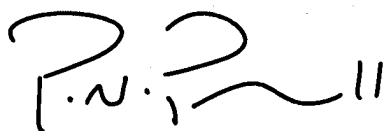
Other required reporting

Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. N. Pannell' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Pannell (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
London
7 May 2020

Statement of comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2019

The company has not traded during the year or the preceding financial year. During these years, the company received no income and incurred no expenditure and therefore made neither profit nor loss. Accordingly there is nothing to disclose in the statement of comprehensive income.

Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Current assets			
Debtors	5	100	100
Net assets		100	100
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	6	100	100
Total shareholders' funds		100	100

The financial statements on pages 8 to 12 were approved by the Board of Directors on 7 May 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ryan R Warren
Director
7 May 2020

The notes on pages 11 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total shareholders' funds £
At 1 January 2018	100	-	100
At 31 December 2018	100	-	100

	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total shareholders' funds £
At 1 January 2019	100	-	100
At 31 December 2019	100	-	100

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

1. Statement of accounting policies

General information

ERS Claims Limited is a company limited by shares, domiciled and incorporated in the United Kingdom.

Basis of preparation

The individual financial statements of ERS Claims Limited have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

The principal accounting policies are set out below and have been applied consistently to all years presented.

For the reasons explained in the Directors' report the financial statements have not been prepared on a going concern basis. No adjustments were necessary to the amounts at which the remaining assets and reserves are included in these financial statements.

(i) Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption, under FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(b), from preparing a statement of cash flows, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and its ultimate parent company, ERS DGB includes the Company's cash flows in its consolidated financial statements.

(ii) Related parties

The Company is exempt under the terms of FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(e), from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the group, as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of ERS DGB, whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available.

(iii) Taxation

Current tax

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the year or prior years. Tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax arises from timing differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income as stated in the financial statements. These timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be recovered.

2. Directors' emoluments

The directors are remunerated by ERS ASL for their services to the Group as a whole. The recharges from ERS ASL for their services as directors of this Company amounted to £nil (2018: £nil). The remuneration of the highest paid director amounted to £nil (2018: £nil).

The Group operates a single defined contribution pension plan for its employees. The recharges from ERS ASL to the Company in respect of the pension contributions of the directors during the year amounted to £nil (2018: £nil).

There was one director (2018: one) in the Group's defined contribution scheme.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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3. Auditors' remuneration

Auditors' remuneration costs are borne by ERS ASL. Disclosures of the full amounts are shown in the notes to the financial statements of ERS ASL. The auditors' remuneration for the audit of the Company's financial statements, which is incurred by ERS ASL, is £2,500 (2018: £2,500).

4. Deferred taxation

There is an unrecognised deferred tax asset of £6,862 (2018: £6,862), in respect of decelerated capital allowances.

This asset is not being recognised on the basis that the Directors are planning to put the Company into a Members' voluntary liquidation arrangement in the second half of 2020.

5. Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings	100	100
Total	100	100

As at 31 December 2019, no interest was receivable on amounts owed by group undertakings and all balances were due within one year.

6. Called up share capital

	2019 £	2018 £
Authorised:		
500,000 (2018: 500,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	500,000	500,000
Allotted, issued and fully paid:		
100 (2018: 100) ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital.

7. Post balance sheet event

A very limited number of cases of the Covid-19 coronavirus had been reported to the World Health Organisation by the balance sheet date of 31 December 2019 and the first case in the UK was only reported by 31 January 2020. Since then it has been declared a global pandemic and caused significant social and economic disruption. The Company has ceased to trade and therefore is not impacted by the pandemic, the Directors consider the pandemic crisis to be a non-adjusting event under the requirements of FRS 102. For further information on the impact of the pandemic on the wider ERS DGB group, including its underwriting activities please refer to note 34 – Post balance sheet events, in the Financial Statements of ERS DGB Limited available at www.ers.com.

8. Controlling parties

The immediate parent undertaking is ERS Insurance Group Limited ("ERS IGL").

The ultimate UK parent undertaking and the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements is ERS DGB. Copies of ERS DGB's consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at 21 Lombard Street, London, EC3V 9AH.