## Report and Financial Statements Bull N.D. Holdings Limited

For the Year Ended 31 December 2013



**Company No. 3181916** 

## Company information

**Company registration number** 

3181916

**Registered office** 

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J M Sagajllo-Batterberry

**Secretary** 

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## Strategic Report

#### **Principal activities**

The Company's principal activities are that of a holding company for investments in companies involved in selling data processing and peripheral equipment and to provide maintenance, software, systems integration and other related services.

#### **Business Review**

The company had net assets of £12,962k (2012: £12,962k) as at 31 December 2013. The director has a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, he continues to adopt the going concern basis in the financial statements.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The main risks facing the directors of the company are those facing the subsidiary companies, which are currently outside of their sphere of control or influence and are dependent upon the economic climate of the operating environment. These can be split into two main areas.

The first is the current rate of growth in the commercial sectors and the availability of funds to Bull's customer base to fund capital expenditure.

The second is the cost of IT equipment which is linked to the dollar rate. As the pound strengthens the cost of purchasing IT equipment will increase and further impact the performance of the company.

#### Financial key performance indicators

The company has reviewed the performance and net asset position of its subsidiary, which grew by 4%. As such this did not give rise to any impairment of its investment.

J M Sagaillo-Batterberry

Director

11 Jun 2014

## Report of the director

The director presents his annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013.

#### **Results and dividends**

The company did not trade during the year and the result for the year amounted to £0k (2012: £0k). No dividend is recommended (2012: £nil). The director considers the state of the company's affairs to be satisfactory.

#### **Director**

The company has one director who served through the year.

Mr J M Sagaillo-Batterberry

The director had no interests in the shares of the company or its subsidiary undertakings at any time during the year.

#### **Auditor**

Grant Thornton UK LLP offer themselves for appointment of auditors.

Approved by the Director and signed on behalf of the Board

On behalf of TMF Corporate Administration Services Limited Secretary

11 June 2014

## Statement of director's responsibilities

The director is responsible for preparing the Director's report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable laws). Under company law the director 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 director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK 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 director is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the company and enables him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1/2006. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable 1/2006 steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Each of the persons who are a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

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

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

On behalf of TMF Corporate Administration Services Limited Secretary



# Independent auditor's report to the members of Bull N.D. Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Bull N.D. Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2013 which comprise the principal accounting policies, 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 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 auditor

As explained more fully in the Director's Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the director is 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 company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; 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 Director's Report and Strategic Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Bull N.D. Holdings Limited (continued)

#### 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.

Steve Robinson

Senior Statutory Auditor for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants Milton Keynes

18 July 2014

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## Principal accounting policies

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable UK accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The principal accounting policies of the company have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

#### **Going concern**

The company has access to considerable financial resources from its ultimate parent company, Bull SA. As a consequence, the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully. After making enquiries and taking into consideration the financial position of the company, the director has formed a judgement, at the time of approving the financial statements, that there is a reasonable expectation that the Company has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the director continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### **Cash flow statement**

The company has not prepared a statement of cash flows as permitted by FRS 1 (Revised 1996) on the basis that it is a fully owned subsidiary of Bull SA, incorporated in France, and the consolidated financial statements are publicly available.

#### Consolidation

These financial statements contain information about Bull N.D. Holdings Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. In accordance with s400 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company is not required to prepare group accounts as the ultimate parent is in the European Union and prepares consolidated accounts.

#### **Investments**

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for impairment.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax. Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

## Profit and Loss Account

	•	•	2013	2012
	•	Note	£'000	£'000
		*	,	
Other operating income Other expenses			: -	 
Operating Profit/(loss)			-	
Interest payable and similar charges	٠	3	-	
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	•		<del>-</del> ,	
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities		4	· · · -	· .
Retained profit/(loss) for the financial year	. ·	9		

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

No separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been dealt with in the profit and loss account.

## Balance Sheet

			2013	2012
		Note	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets			•	
Investments		5 .	<u> </u>	·-
Current assets Debtors	•	6	12,962	12,962
Cash at bank and in hand			-	-
			12,962	12,962
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	ar ,	7	· · · · · · · ·	· -
Net current assets			12,962	2,962
Total assets less current liabilities		,	12,962	12,962
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Capital and reserves Called-up share capital	,	8	11,000	11,000
Profit and loss account		8 <sub>.</sub> 9	1,962	1,962
Shareholders' funds	•	10	12,962	12,962

The financial statements of Bull N.D. Holdings Limited (registered number 3181916) were approved and signed by the Director on 11 June 2014

J M Sagajllo-Batterberry

Director

### Notes to the financial statements

#### Directors and employees

The director received no emoluments in respect of his position as director of the Company during the year (2012: £nil). The Company had no employees in either year.

#### 2 Audit fee

The audit fee is £500 (2012: £500) is borne by Bull Information Systems Limited, a fellow group company.

#### 3 Interest payable and similar charges

•	•	•	2013	2012
•		•	£'000	€,000
Other interest payable				-
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#### 4 Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities

a) Analysis of tax credit on ordinary activities

	 			2013 £'000	2012 £'000
UK corporation tax of 23.25% (2011: 24.5%)			•		
Adjustments in respect of prior years				-	-
Total Current tax (note 4b)	••	•	·	-	• -
Deferred tax		•	·		
Timing Differences, origination and reversal				<b>-</b> ,	-
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities					-

#### b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is different from that resulting from applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23.25% (2012 - 24.5%). The differences are explained below:

Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	2013 £'000	2012 £'000
Tax at 23.25% thereon (2012: 24.5%) Effects of Group relief Adjustments in respect of prior year		•
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	•	

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### Fixed asset investments

		group ertakings £'000
Cost At 1 January 2013 and 31 December 201	3	6,500
Provisions At 1 January 2013 and 31 December 201	3	 6,500
Net book value At 1 January 2013 and 31 December 201	3	 -

Throughout the year the company held 89.6% of the ordinary shares and voting rights in Bull Information Systems Ireland, a company registered in Ireland. This investment was fully provided for in the year ended 31 December 2001.

This was the company's only subsidiary undertaking during the year. The principal activity of this subsidiary, and of the group's investment, is the sale of data processing and peripheral equipment and to provide maintenance, software, systems integration and other related services.

#### 6 Debtors

Amounts owed by parent undertaking Amounts owed by group undertaking	2013 £'000 12,174 788	2012 £000 12,174 788
	12,962	12,962
Creditors	,	
	2013 £'000	2012 £000
Corporation tax	-	<u>.</u>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### 8 Called up share capital

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		2013 £'000	201 £'00
Authorised: 11,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each		11,000	11,00
Called up, allotted and fully paid: 11,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each		11,000	11,00
Profit and loss account			
At 1 January 2013 Result for the year			£'(
At 31 December 2013			1,
Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' fun	nds		
		2013 £'000	20 £00
Opening shareholders' funds Result for the financial year		12,962	12,9
Closing shareholders' funds		12,962	12,90

#### 11 Related party transactions

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The company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by paragraph 3(c) of Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Transactions" not to disclose related party transactions with group companies.

#### 12 Ultimate parent company

The Company's ultimate parent company is Bull SA, a company incorporated in France. Copies of that company's accounts can be obtained from Bull Communications Department, Rue Jean Jaures, B P 68-78340, Les Clayes-sous-Bois, France.

The immediate controlling entity is Bull Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Copies of that Company's accounts can be obtained from Companies House

The smallest and largest group into which the company's accounts are consolidated is that headed by Bull SA, the company's ultimate parent.