Company Number: 2788160 Charity Registration Number: 1017372

ROAD HAULAGE AND
DISTRIBUTION TRAINING
COUNCIL
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2009

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Legal and Administration information

for the year ended 31st March 2009

Company Number:

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Charity Registration Number:

1017372

Chief Executive Officer and Company Secretary:

Mr J Falkner

Trustees:

Mr R D King

Mr R D Syers

(Resigned 12 February 2009)

Mr S Vickers

(Appointed 25 February 2009)

Mr T de Pencier

Registered Office:

Roadway House 35 Monument Hill

Weybridge Surrey KT13 8RN

Auditors:

Keens Shay Keens MK

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MK9 2HR

Bankers:

Barclays Bank Plc

Investment Managers:

Barclays Personal Investment Management Services

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Trustees' Report

for the year ended 31st March 2009

The trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purpose of the Companies Acts, submit their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2009.

Trustees' Statement

Charity and Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus for that period. In preparing these financial statements the treustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985,

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Structure, governance and management

Road Haulage and Distribution Training Council is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9 February 1993, and a registered charity, governed by its memorandum and articles of association.

Trustees

A full list of the trustees who served during the year is shown in the legal information.

The trustees are appointed by each of the company's members, and other designated organisations, within the numbers specified in the Articles of Association.

Risk Policy

In its current situation, the Council no longer considers it necessary to implement a formal risk management process to assess business risks and implement risk management strategies.

Objective and activities

The objects of the Charity are to provide, advance and assist in the training in Great Britain of persons employed or intending to be employed in the road freight and distribution industry.

Auditors' Report to the Members

on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009

Achievements and Performance

The deficit for the year amounted to £227,712 (2008 - £149,919).

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

It has been the Council's policy generally to maintain reserves at a level of at least one year of operating costs and to maximise benefits from those reserves.

Investment Policy and Performance

In accordance with the trust deed, the trustees have the power to invest in such stocks, shares, investments and property in the UK as they see fit. The Trustees engaged Barclays Plc as investment managers. The policy is to adopt a medium risk investment strategy based on maximising income and maintaining the value of funds held.

Plans for future periods

RHDTC has provided grant finance to support the schools information project, of Skills for Logistics, at improving the image of freight logistic as a career for school-leavers. Otherwise the Council has remained dormant.

Cashflow Statement

In the opinion of the trustees as the directors, the company qualifies as a small company and as such no cashflow statement has been prepared.

Auditors

The Auditors, Keens Shay Keens MK, Chartered Accountants, have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board:

Roger King Trustee

15 May 2009

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members

on the Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2009

We have audited the financial statements of Road Haulage and Distribution Training Council for the year ended 31 March 2009 set out on pages 4 to 9 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, and related notes.

This auditor's report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 any responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditors

The trustees (who are also directors of Road Haulage and Distribution Training Council for the purposes of company law) responsibilities for preparing the Trustees' Annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Trustees' Annual Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding trustees' remuneration and transactions with the charity is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Trustees' Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes an independent examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the trustees in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud, other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements :-

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2009 and of its incoming resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Trustees' Report is consistent with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

MK

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Sovereign Court 230 Upper 5th Street Central Milton Keynes MK9 2HR

18/05/2009

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) for the year ended 31st March 2009

			Total	Total
			2009 £	2008 £
Incoming Resources Incoming resources from generated funds	Note			
Investment income	2		6,972	4,725
Total incoming resources		- -	6,972	4,725
Resources expended Costs of generating funds				
Investment management costs	3		666	1,107
Direct Costs	3	,	231,420	102,550
Governance costs Other governance costs	3		6,400	6,866
Total resources expended	3	- -	238,486	110,523
Net (outgoing) incoming resources	4		(231,514)	(105,799)
Gains / (Losses) on investment assets			3,802	(44,120)
Net movement in funds		-	(227,712)	(149,919)
Total funds brought forward			457,445	607,364
Total funds carried forward		- -	229,733	457,445

The main activity of the charity ceased on 30 September 2003.

All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above. The deficit for the year for Companies Act purposes comprises the net outgoing resources for the year plus realised gains on investments and was £227,712. (2008: deficit £149,919).

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2009

	Notes	2009 £	2009 £	2008 £	2008 £
Fixed Assets Investments	6		-		451,589
Current Assets		-		57 703	451,589
Cash at bank and in hand	_	235,253		56,783	
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	7 _	(5,520)		(5,699)	
Net Current Assets			229,733		51,084
Total Net Assets		- -	229,733		502,673
Income Reserves					
Unrestricted	8		229,733		457,445
Total Reserves		_	229,733		457,445

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities.

The accounts on pages 4 to 9 were approved by the Board on 15 May 2009 and were signed on its behalf by:

Roger King Trustee

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2009

1. Principal Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with use of resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out on the premises.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The SOFA includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

2. Investment income

	2008	2007
	£	£
Bank interest received	6,972	4,725

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2009

3. Total outgoing resources

	Direct Costs	Support Costs	Governance Costs	Total	Total
	2009	2009	2009	2009	2008
	£	£	£	£	£
Project Expenditure	231,420	-	-	231,420	102,550
Potfolio Management expenditure	-	666	-	666	1,107
Premises and office costs	-	-	893	893	1,155
Travelling and motor expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Audit fees	•	-	861	861	940
Accountancy and professional fees	-	-	4,600	4,600	4,700
Miscellaneous	-	-	46	46	71
	231,420	666	6,400	238,486	110,523

Included within premises and office costs is an amount of £893 (2008: £1,155) in respect of indemnity insurance.

4. Net outgoing (incoming) resources for the year

This is stated after charging	
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nis is stated after charging	2008 £	2007 £
Amounts payable to the auditors in respect of audit services	940	999

The trustees neither received nor waived emoluments during the year (2009: nil). No travel and subsistence expenses were reimbursed to any trustee (2008: nil).

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2009

5. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:		
	2009	2008
	£	£
Wages and salaries (including social security costs)	-	-
Other pension costs (Note 13)	-	-
		
The average monthly number of employees during the year were categorised as follows:	Ne.	
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	2007	2000
Administration	•	-
Fechnical and Management	-	-
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No employee received emoluments exceeding £60,000 for the year (2008 : None).		
All disasters are now accounting and many of them has meanined nominament in the tr	an All amplayees	
All directors are non-executive and none of them has received remuneration in the yewere transferred under TUPE to Skills for Logistics on 1st October 2003.	ar. An employees	
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6. Investments	2009	2008
	£	£

6. Investments	2009	2008
	£	£
Market value as at 1st April 2008	406,362	451,589
Additions	-	-
Disposals	(409,498)	-
Net investment gain (loss) (including movement in investment cash balances)	3,802	(44,120)
Investment Management Charge	(666)	(1,107)
Market value at 31st March 2009		406,362
Historical cost at 31st March 2009		358,060

During July 2008 all existing investments in the Barclays UK Growth Portfolio were sold and funds invested in deposit account.

7. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	2009	2008
	£	£
Accruals	5,520	5,699

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2009

8. Unrestricted Funds

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Balance at beginning of year	457,445	607,364
Net movement of funds	(227,712)	(149,919)
Balance at end of year	229,733	457,445

9. Capital Commitments

There were no capital commitments as at 31st March 2009.

10. Contingent Liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities as at 31st March 2009.

11. Guarantees

The liability of each member is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute £1 to the assets of the company, in the event of it being wound up while he is a member, or within one year after he ceases to be a member.

As at 31st March 2009, there were 3 Members (2008: 3) of the Company. These were the Road Haulage Association, the Freight Transport Association and the British Association of Removers.

12. Pensions - Defined Benefit Scheme

The company operated a defined benefit pension scheme for the benefit of the employees. The assets of the scheme were part of the ITB Pension Funds Open Fund, and were administered by its trustees in a fund independent from those of the company. However, by 1st April 2005 all active members of the scheme had transferred into a section of the same scheme established by Skills for Logistics. In both of the years ended 31st March 2004 and 2005, due to the central ITB Pension Fund having accumulated excess actuarial reserves, employer contributions to the Scheme were met from those reserves.

The most recent actuarial valuation of the scheme was carried out as at 31st March 2004, and concluded that the overall scheme was in surplus, albeit less than at the previous valuation three years earlier. The company's section of the scheme retained an estimated surplus of £126,383. Conversely, having been established as a new section only six months before this latest valuation, an estimated deficit of £38,154 was attributed to the Skills for Logistics section.

With the approval of the trustees of both companies, and of the scheme itself, an agreement was entered into in July 2006 resulting in Skills for Logistics assuming RHDTC's residual liabilities to the scheme in return for inheriting RHDTC's share of the overall scheme surplus and a payment of £156,100.

13. Related parties

Other than referred to in notes 8 and 16, and as described in the Trustees Report, there are no further related party transactions to be disclosed.