Registration Number: 01159793

# **Crown Agents Services Limited**

Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

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## **Company Information**

**Directors** K Coveney

M Muleba (resigned 19/02/2015)

M Drabble

**Company Secretary** M Drabble

**Registered Office** St Nicholas House

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Sutton Surrey SM1 1EL

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## Directors' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

#### Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

**K** Coveney

T Jagger (Resigned 01/10/2014)

M Muleba (Resigned 19/02/2015)

M Drabble (Appointed 01/10/2014)

#### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company is to provide services in the procurement and inspection of goods and services to overseas governments, administrations and other public or private sector organisations. The Company has established offices in Zambia and Bangladesh.

#### **Directors Indemnities**

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the Directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. The Company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its Directors.

Approved by the Board on

23 d September 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

M Drabble

**Company Secretary** 

## **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 prepared 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 year. 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; 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. 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.

# Crown Agents Services Limited Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014	2013
•		£	£
Turnover		37,589	550,048
Cost of Sales		58,276	(275,053)
Gross profit		95,865	274,995
Administrative expenses		(73,256)	(299,748)
Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	2	22,609	(24,753)
Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	4	(41,794)	(2,362)
Loss for the financial year	10	(19,185)	(27,115)

All amounts for this and the prior year relate to continuing operations. There is no material difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the loss for the financial year stated above and their historical costs equivalents.

# Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

	2014	2013
	£	£
Loss for the financial year	(19,185)	(27,115)
Foreign currency translation differences	(40,801)	(3,969)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	(59,986)	(31,084)

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## **Balance Sheet at 31 December 2014**

	Note	2014 £	2013 £
Tangible Fixed assets	5	1,537	4,813
Current assets			
Debtors	7	1,550,078	1,443,099
Cash at bank and in hand		73,158	90,475
		1,623,236	1,533,574
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(504,407)	(358,035)
Net current assets		1,118,829	1,175,539
Net assets		1,120,366	1,180,352
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	9	50,000	50,000
Profit and loss account	10	1,070,366	1,130,352
Total Shareholders' funds		1,120,366	1,180,352

For the year ending 31 December 2014, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements on pages 4 to 14 were approved by the board of directors on 23 A September 2015 and signed on their behalf by:

K Coveney Director

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### Review of accounting policies

The directors consider that the accounting policies selected for use in the preparation of the financial statements are the most appropriate for the Company's circumstances and are consistent with the principles of FRS 18 Accounting Policies and have been consistently applied. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Crown Agents for Oversea Governments and Administrations Limited, and is included in the consolidated financial statements of that company, which are publicly available, it has taken advantage of the exemption within FRS 1 "Cash flow statements (revised 1996)" from preparing a cash flow statement. The company has applied the exemption under S400 of the Companies Act 2006 from preparing consolidated financial statements as an intermediate parent company.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents fees earned, commissions and charges receivable and sales of procured goods and services, excluding value added tax.

Consultancy fees are recognised as revenue based on days worked calculated at the appropriate contract rate. Other income is recognised when assignments are completed.

Turnover arises from the provision of the following services:

	2014	2013
Professional Services	100%	98%
Sales of Goods and Services	0%	2%
	100%	100%

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Fixed asset investments**

Investments in Group undertakings are stated at cost less any provision for impairment. Impairment reviews are performed by the Directors when there has been an indication of potential impairment.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bring the asset to its working condition for its intended use. Assets are depreciated from the month in which they are brought into use.

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Fixtures and fittings	3-10 years straight line
Office Equipment	3 years straight line

#### **Deferred tax**

Full provision is made for deferred tax arising from timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and their recognition in tax computations, where future payment or receipt is more likely to occur than not.

Deferred tax assets are regarded as recoverable and recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as 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 at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is provided on a non-discounted basis. No deferred tax is provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets.

#### Foreign currency

Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date, or at the appropriate contracted exchange rate and currency gains or losses are included in operating profit. Income and expenses in foreign currencies are recorded in Sterling at the rates ruling for the month of the transactions. Exchange differences on opening reserves are recognised through the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses.

#### **Pensions**

Amounts charged in respect of defined contribution schemes are the contributions payable in the year.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

## 2. Operating profit

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting).

	2014	2013
	£	£
Bad debt (recovered)/charged	(182,801)	72,359
Auditor's remuneration	6,681	25,535
Foreign currency gains	(87,927)	(4,629)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,857_	(990)

#### 3. Staff costs

Remuneration of £46,583 was paid to one director in respect of his services to the company (2013: £48,644). Retirement benefits are accruing to 1 (2013: 1) director under a defined benefits scheme operated by the intermediate holding company. The monthly average number of employees was 7 (2013: 7).

Employees	2014	2013
Bangladesh	3	3
Zambia	4	4
	7	7
	2014 £	2013 f
Wages and salaries	99,669	115,851
Social security costs	2,321	542
Staff pensions	7,574	5,697
	109,564	122,090

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

#### 4. Taxation

## Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2014	2013
	£	£
Current tax		
Corporation tax charge	-	-
Adjustment in respect of prior years		1,270
UK Corporation Tax		1,270
Foreign tax		
Adjustment in respect of prior years - Foreign	42,439	
Foreign tax	42,439	
Total current tax	42,439	1,270
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Deferred tax	(0.45)	4 000
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(645)	1,092
Total tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	41,794	2,362

## Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

Tax on profit on ordinary activities for the year is higher than the small profits standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.50% (2013: 23.25%).

	2014	2013
•	£	£
Profit / (Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	22,609	(24,753)
Corporation tax at standard rate	4,859	(5,755)
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	731	(1,095)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	156	<b>161</b>
Tax loss surrendered to group	(5,746)	6,689
Adjustment in respect of prior years – UK	-	1,270
Adjustment in respect of prior years – Foreign	42,439	
Total current tax	42,439	1,270

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

# 5. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Office equipment	Total
	£	. <b>£</b>	£
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2014	36,313	14,346	50,659
Exchange adjustment	(4,842)	(1,913)	(6,755)
Additions	211	<u> </u>	211
At 31 December 2014	31,682	12,433	44,115
Depreciation At 1 January 2014 Exchange adjustment Charge for year At 31 December 2014	31,500 (4,212) 2,857 30,145	14,346 (1,913)  12,433	45,846 (6,125) 2,857 42,578
Net book value At 31 December 2014 At 31 December 2013	<u>1,537</u> 4,813	<u>-</u>	<u>1,537</u> 4,813

## 6. Investments held as fixed assets

# Shares in group undertakings and participating interests

	Subsidiary undertakings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2014	32,927
Disposal	(32,927)
At 31 December 2014	
Provision for impairment	
At 1 January 2014	(32,927)
Provision release	32,927
At 31 December 2014	<del>-</del>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2014	
At 31 December 2013	<u> </u>

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

## 6. Investments held as fixed assets (continued)

Two dormant subsidiaries, Crown Agents SA (Proprietary) Ltd and Crown Agents SA Consultancy Services Ltd have now been fully closed and the disposal is reflected in the 2014 financial statements.

## 7. Debtors

	2014	2013
	£	£
Trade debtors	27,820	404,652
Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	1,488,475	995,358
Other debtors	30,956	40,907
Deferred tax	2,827	2,182
	1,550,078	1,443,099

Debtors includes £nil (2013 - £nil) receivable after more than one year.

## **Deferred tax**

The movement in the deferred tax asset in the year is as follows:

At 1 January 2014 Deferred tax charged to the profit and loss account At 31 December 2014		2,182 645 2,827
Analysis of deferred tax		
	2014	2013
	£	£
Difference between accumulated depreciation and		
amortisation and capital allowances	2,827	2,182

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

## 8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2014	2013
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	337,795	259,042
Other creditors	166,612	98,993
	504,407	358,035

There is no security for non-trading amounts owed to group undertakings.

## 9. Share capital

	2014		2013	
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary of £1 each	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

#### 10. Reserves

The movement in the profit and loss account represents the total change in shareholders' funds during the year.

	2014	2013
	£	£
At 1 January	1,130,352	1,161,436
Loss for the financial year	(19,185)	(27,115)
Foreign currency translation gains/(losses)	(40,801)	(3,969)
At 31 December	1,070,366	1,130,352

#### 11. Commitments

#### **Operating lease commitments**

At 31 December 2014 the group had no lease agreements in respect of properties, vehicles, plant and equipment for which the payment is extended over a number of years.

## 12. Related parties

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosing transactions with other members of the group.

## 13. Parent undertakings

The immediate parent company, Four Millbank Holdings Limited, is a dormant company. Crown Agents Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, and the parent company of Four Millbank Holdings Limited, is the parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Crown Agents Limited are available from the company secretary, St Nicholas House, St Nicholas Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 1EL. The ultimate parent undertaking is The Crown Agents Foundation, a non-trading company limited by guarantee, which also produces consolidated financial statements, copies of which may be obtained from The Foundation's company secretary, also at the above address.