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# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007**

The director presents his report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2007

## 1. Principal activity and review of business

The company owns an interest as a limited partner in the First Tower Limited Partnership ("the Partnership"), an entity which holds a beneficial leasehold interest in office accommodation

Both the level of business and the year end financial position were satisfactory, and the director expects that the present level of activity will be sustained for the foreseeable future

#### 2 Results

The profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 5. The retained profit for the year of £7 (2006 £5) has been transferred to reserves

### 3. <u>Dividend</u>

The director does not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the year (2006 £nil)

#### 4. <u>Director</u>

The directors of the company during the year ended 31 December 2007, all of whom were directors for the whole of the year then ended, except where stated, were

R S Heels (resigned 16 July 2007) K J Mullen (appointed 16 July 2007)

## 5. Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors of Provident Financial plc manage the group's risks at a group level rather than at an individual business unit level. For this reason, the company's director believes that a discussion of the group's risks would not be appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of First Tower LP (7) Limited's business. The principal risks and uncertainties of Provident Financial plc, which include those of the company, are discussed in the principal risks section of the group's financial report which does not form part of this report

### 6. Key performance indicators (KPIs)

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the company's director is of the opinion that an analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

#### 7. Auditor information

At the date of this report, as far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. The director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make him aware of the 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 s 234 ZA of the Companies Act 1985.

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 (CONTINUED)

## 8. Independent auditors

The company has passed elective resolutions under Section 366A and 386(1) of the Companies Act 1985 to dispense with the requirements to hold an Annual General Meeting and to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually. In the absence of a notice proposing that the appointment will be terminated, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will remain in office for the next financial year.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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E Versluys Company Secretary 10 October 2008

Registered office

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## STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial period that 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. The directors are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The director confirms that the most appropriate accounting policies have been used and applied consistently. He also confirms that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed

The director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enables him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The director has a general responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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Company Secretary 10 October 2008

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FIRST TOWER LP (7) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of First Tower LP (7) Limited 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 director's 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 Director's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

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 whether in our opinion the information given in the Director's Report is consistent with the financial statements

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, 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 director's remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

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

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 irregularity or error In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of 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 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 Director's Report is consistent with the financial statements

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Leeds

10 October 2008

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
OPERATING LOSS		(247)	(247)
Income from interest in fixed asset investment	1(d)	254	252
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2	7	5
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	3		
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	9	7	5

## STATEMENT OF RETAINED PROFITS

	2007 £	<u>2006</u> £
RETAINED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWARD	119	114
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	7	5
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD	126	119

The results shown in the profit and loss account derive wholly from continuing activities

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

# **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007**

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
FIXED ASSETS Investment in the Partnership	4	167	167
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	6	742 2,116	489 2,116
		2,858	2,605
CREDITORS amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,732)	(2,486)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		126	119
NET ASSETS		293	286
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	8	167 126	167 119
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	9	293	286
Equity shareholders' funds Non-equity shareholders' funds		191 102	184 102
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		293	286

These financial statements were approved and signed on 10 October 2008 by

K J Mullen

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

### 1. Principal accounting policies

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the principal accounting policies applied in preparing the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2007, which have been applied on a consistent basis is set out below.

#### (a) Investment in the Partnership

The company's Partnership interest is stated at cost less provision for impairment in value

#### (b) Cash flow statement

As permitted by Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 1 (Revised) no cash flow statement is presented as the company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Provident Financial plc and is included in the consolidated financial statements of Provident Financial plc which are publicly available

#### (c) <u>Deferred taxation</u>

Deferred taxation is provided in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date and is determined using the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred taxation balances are not discounted.

#### (d) Income from fixed asset investment

In each year the company recognises as income a share of the net profits of the Partnership for the same year This share is calculated on an accruals basis in proportion to the company's contribution to the Partnership's capital

#### 2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The company does not employ any staff Auditors' remuneration of £210 is included in the operating loss for the year (2006 £210)

#### 3. Taxation on profit on ordinary activities

There is no charge to corporation tax for the year (2006 £mi)

## 4. Investment in the Partnership

As a limited partner, the company has contributed 8 325% of the capital of the Partnership, an entity which holds a beneficial leasehold interest in office accommodation

Under partnership law, there is a possibility that the company may, in certain circumstances, be required to re contribute to the Partnership some or all of the capital previously returned to it by the Partnership (in total £8,741,250) No liability is expected to arise

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 (CONTINUED)

#### 5. **Director's emoluments**

The company paid no emoluments to the director during the year (2006 £nil)

#### **Debtors** 6.

	<u>2007</u> £	2006 £
Amount due from the Partnership	742	489

#### 7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	<u>2007</u> €	2006 £
Amount due to parent undertaking	2,732	2,486

Amounts owed to the ultimate parent undertaking are unsecured and have no fixed date of repayment

#### Called up share capital 8.

	2007 £	<u>2006</u> £
Authorised 100,000 deferred ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
100 ordinary shares of \$1 each	65	65
Issued, allotted and fully paid Deferred ordinary shares of £1 each 100 ordinary shares of \$1 each	102 65	102 65
	167	167

The deferred ordinary shares of £1 each do not carry a right to receive notice of, or attend and vote at, any general meeting of the company Under the Articles of Association the holders of the deferred ordinary shares will only be entitled to any participation in the profit or assets of the company in very limited and specified circumstances The company has the power and authority at any time to purchase all or any of these shares for an aggregate consideration of £1

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007 (CONTINUED)

## 9. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2007 £	2006 £
Profit for the financial year	7	5
Shareholders' funds as at 1 January	286_	281_
Shareholders' funds as at 31 December	293_	286

## 10. Parent undertaking

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The company's parent undertaking and controlling party is Provident Financial plc, which is the smallest and largest group to consolidate these accounts and is a company registered in England Copies of that company's consolidated accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Provident Financial plc, Colonnade, Sunbridge Road, Bradford, BD1 2LQ