
EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY TRACING OFFICE
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

Steven Browne
Anne Griffiths
Shaun Randell
Robert Donovan
Richard Jeffs
Roland Jackson
Matthew Lacy
Stephen Lewis (appointed 8 January 2015)

REGISTERED NUMBER

06964651

REGISTERED OFFICE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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DIRECTORS' REPORT
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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The activities of the company are:

1) To develop, operate and manage systems and processes capable of recording, capturing and making available on a database such details of employers' liability insurance policies written and/or capable of having effect in the United Kingdom as the membership may determine necessary from time to time and ultimately which are likely to contribute to and assist with the successful tracing of employers liability policies for the mutual benefit of:

(a) Claimants that have suffered injury during the course of employment and are unable to trace an employer's insurer for the purposes of pursuing a claim;

(b) Insurers seeking to identify other insurers holding employers' liability policies in respect to any claim or potential claim for the purposes of establishing whether any grounds for joint and several liability exist; and

(c) Such other individuals, partnerships, associations, bodies or corporations as ELTO may determine from time to time on giving consideration to the objects.

2) To take action as may be required to assist in identifying employers operating without such employers' liability insurance as required by law in the United Kingdom.

3) To act as arbitrators or mediators or to nominate arbitrators or mediators for the settlement of disputes and to pay, satisfy or compromise any claims made against ELTO which it may seem expedient to pay, satisfy or compromise.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year were:

Steven Browne
Anne Griffiths
Shaun Randell
Robert Donovan
Richard Jeffs
Roland Jackson
Matthew Lacy
Stephen Lewis (appointed 8 January 2015)
Paul Hodgson (resigned 11 December 2015)

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

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 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.

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Nexia Smith & Williamson, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

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Stephen Lewis
Director

Date:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY TRACING OFFICE

We have audited the financial statements of Employers' Liability Tracing Office for the year ended 31 December 2015, 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 the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, 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 and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Financial Reporting Council (FRC's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

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 December 2015 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY TRACING OFFICE

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; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors' Report.

Christopher Appleton (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Nexia Smith & Williamson

Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor

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Date:

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
TURNOVER	1	1,991,274	2,168,513
Administrative expenses		(1,990,994)	(2,168,339)
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OPERATING PROFIT	2	280	174
Interest payable and similar charges		(280)	(270)
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PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		-	(96)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	3	-	96
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PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		-	-
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The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06964651

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	£	2015 £	£	2014 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	47,302		269,162	
Cash at bank		195,610		119,962	
		<u>242,912</u>		<u>389,124</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(242,912)</u>		<u>(389,124)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			-		-
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			-		-
			<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

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Stephen Lewis
Director

Date:

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

2. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	2015	2014
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	9,040	8,770

During the year, no director received any emoluments (2014 - £NIL).

3. TAXATION

	2015	2014
	£	£
Analysis of tax charge/(credit) in the year/period		
UK corporation tax charge on loss for the year/period	-	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	(96)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	-	(96)

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges.

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Office equipment
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015	3,185
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015	3,185
Net book value	
At 31 December 2015	-
<i>At 31 December 2014</i>	-

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5. DEBTORS

	2015 £	2014 £
Trade debtors	22,086	219,239
Prepayments and accrued income	25,216	49,923
	<u>47,302</u>	<u>269,162</u>

6. CREDITORS:
Amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £	2014 £
Trade creditors	112,412	127,992
Deferred income	32,800	148,127
Accruals	97,700	113,005
	<u>242,912</u>	<u>389,124</u>

7. COMPANY STATUS

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There have been no related party transactions during the year ended 31 December 2015 (2014: none).

9. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

Given the fact that the company is limited by guarantee, there is no controlling party.

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Appendix I
Report by the Director of Employers' Liability Tracing Office Limited ("ELTO") on the requirements of ICOBS 8.4.9 as set out in the FCA Handbook in respect of the year ended 31 December 2015

Directors' Statement

In accordance with the requirements in ICOBS 8.4.9R(7)(a) of the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") Handbook effective as at 31 December 2015, the board of directors of the Employers' Liability Tracing Office ("ELTO") are able to confirm that for the year to 31 December 2015, ELTO complied in all material respects with the requirements in ICOBS 8.4.9R(1) to (6).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf.

Stephen Lewis
Director

Date:

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Appendix II

Independent Assurance Report to the Directors of Employers' Liability Tracing Office on the requirements of ICOBS 8.4.9 of the FCA Handbook in respect of the year ended 31 December 2015

1. In accordance with the terms of our letter of engagement dated 19 March 2013, we have been commissioned by the directors of Employers' Liability Tracing Office Limited ("the Company") to perform an independent reasonable assurance engagement in respect of the requirements of ICOBS 8.4.9 of the FCA Handbook effective as at 31 December 2015. ICOBS 8.4.9 requires an auditor satisfying the requirements of **SUP 3.4** and **SUP 3.8.5 R** to **SUP 3.8.6 R**, to provide an independent assurance report to the directors of the Company addressing the accuracy and completeness of the Database as defined in paragraph 2 below for the year ended 31 December 2015.
2. The database maintained by the Company comprises information provided to it by the members of Employers' Liability Tracing Office ("the Underwriters"). Under the FCA regulations (ICOBS 8.4), it is the responsibility of the Underwriters to ensure that information provided to the Company is accurate and complete. Underwriters provide information to the Company by uploading their own information onto the database. The Company then has responsibility to ensure that it maintains a database which accurately and reliably stores information submitted to it by the Underwriters for the purpose of complying with the FCA regulations and has systems which can adequately keep it up to date in the light of new information provided to the Company by the Underwriters. Any reference in this report to accuracy and completeness of the Company's database relates only to the accurate and complete maintenance of data uploaded to the database by the Underwriters.
3. For the purposes of this report, a 'material error' is an error in a data field which would significantly affect the outcome of a search by an external user of the database. We have determined for the purposes of this report that materiality is defined as the occurrence of errors at a rate of 1% or more in the specific population which is subject to a test or other procedure.

Respective responsibilities of the Directors and Nexia Smith & Williamson

4. The Directors of the Company are responsible for the Company's policies for the accuracy and completeness of the Database and for ensuring that the Company complies with all relevant requirements of the FCA including those of ICOBS 8.4.9 in order to meet the requirement of a Qualifying Tracing Office.
5. The Directors of the Company are responsible for preparing a certificate stating whether the Company has complied with the requirements in ICOBS 8.4.9 (1) to (6) in relation to the year ended 31 December 2015. The directors have included their report in this published annual report.
6. As set out in paragraph 1, our responsibility is to form an independent opinion based on our assurance procedures, addressing the accuracy and completeness of the database for the year ended 31 December 2015.

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7. This report, including our opinion, has been prepared for the Company to assist the Directors in complying with ICOBS 8.4.9 of the FCA Handbook. As required by ICOBS 8.4.7 7(b), we permit the disclosure of this report by the Directors in their published annual report to enable the Directors to demonstrate they have discharged their governance responsibilities by commissioning an independent assurance report in connection with those requirements of ICOBS 8.4.9 that relate to the accuracy and completeness of the Company's database. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company for our work or this report save where terms are expressly agreed in advance and with our prior consent in writing.

Scope of assurance work

8. We conducted our reasonable assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 – 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information' issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.
9. Our work included examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the accuracy and completeness of the Database for the year ended 31 December 2015. We planned and performed our work so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence on which to base our opinion in respect of the accuracy and completeness of the Database for the year ended 31 December 2015.

Our work included the following procedures:

- Making enquiries of relevant management;
- Evaluating the design and implementation of the key processes and controls for the accuracy and completeness of the database for the year ended 31 December 2015;
- Testing, on a sample basis, the preparation and maintenance of the Database using a combination of compliance and substantive procedures; and
- Obtaining written representations from management.

Inherent and other limitations

10. Non-financial information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the subject matter and the methods used for determining such information. The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw allows for the selection of different but acceptable assessment and evaluation techniques which can result in materially different outcomes and conclusions and can affect comparability. The precision of different assessment and evaluation techniques may also vary. Furthermore the nature and methods to determine such information, as well as the assessment and evaluation criteria and precision thereof may change over time.

Our reference to accuracy and completeness of the Company's database relates only to the accurate and complete maintenance of data uploaded to the database by the Underwriters. Accordingly, our assurance work has not included an examination of the data uploaded to the database by those firms required to maintain an employers' liability register under ICOBS 8.4.4 of the FCA Handbook.

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Our assurance work has not included examination of the derivation of the information contained within such employers' liability registers nor upon any other third party information.

Conclusion

Based on the results of our procedures, in our opinion, the database is complete and accurate in all material aspects as regards to the maintenance of data uploaded to the Database by the Underwriters, at the year ended 31 December 2015, and that there are systems in place which can adequately keep the database up to date in the light of new information provided by the Underwriters, in accordance with the requirements of ICOBS 8.4.9 of the FCA Handbook.

Nexia Smith & Williamson

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Date