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# UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 FOR

**ROBSON LAIDLER ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED** 

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# **ROBSON LAIDLER ACCOUNTANTS LIMITED**

# COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

**DIRECTORS**: P Charles

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# **BALANCE SHEET** 31 MARCH 2021

|   |       | 202       | 21          | 202       | 0           |
|---|-------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|   | Notes | £         | £           | £         | £           |
| FIXED ASSETS                            |       |           |             |           |             |
| Intangible assets                       | 5     |           | 28,445      |           | 157,561     |
| Tangible assets                         | 6     |           | 43,574      |           | 54,463      |
| Investments                             | 7     |           | 434,671     |           | 434,671     |
|   |       |           | 506,690     |           | 646,695     |
| CURRENT ASSETS                          |       |           |             |           |             |
| Stocks                                  |       | 1,580     |             | 1,106     |             |
| Debtors                                 | 8     | 1,698,055 |             | 1,604,695 |             |
| Cash at bank                            |       | 580,420   | _           | 111,421   |             |
|   |       | 2,280,055 |             | 1,717,222 |             |
| CREDITORS                               |       |           |             |           |             |
| Amounts falling due within one year     | 9     | 1,113,312 |             | 1,149,494 |             |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS                      |       |           | 1,166,743   |           | 567,728     |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT               |       |           |             |           |             |
| LIABILITIES                             |       |           | 1,673,433   |           | 1,214,423   |
| CREDITORS                               |       |           |             |           |             |
| Amounts falling due after more than one |       |           |             |           |             |
| year                                    | 10    |           | (1,665,019) |           | (1,204,030) |
|   | 4.    |           | (7.405)     |           | (0.004)     |
| PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES              | 14    |           | (7,405)     |           | (9,384)     |
| NET ASSETS                              |       |           | 1,009       |           | 1,009       |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES                    |       |           |             |           |             |
| Called up share capital                 | 15    |           | 1,009       |           | 1,009       |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS                     | 10    |           | 1,009       |           | 1,009       |
| OHARLIOEDERO I ONDO                     |       |           | 1,000       |           | 1,000       |

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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# BALANCE SHEET - continued 31 MARCH 2021

The financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

In accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006, the Income Statement has not been delivered.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 9 August 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Charles - Director

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Robson Laidler Accountants Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The financial statements are rounded to the nearest £1.

#### 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

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

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Going concern

The COVID-19 outbreak developed rapidly in 2020 with the UK Government imposing significant travel restrictions, mandated workplace closures and lockdown measures in March 2020 which were initially eased over Summer 2020 but have been subsequently re-imposed. To date the company has taken measures to protect the heath and safety of staff and has worked with clients and suppliers to minimise disruptions and address the challenges posed by the ongoing global pandemic.

Despite these challenges the company's operations and service delivery has not been materially affected with staff effectively transitioning to remote working following lockdown. The directors continue to review the guidance issued by the UK Government on how to safely enable more staff to return to its office.

The company has withstood the challenges faced and the directors are confident about the financial position of the company and at present the company has sufficient resources to continue for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which, in the opinion of the directors, is the appropriate basis.

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

# Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Robson Laidler Accountants Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under Section 399(2A) of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents the net value (excluding value added tax) invoiced or expected to be invoiced in respect of professional services and recharged disbursements. Income is recognised on contracts as the right to receive the income accrues during the performance of those contracts.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amounts paid in connection with the acquisition of businesses in 2015 and 2019, is being amortised equally over the respective estimated useful lives of five years.

## Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

# Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Improvements to property - Straight line basis over term of lease

Fixtures and fittings - 15% on reducing balance

Computer equipment - 33% on cost

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

#### Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the company will comply with conditions attaching to them and the grants will be received using the performance/accrual model.

Grants in respect of revenue expenditure are credited to revenue in order to match the income against the expenditure to which the grant relates.

# Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recognised at cost.

#### Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and met realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

#### **Taxation**

Taxation for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Income Statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

# **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

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 year end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to profit or loss over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

# Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

# Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account in other administrative expenses.

## Loans and borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price including transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less impairment. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction it is measured at present value.

# Impairment of assets

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication that the asset may be impaired at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, or the asset's cash generating unit, is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss is a revaluation decrease.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the company has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

## 4. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The average number of employees during the year was 63 (2020 - 62).

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# 5. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| INTANOIDEE LIXED AGGETG | Goodwill<br>£ |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| COST                    |               |
| At 1 April 2020         | 989,015       |
| Additions               | 5,757         |
| At 31 March 2021        | 994,772       |
| AMORTISATION            |               |
| At 1 April 2020         | 831,454       |
| Amortisation for year   | 134,873       |
| At 31 March 2021        | 966,327       |
| NET BOOK VALUE          |               |
| At 31 March 2021        | 28,445        |
| At 31 March 2020        | 157,561       |

# 6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|                  | mprovements<br>to<br>property<br>£ | Fixtures<br>and<br>fittings<br>£ | Computer<br>equipment<br>£ | Totals<br>£ |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| COST             | <b>-</b> 400                       |                                  |                            | 400.050     |
| At 1 April 2020  | 7,138                              | 71,111                           | 50,709                     | 128,958     |
| Additions        |                                    | 1,103                            | 1,419                      | 2,522       |
| At 31 March 2021 | 7,138                              | 72,214                           | 52,128                     | 131,480     |
| DEPRECIATION     |                                    |                                  |                            |             |
| At 1 April 2020  | 2,063                              | 27,679                           | 44,753                     | 74,495      |
| Charge for year  | 476                                | 9,102                            | 3,833                      | 13,411      |
| At 31 March 2021 | 2,539                              | 36,781                           | 48,586                     | 87,906      |
| NET BOOK VALUE   |                                    |                                  |                            |             |
| At 31 March 2021 | 4,599                              | 35,433                           | 3,542                      | 43,574      |
| At 31 March 2020 | 5,075                              | 43,432                           | 5,956                      | 54,463      |

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# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued** 6

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts are as follows:

|                       | Fixtures<br>and<br>fittings<br>£ | Computer<br>equipment<br>£ | Totals<br>£      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| COST                  |                                  |                            |                  |
| At 1 April 2020       | 14,537                           | 23,768                     | 38,305           |
| Transfer to ownership | <u>(14,537</u> )                 | <u>(23,768</u> )           | <u>(38,305</u> ) |
| At 31 March 2021      | <u>-</u> _                       | <u> </u>                   | <u> </u>         |
| DEPRECIATION          |                                  |                            |                  |
| At 1 April 2020       | 5,088                            | 22,676                     | 27,764           |
| Transfer to ownership | (5,088)                          | (22,676)                   | (27,764)         |
| At 31 March 2021      | <del>-</del>                     |                            | -                |
| NET BOOK VALUE        |                                  |                            |                  |
| At 31 March 2021      | <u>-</u> _                       | <u>-</u>                   | <u>-</u> _       |
| At 31 March 2020      | 9,449                            | 1,092                      | 10,541           |

#### **FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS** 7.

Shares in group undertakings £

At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 **NET BOOK VALUE** At 31 March 2021

At 31 March 2020

COST

434,671 434,671 434,671

The company's investments at the Balance Sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

# Robson Laidler (Durham) Limited

Registered office: England and Wales

Nature of business: Accountancy, advisory and taxation services

holding Class of shares: Ordinary 100.00

## **RL Online Limited**

Registered office: England and Wales

Nature of business: Dormant

% Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# 7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Registered office: England and Wales

Nature of business: Dormant

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

# 8. **DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

|                                    | 2021<br>£ | 2020<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Trade debtors                      | 970,873   | 1,009,863 |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | 171,529   | 173,020   |
| Amounts recoverable on contracts   | 451,664   | 313,622   |
| Other debtors                      | 2,912     | 6,899     |
| Amounts owed by related parties    | 529       | 2,400     |
| Prepayments and accrued income     | 100,548   | 98,891    |
|                                    | 1,698,055 | 1,604,695 |

# 9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

|   | 2021      | 2020      |
|---|-----------|-----------|
|   | £         | £         |
| Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 11) | -         | 71,341    |
| Hire purchase contracts (see note 12)   | -         | 4,753     |
| Trade creditors                         | 61,432    | 80,039    |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings      | 200       | 200       |
| Corporation tax                         | 189,909   | 149,239   |
| Social security and other taxes         | 407,679   | 224,018   |
| Other creditors                         | 138,478   | 52,826    |
| Amounts owed to related parties         | 148       | 180,000   |
| Directors' current accounts             | •         | 172,543   |
| Accruals and deferred income            | 315,466   | 214,535   |
|   | 1.113.312 | 1.149.494 |

# 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

|                                 | 2021      | 2020      |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                 | £         | £         |
| Amounts owed to related parties | 1,398,087 | 937,098   |
| Directors' loan accounts        | 266,932   | 266,932   |
|                                 | 1,665,019 | 1,204,030 |

# 11. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

|  | 2021<br>£ | 2020<br>£     |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Amounts falling due within one year or on demand: Bank loans |           | <u>71,341</u> |

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# 12. **LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments fall due as follows:

|     |   | Hire purchase<br>2021<br>£                          | contracts<br>2020<br>£                       |
|-----|---|---|--|
|     | Gross obligations repayable:<br>Within one year   |   | 5,409  |
|     | Finance charges repayable:<br>Within one year   | <del>-</del>  | <u>656</u>                                   |
|     | Net obligations repayable:<br>Within one year   | <del>-</del>  | 4,753  |
|     |   | Non-cancellable<br>2021                             | operating<br>leases<br>2020                  |
|     | Within one year<br>Between one and five years<br>In more than five years                      | £<br>75,000<br>300,000<br><u>385,068</u><br>760,068 | £<br>75,000<br>300,000<br>460,068<br>835,068 |
| 13. | SECURED DEBTS   |   |  |
|     | The following secured debts are included within creditors:                                    |   |  |
|     | Bank loans<br>Hire purchase contracts   | 2021<br>£<br>-<br>                                  | 2020<br>£<br>71,341<br>4,753<br>76,094       |
| 14. | PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES  | 2021  | 2020   |
|     | Deferred tax<br>Accelerated capital allowances  | £<br>   | £  |
|     | Balance at 1 April 2020<br>Credit to Income Statement during year<br>Balance at 31 March 2021 |   | tax<br>£<br>9,384<br>(1,979)<br>7,405        |

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

# 15. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

| Allotted, issu | ed and fully paid:  |         |       |       |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Number:        | Class:              | Nominal | 2021  | 2020  |
|                |                     | value:  | £     | £     |
| 89,144         | Ordinary "A" shares | £0.0001 | 9     | 9     |
| 5,626,000      | Ordinary "B" shares | £0.0001 | 563   | 563   |
| 4,374,000      | Ordinary "C" shares | £0.0001 | 437   | 437   |
| •              | •                   |         | 1.009 | 1,009 |

# 16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

# Entities with control, joint control or significant influence over the entity (in the aggregate)

|  | 2021      | 2020      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| £ £ Amount due to related party            | 1,398,087 | 1,117,098 |
| No interest is charged on the above loans. |           |           |
| Other related parties (in the aggregate)   |           | 5005      |
| <b>f</b> f                                 | 2021      | 2020      |
| Amount due from related party              | 529       | 2,400     |
| Amount due to related party                | 148       |           |

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