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Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

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BDO Stoy Hayward Chartered Accountants

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

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Officers and professional advisors for the year ended 31 December 2007

Directors

C K Hurley (Chief Executive)

B P Chambers

P Burslem

J A Spring

D J C Clark (appointed 27 June 2008)

Secretary and registered office

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Company number

2706348

Solicitors

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Auditors

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP Prospect Place 85 Great North Road Hatfield Herts AL9 5BS

Report of the directors for the year ended 31 December 2007

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

Results and dividends

The company's profit for the year before taxation was £1 502m (2006 £1 306m) as detailed on page 7

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2006 £Nil)

Principal activities, trading review and future developments

The principal activity of the company was that of specialist design and build contractor and related development activities

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and up to the date of this report were

C K Hurley

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Review of the year and future prospects

The company has achieved profit before tax of £1 5m, up from £1 3m in 2006. This represents an increase of 15% on the previous years result. The net profit margin was 2.8% compared to 3.6% in the previous year Turnover in the year was £53 3m which is a 48% increase on the £35 9m achieved in 2006.

Once again the exit margins that we achieved on our projects were in excess of the budgeted profits. The order book at the year end was £129 5m with over £61 0m of this projected to come through in 2008. This work is negotiated rather than competitively tendered, which enables us to be involved with our customers from the start of the planning and design process and delivers best value for all parties.

During the year the company worked on a wide range of construction projects with a significant increase in the average size of these projects from previous years. As a business our focus is on margin and not turnover and we relish the challenge of maintaining a consistent margin whilst increasing the scale of our operations, controlled, profitable growth is a key aspiration for us

Health and safety remains a critical factor in all that we do at Mount Anvil We are now ranked in the top 7% of all major construction companies based on our accident incidence rate for 2007. To support the company's continued growth, during 2007 we appointed a dedicated Health and Safety Manager whose primary job function is health and safety.

Design innovation, value engineering and optimisation, underpinned by a value rather than a cost led approach, have supported the impressive rise in our profits over the last few years and will be significant again in 2008. We will continue to use modern methods of construction where this generates best value.

Report of the directors for the year ended 31 December 2007 (Continued)

Review of the year and future prospects (continued)

Mount Anvil is all about its people. The key factor behind our success is having the right people set up to succeed within a flat structure. Identifying talent and developing people for the challenge of business leadership are essential elements of sustainable business growth and success. In 2008 we will commence an intensive, residential based programme for 12 of our talented people to develop their leadership and management skills. In parallel we will again be running 'Being the Best I Can', a personal development programme for all of our staff led by an external occupational psychologist.

External recognition of the success of our engagement with our staff is the rise in The Sunday Times 100 Best Small Companies to Work For List to 25th place from 70th In June 2007, we were awarded first place in the Contract Journal Best Places to Work Awards in the 51 – 100 staff category Engagement with all our staff is similar to our approach to health and safety – it is not optional. It is simply, in our opinion, the right way Engaged, positive, proactive people deliver excellent results and superior customer service. Attracting and retaining the right people will be essential as we strive to develop our business. We are achieving our vision of Best in Class by being a customer facing organisation, fully utilising the skills of each individual within a strong team culture.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all the individuals within Mount Anvil for working so effectively as a team throughout 2007

Charitable and political donations

The aggregate amount of charitable donations made during the year was £107,254 (2006 £48,302). There were no political donations

Policy and practice on the payment of creditors

It is the policy of the company to negotiate appropriate terms and conditions for its transactions with suppliers by means ranging from standard written terms to individually negotiated contracts. Trade creditors represent both invoices received from material suppliers and accruals for subcontractor payment applications not yet received. At 31 December 2007 trade creditors represented 39 days of purchases (2006 66 days)

Financial risk management

The Board regularly reviews the financial requirements of the company and the risks associated therewith Company operations are primarily financed from retained earnings and short and medium term bank borrowings. In some cases the company uses base rate caps to protect itself against significant interest rate rises. The company does not use complicated financial instruments nor does it use derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

The Board regularly reviews and updates the forecasted performance of the company in conjunction with a detailed cash flow model. This ensures that working capital is continually optimised and requirements are identified at an early stage.

Report of the directors for the year ended 31 December 2007 (Continued)

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements 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; 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 proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985 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

Auditors

All of the current directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the company's auditors for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information. The directors are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware.

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the next annual general meeting

By order of the Board

A D Brindle Secretary

Date 28 ちょご 2008

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Independent auditor's report

To the shareholder of Mount Anvil plc

We have audited the financial statements of Mount Anvil plc for the year ended 31 December 2007 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, and the related notes These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing 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 Directors' 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 have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with those 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 directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

Our report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose No person is entitled to rely on this report unless such a person is a person entitled to rely upon this report by virtue of and for the purpose of the Companies Act 1985 or has been expressly authorised to do so by our prior written consent. Save as above, we do not accept responsibility for this report to any other person or for any other purpose and we hereby expressly disclaim any and all such liability.

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 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 directors 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 the 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 misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Independent auditor's report (Continued)

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 company's affairs as at 31 December 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

BDO STOY HAYWARD LLP

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Hatfield

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2007

	Note	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Turnover Cost of sales	2	53,348 (48,497)	35,914 (30,327)
Gross profit		4,851	5,587
Administrative expenses		(3,417)	(4,225)
Operating profit	3	1,434	1,362
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	6 7	162 (94)	48 (104)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxatio	n	1,502	1,306
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	8	(362)	(419)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation being retained profit for the year	n, 19	1,140	887

All amounts relate to continuing activities

All recognised gains and losses in the current and preceding year are included in the profit and loss account

Balance sheet at 31 December 2007

	Note	2007	2006
Fixed assets		£'000	£'000
Tangible assets	9	245	242
Current assets			
Stocks	11	643	1,387
Debtors	12	11,740	12,682
Investments	13	4,844	8
Cash at bank and in hand		5,522	4,181
		22,749	18,258
Creditors: amounts falling due	1.4	(15 005)	(12.001)
within one year	14	(15,905)	(13,901)
Net current assets		6,844	4,357
Total assets less current liabilities		7,089	4,599
Creditors: amounts falling due			
after more than one year	15	(4)	(8)
Provisions for habilities and charges	17	(1,354)	-
		5,731	4,591
Capital and reserves			
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	18	550	550
Profit and loss account	19	5,181	4,041
Shareholder's funds	20	5,731	4,591
			

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 28 2008

C K Hurley

The notes on pages 9 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following principal accounting policies have been applied

Consolidation

The company has taken advantage of the exemption granted under section 288 of Companies Act 1985 not to provide group accounts. These financial statements present information about it as an individual entity

Turnover

Turnover represents the value of measured works or the value of completed unit sales net of value added tax

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis at the following rates to reduce the cost to the anticipated residual value at the end of the expected useful lives of these assets

Leasehold improvements

- over the remaining life of the relevant lease

Motor vehicles

- 25% per annum

Fixtures and fittings

- 33 3% per annum

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less additional cost to completion and disposal

Long-term contracts are assessed on a contract by contract basis and are reflected in the profit and loss account by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses. Where the outcome of each long-term contact can be assessed with reasonable certainty before its conclusion, the attributable profit is recognised in the profit and loss account as the difference between the reported turnover and related costs for the contract

Where losses are foreseen a provision for the loss is provided for immediately in the profit and loss account

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date except that the recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that the company anticipates to make sufficient taxable profits in the future to absorb the reversal of the underlying timing differences

Deferred tax balances are not discounted

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (Continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Contribution to share incentive plan (SIP)

In accordance with UITF 38, contributions to the group SIP are not recognised in the profit and loss account until such time as the shares vest unconditionally with the employees. Until that time, the employee share ownership plan trust's investment in the shares of the parent company is shown as a current asset investment.

Leases

Assets obtained under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised at their fair value on acquisition and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease in proportion to the capital element outstanding

All other leases are treated as operating leases Their annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account in the year in which they become payable.

Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No 1 'Cash Flow Statements' not to prepare a cash flow statement as it is included in the consolidated financial statements prepared by its ultimate parent company

Current asset investments

Assets held by the company's Employee Benefit Trust and Share Remuneration Scheme are included in the company's balance sheet as current asset investments, subject to any provision for diminution in value, until they are unconditionally distributed to beneficiaries

Post retirement benefits

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

2 Turnover

The turnover and pre-tax profit, all of which arises in the United Kingdom, is attributable to the activities of specialist design and build contractor and related development activities

2007 £'000	2006 £'000
£'000	ቲንበበለ
	2 000
71	68
-	(460)
34	37
14	20
	140
21	21
2007	2006
	£,000
2 000	2 000
5,805	4,240
613	498
4	4
6,422	4,742
2007	2006
No.	No
59	51
29	23
88	74
	14 140 21 2007 £'000 5,805 613 4 6,422 2007 No.

5 Directors' remuneration	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Directors' emoluments	1,082	830
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	4	4
Other emoluments	-	14
	1,086	848
	2007	2006
Emoluments of the highest paid director are as follows	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	380	302
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	4	4
	384	306
Other interest receivable and similar income		
	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Bank interest	139	17
Other interest	23	31
	162	48
Interest payable and similar charges		
	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Bank interest	8	24
Hire purchase and finance lease interest Other interest	- 86	1 79

8 Taxation on profit on ordinary activities		
	2007	2006
	£'000	£,000
UK corporation tax		
Current tax on profits of the year	(923)	400
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	<u>21</u>	19
Total current tax	(902)	419
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	1,264	<u> </u>
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	362	419
The tax assessed for the year is different to the standard rate explained below	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1,502	1,306
Profit on ordinary activities at the standard rate of		
corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2006 30%)	45 1	392
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-0-	374
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes – fixed assets	12	10
	12 4	
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation		
	4	10
Investment in holding company shares	4 (7)	10
Investment in holding company shares Other short term timing differences	4 (7) (1,451)	10 - (12) - 8 14
Investment in holding company shares Other short term timing differences Over provision Adjustment in respect of prior year	4 (7) (1,451)	10 - (12) - 8 14 19
Investment in holding company shares Other short term timing differences Over provision Adjustment in respect of prior year Group relief surrendered/ (claimed) before payment	4 (7) (1,451) 23 - 21 927	10 - (12) - 8 14
Investment in holding company shares Other short term timing differences Over provision Adjustment in respect of prior year Group relief surrendered/ (claimed) before payment Receipt for group relief	4 (7) (1,451) 23 -	10 - (12) - 8 14 19
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Investment in holding company shares Other short term timing differences Over provision Adjustment in respect of prior year Group relief surrendered/ (claimed) before payment Receipt for group relief Unrelieved tax losses and other deductions in the period	4 (7) (1,451) 23 - 21 927	10 - (12) - 8 14 19

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (Continued)

9 Tangible fixed assets	Leasehold	Motor	Fixtures and	m . •
Cost	improvements £'000	vehicles £'000	fittings £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2007 Additions	164	2 8 13	331 61	523 74
At 31 December 2007	164	41	392	597
Depreciation At 1 January 2007 Charge for the year	13 17	17 4	251 50	2 8 1 71
At 31 December 2007	30	21	301	352
Net book value				
At 31 December 2007	134	20	91	245
At 31 December 2006	151	11	80	242

Included in motor vehicles are assets purchased under hire purchase arrangements. At 31 December 2007 the net book value of these assets amounted to £7,404 (2006 £10,577) During the year depreciation of £3,173 (2006 £6,990) was charged in respect of these vehicles

10 Fixed asset investments

The company owns 100% of the ordinary share capital in the following companies for the total cost of £5, both of which are registered in England and Wales

Company name	% of shares held	Type of business
Mount Anvil (Liverpool) Limited	100	Dormant
Mount Anvil (SGS) Limited	100	Dormant

Mount Anvil (Liverpool) Limited and Mount Anvil (SGS) Limited are dormant companies

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (Continued)

11 Stock		
	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Vork in progress	643	1,387
2 Debtors		·
	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
rade debtors	3,912	3,914
mounts due from group undertakings	4,575	6,186
mounts recoverable on contracts	2,002	2,051
ther debtors	951	256
repayments and accrued income	210	275
eferred tax asset (see note 16)	90	-
	11,740	12,682
3 Current asset investments	<u></u>	
	2007	2006
	£'000	£,000
mployee Benefit Trust	5	5
hare Remuneration Scheme	3	3
ivestment in holding company's shares	4,836	-
	4,844	8

Mount Anvil plc established a Share Incentive Plan (SIP) to purchase shares in the holding company for the benefit of employees of the group. The precise method of distribution of shares to employees has not yet been decided by the trustees. The details of the plan are as follows

Investment in holding company shares	Shares held in trust Number	Nominal value £'000	Cost £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2007 Shares purchased	137,501	138	4,836	4,836
At 31 December 2007	137,501	138	4,836	4,836

In respect of the deferred taxation in connection to the SIP please refer to note 17

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Transfer and an analysis and a	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Bank loans (secured)	-	1,835
Trade creditors	5,059	6,405
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	1,067
Corporation tax	_	25
Taxation and social security	303	231
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	3	3
Other creditors	432	754
Payments on account	2,465	2,213
Accruals and deferred income	7,643	1,368
Accidais and deferred meonic	7,045	
	15,905	13,901
15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one ye		
	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase		
contracts	4	8
Maturity of bank debt		
	2007	2006
	Bank loans	Bank loans
	£'000	£'000
In one year or less or on demand	_	1,835
in one year or less or on demand	<u> </u>	
The bank loans are secured by a fixed charge over the specific	assets to which the loans	s relate
Maturity of hire purchase debt		
🐧 🕭	2007	2006
	Hire purchase	Hire purchase
	£'000	£'000
In one year or less or on demand	3	3
In more than one year but not more than two years	3	3
In more than two years but not more than five years	1	5
	7	11

16 Deferred tax asset		
		Deferred tax £'000
As at 1 January 2007		-
Credited to the profit and loss account Other short term timing differences Unrelieved trading losses		50 40
As at 31 December 2007		90
17 Provisions for liabilities and charges		
		Deferred tax £'000
At 1 January 2007 Deferred tax charge on creation of SIP		1,354
At 31 December 2007		1,354
Defended tou	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Deferred tax SIP relief timing difference	1,354	-
18 Share capital		
Authorised	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
1,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each 200,000 Deferred shares of 1p each	1,000 2	1,000 2
	1,002	1,002
Allotted, called up and fully paid 550,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	550	550

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (Continued)

19 Reserves	Profit and loss account £'000
At 1 January 2007 Profit for the year	4,041 1,140
At 31 December 2007	5,181
20 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds 2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Opening shareholder's funds Profit for the year 4,591 1,140	3,704 887
Closing shareholder's funds 5,731	4,591

21 Commitments under operating leases

The company had annual commitments under non cancellable operating leases which expire as follows

	2007 Land and buildings £'000	2007 Other £'000	2006 Land and buildings £'000	2006 Other £'000
Operating leases which expire				
In less than one year	33	-	-	-
In two to five years	-	21	33	21
After five years	107	-	107	
	140	21	140	21

22 Contingent liabilities

The company has guaranteed the following bank borrowings as at 31 December 2007 of group companies Mount Anvil (Windmill Lane) Limited in the sum of £14 9m, Mount Anvil (EEM) Limited in the sum of £18 9m, Mount Anvil (Wandsworth Road) Limited in the sum of £33 8m and Mount Anvil (Atlanta) Limited in the sum of £3 2m In addition certain of the company's contracts with fellow group companies are charged as security for their bank borrowings

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 (Continued)

23 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exception conferred by Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related party disclosures" not to disclose transactions with members of the group headed by Mount Anvil Group Limited on the grounds that at least 90% of the voting rights in the company are controlled within that group and the company is included in consolidated financial statements

24 Ultimate parent company

The immediate parent company is Mount Anvil (Old Co) Limited The ultimate parent company of both the smallest and largest groups of which the company is a member and the controlling entity is Mount Anvil Group Limited Copies of the group financial statements are available from 3 Victoria Square, Victoria Street, St Albans, AL1 3TF