ASTON ROTHBURY GROUP PLC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 September 2008

Company number 2807862

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their report and the financial statements of Aston Rothbury Finance Limited for the year ended 30 September 2008.

ACTIVITIES, RESULTS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The company has not traded during the year.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Directors' interests in the shares of the company, including family interests, were as follows:

| Directors interests in | i the shares of the company, including ta | ining interests, were as follows. | |
|------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | Ordinary shares (50p calle | ed up) of £1 each |
| | | 30.9.08 | 1.10.07 |
| D Maddison | (Appointed 19/02/2008) | - | - |
| N A Sellars | (Appointed 19/02/2008) | - | _ |
| B C Nalborough | (Resigned 20/05/2008) | - | - |
| | | Ordinary s | shares of £1 each |
| | | 30.9.08 | 1.10.07 |
| D Maddison | (Appointed 19/02/2008) | - | - |
| N A Sellars | (Appointed 19/02/2008) | - | - |
| B C Nalborough | (Resigned 20/05/2008) | - | - |
| | | Redeemable nil% preference s | shares of £1 each |
| | | 30.9.08 | 1.10.07 |
| D Maddison | (Appointed 19/02/2008) | - | - |
| N A Sellars | (Appointed 19/02/2008) | - | - |
| B C Nalborough | (Resigned 20/05/2008) | - | - |
| | | | |

By order of the Board

D Maddison

Director

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BALANCE SHEET 30 September 2008

| | Note | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|------|------------|------------|
| INVESTMENTS | 1 | 2,186,685 | 2,186,685 |
| CURRENT ASSETS Debtors | 2 | 523,628 | 523,628 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | 3 | 1,443,863 | 1,443,863 |
| NET CURRENT LIABILITIES | | (920,235) | (920,235) |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | £1,266,450 | £1,266,450 |
| | | | |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital | 4 | 1,025,001 | 1,025,001 |
| Profit and loss account | | 241,449 | 241,449 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | | £1,266,450 | £1,266,450 |
| | | | |
| Equity interests | | 266,450 | 266,450 |
| Non-equity interests | | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| | | £1,266,450 | £1,266,450 |

For the year ended 30 September 2008 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

No notice has been deposited with the company under s249B(2) of that Act requiring an audit to be carried out.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- a. Ensuring the company keeps accounting records in accordance with s221, Companies Act 1985; and
- b. Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of s226, Companies Act 1985, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act so far as they are applicable to the company.

Approved by the board

D Maddison Director

BALANCE SHEET 30 September 2008

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

| 1 | FIXED | ASSET | INVEST | MENTS |
|---|-------|--------------|---------|------------|
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| | Listed investments | Shares in group undertakings | Total |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Cost | | - | = |
| 1 October 2007 and 30 September 2008 | 1,683 | 2,185,002 | 2,186,685 |

Included in shares in group undertakings is an amount of £1,050,000 in respect of Aston Rothbury & Co. Limited. At the date of signing these accounts, the accounts of Aston Rothbury & Co. Limited have not been approved.

Accordingly there is uncertainty over the carrying value of the investment but the directors are confident that there is no need to provide for any diminution in value.

| | Market Value | Market Value |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 30 September 2008 | 265 | 265 |
| 30 September 2007 | 265 | 265 |

Holding of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

| | Country of registration or incorporation | Shares held | l |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|-----|
| Sunsidiary undertakings | | Class | % |
| Aston Rothbury Factors Limited | England | Ordinary | 100 |
| Aston Rothbury & Co. Limited | England | * | 100 |
| Aston Rothbury Finance Limited | England | Ordinary | 100 |

The aggregate amount if capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

| | Capital and | Profit/(loss) |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| | reserves | for the year |
| | £ | £ |
| Aston Rothbury Factors Limited | 1,496,174 | 212,684 |
| Aston Rothbury & Co. Limited | 671,469 | - |
| Aston Rothbury Finance Limited | - 116,831 | - |

^{*} Aston Rothbury Group Plc holds 100% on the Ordinary shares, 5% Non-cumulative redeemable preference shares and Redeemable preference shares in Aston Rothbury & Co. Limited.

Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared. This is not in accordance with FRS 2 "Accounting for subsidiary undertakings" and the Companies Act 1985.

These accounts, therefore, present information about the parent company and not the group.

BALANCE SHEET 30 September 2008

| 2 | DEBTORS | | |
|---|---|-------------|---------|
| | | 2008 | 2007 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Due with one year: | | |
| | Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings | 503,587 | 503,579 |
| | Other debtors | • | 8 |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | 20,041 | 20,041 |
| | | 523,628 | 523,628 |
| | | | |

Included in amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings is £500,373 (2007: £500,373) due from Aston Rothbury & Co. Limited. As referred to in note 1, the accounts of this company have not been approved. There is, therefore, uncertainty regarding the recoverability of this debt. The directors are confident that this debt will be recovered.

3 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

| 2008 | 2007 |
|-----------|---|
| £ | £ 56 |
| 1,421,653 | 1,421,597 |
| 22,210 | 22,210 |
| 1,443,863 | 1,443,863 |
| | |
| 2008 | 2007 |
| £ | £ |
| 50,000 | 50,000 |
| 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| 1,050,000 | 1,050,000 |
| | |
| 25,000 | 25,000 |
| 1 | 1 |
| 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| 1,025,001 | 1,025,001 |
| | £ 1,421,653 - 22,210 1,443,863 2008 £ 50,000 1,000,000 1,050,000 25,000 1,000,000 |

The redeemable preference shares are redeemable at the holder's option at any time. They have no dividend or voting rights and do not confer the right to any participation in the company's profits. In the event of winding up, the holders of the preference shares have priority to any other class of shares in paying to them the capital on such shares, but no right to any surplus assets of the company.