

Independent auditor's report to the members of Artisan (UK) plc

We have audited the financial statements of Artisan (UK) plc for the year ended 30 June 2011 which comprise the Group statement of comprehensive income, the Group statement of changes in equity, the Group and Company statement of financial position, the Group statement of cash flows, and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the group financial statements is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in preparation of the parent company financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 auditor's 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 statement of directors' responsibilities, 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 Auditing Practices Board's (APB'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 APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30 June 2011 and of the Group's loss for the year then ended;
- the Group financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union;
- the parent company's financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Emphasis of matter – going concern

In forming our opinion on the financial statements, which is not modified, we have considered the adequacy of the disclosures made in note 1 concerning the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

The Group's loan facility of £25m, of which £16.7m had been drawn as at 30 June 2011 expired on 1 July 2011. The Group's lender has granted further extensions which will expire on 31 January 2012. The Directors are in the process of renegotiating the banking facilities to ensure that suitable facilities remain in place after 31 January 2012. Whilst the Group expects to be able to agree revised loan facilities on acceptable terms a significant uncertainty exists given the absence of any legally binding facility agreement between the Group and their lender.

These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the ability of the Group to be able to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Group was unable to continue as a going concern.

Opinion on other matters 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.

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 by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company 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.

Geraint Jones (senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor

London

United Kingdom

20 December 2011

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