

**GB RAILFREIGHT LIMITED**

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT

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The directors have pleasure in submitting their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2011

### Principal activities

The principal activity of GB Railfreight Limited ("GBRf") is the provision of rail freight services in Britain. The directors do not expect a significant change in the principal activity of the business in the foreseeable future.

### Review of the business and future developments

During 2011 GB Railfreight continued to grow its market share with annual turnover exceeding £70m.

In the energy sector, coal volumes were particularly strong, initially benefitting from restocking at power stations following the severe winter weather in late 2010 and early 2011 and, lately, due to high gas prices. Following the successful introduction of biomass as an alternative bulk fuel in late 2010 by Drax Power Station, GB Railfreight has increased its capability with the conversion of a second set of hopper wagons dedicated to biomass haulage with this customer.

In January we commenced a five year contract with Celsa UK to provide on site rail logistics at its Tremorfa and Castle works in Cardiff. This was quickly followed by a contract with Sims Metals Management to operate trains of scrap metal from the Midlands to Cardiff. Also, in 2011 Sahavirina Steel Industries UK acquired the former Corus iron and steel making facility at Redcar. GB Railfreight has been awarded a ten-year contract to provide on site rail logistics, with production recommencing in early 2012.

Activity in the infrastructure sector has been as expected with some upturn in Network Rail orders towards the year end. It is anticipated that this will continue throughout much of 2012.

Despite macro economic pressures, our maritime intermodal business has continued to grow with increased box volumes as a result of further train lengthening and additional weekend services. A new service was launched in October to the North-West of England increasing our total service offering from the Port of Felixstowe to six import and six export services daily.

Spring 2012 saw the start of a two year contract with Bam Ferrovial Kier, as part of the Crossrail project, for the removal of spoil by rail from the western portal to a facility at Northfleet where we will also be responsible for materials handling prior to onward movement barge.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

#### *Customer credit risk*

The Company's credit risk exposure on trade receivables is principally in the intermodal market.

The Company applies a credit policy which requires that every new customer is subject to a credit check before being able to benefit from the Company's standard credit terms. The Company's credit risk exposure to account customers is managed by means of continuous monitoring of their financial situation and of their outstanding debt in regard to their credit limits and payment terms.

#### *Risks related to retirement benefits*

The Company operates a defined benefit pension scheme which is funded. An independent qualified actuary values the scheme's assets and liabilities. The present value of the scheme's assets which are not intended to be realised in the short term may be subject to significant change. The present value of the scheme's liabilities calculated by discounting long-term cash flow projections is inherently uncertain.

The risks related to the pension scheme are managed by a regular review process and meetings with the trustees of the fund, the actuaries and other professional advisors.

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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### **Going concern**

The Directors have considered the going concern assumption given the current economic climate and have reviewed the Company forecasts for the foreseeable future

After making enquiries and considering the above facts, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements

### **Financial matters**

The results for the period are given in the profit and loss account on page 6 The balance sheet is set out on page 7

No final dividend (9 months ended 31 December 2010 - £nil) was paid in the year No interim dividend (9 months ended 31 December 2011 - £nil) was paid in the year

### **Financial Instruments**

The Company's principal financial assets are bank balances and trade debtors The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade debtors The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of provisions for doubtful debts The Company has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of customers The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are considered to be high quality banks

### **Supplier payment policy**

The Company agrees terms and conditions for its business transactions with suppliers Payment is made on those terms subject to the terms and conditions being met by the supplier Trade creditors of the Company at 31 December 2011 were equivalent to 46 days' purchases (9 months ended 31 December 2010 32), based on the average daily amount invoiced by suppliers during the year

### **Directors**

The directors who held office throughout the period are as follows

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C R Lienard  
P G A Sainson  
D P Simons  
J G Smith

### **Employee involvement**

Communication with employees is effected mainly through regular briefing and negotiating meetings between the directors, the senior management and employee representatives on the central and depot negotiating committees The briefing meetings enable senior management to consult employees and to ascertain their views on matters likely to affect their interests

### **Disabled persons**

The Company recognises its obligations to give disabled people full and fair consideration for all vacancies within the statutory medical requirement which have to be met for certain grades of staff Wherever reasonable and practicable, the Company will retain newly disabled employees and at the same time provide full and fair opportunities for the career development of disabled people

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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**Audit information**

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

- o as far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- o 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

**Auditors**

KPMG LLP are deemed to be reappointed as statutory auditors under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006

Approved by the Board of Directors  
And signed by order of the Board



D P Simons  
Director

21<sup>st</sup> September 2012

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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

Under company law the directors 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 year. In preparing these 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 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 directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GB RAILFREIGHT LIMITED**

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We have audited the financial statements of GB Railfreight Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 set out on pages 6 to 24. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK 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 Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the directors are 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 Practice Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

**Scope of the audit of 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](http://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 2011 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK 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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

**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

**Andrew Cole (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
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21 September 2012

Company Registered Number 03707899

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
For the year ended 31 December 2011

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2010 £000
<b>Turnover</b>	2	73,056	43,596
Operating costs		<u>(68,685)</u>	<u>(42,109)</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>	3	4,371	1,487
Finance charges (net)	7	17	(98)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<u>4,388</u>	<u>1,389</u>
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	8	<u>(1,165)</u>	<u>(563)</u>
<b>Profit for the financial year/period</b>	16	<u><u>3,223</u></u>	<u><u>826</u></u>

All activities relate to continuing operations

**STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES**  
For the year ended 31 December 2011

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2010 £000
<b>Profit for the financial year/period</b>		3,223	826
Recognition of liability on defined benefit pension scheme at 28 May 2010	19	-	(6,100)
Deferred tax on recognition of liability on defined benefit pension scheme		-	1,647
Actuarial (loss)/gain recognised in the pension scheme(s)	19	132	3,100
Deferred tax on actuarial (loss)/gain in the pension scheme		(123)	(837)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year/period</b>		<u><u>3,232</u></u>	<u><u>(1,364)</u></u>



## BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2011

	Notes	At 31 December 2011		At 31 December 2010	
		£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Assets employed.</b>					
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	9		17,231		4,445
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	10	190		216	
Debtors					
- due within one year	11	15,221		10,562	
- due after one year	11	372		487	
Cash at bank and in hand		6,436		2,912	
		<u>22,219</u>		<u>14,177</u>	
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(23,522)</u>		<u>(10,950)</u>	
<b>Net current (liabilities)/assets</b>			<u>(1,303)</u>		<u>3,227</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>15,928</u>		<u>7,672</u>
<b>Creditors</b> amounts falling due after more than one year	13		<u>(524)</u>		<u>(685)</u>
<b>Net assets excluding pension scheme liability</b>			<u>15,404</u>		<u>6,987</u>
Defined benefit pension scheme liability	19		<u>(2,432)</u>		<u>(2,409)</u>
<b>Net assets including pension scheme liability</b>			<u><u>12,972</u></u>		<u><u>4,578</u></u>
<b>Financed by:</b>					
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	15		5,000		-
Profit and loss account	16		7,972		4,578
			<u>12,972</u>		<u>4,578</u>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>			<u><u>12,972</u></u>		<u><u>4,578</u></u>

These financial statements of GB Railfreight Limited (company number 03707899) were approved by the Board of Directors on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and were signed on its behalf by

*David Simons*

D P Simons  
Director

## RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

For the year ended 31 December 2011

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	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2010 £000
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year/period</b>	3,232	(1,364)
FRS 20 share based payment charge	162	23
Net increase/(decrease) in shareholders' funds	<u>3,394</u>	<u>(1,341)</u>
Opening shareholders' funds	4,578	5,919
<b>Closing shareholders' funds</b>	<u><u>7,972</u></u>	<u><u>4,578</u></u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**1 Principal accounting policies**

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the current year and preceding period in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements

**(a) Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules

**(b) Going concern**

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as described in the directors' report on page 2

**(c) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less residual value of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful economic lives as follows

Short leasehold properties	-	period of lease
Other plant and equipment	-	three to eight years straight line

**(d) Leases and hire purchase**

The rental charges for operating leases are taken to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease

**(e) Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Provision is made for obsolete and slow moving or defective items where appropriate

**(f) Taxation**

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred taxation is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no commitment to sell the asset. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted

**(g) Government grants**

Government grants relating to tangible fixed assets are treated as deferred income and released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful lives of the assets concerned. Other grants are credited to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

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**1 Principal accounting policies (continued)****(h) Pension costs**

Certain of the Company's employees are members of an industry-wide defined benefit pension plan. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company.

Pension scheme assets are measured using market values. For quoted securities the current bid price is taken as market value. Pension scheme liabilities are measured using a projected unit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liability.

The pension scheme surplus (to the extent that it is recoverable) or deficit is recognised in full. The movement in the scheme surplus/deficit is split between operating charges, finance items and, in the statement of total recognised gains and losses, actuarial gains and losses.

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company 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.

**(i) Cash flow statement**

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Groupe Eurotunnel SA ('GET SA'), a company registered in France. Accordingly, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption offered by Financial Reporting Standard 1, enabling it not to produce a cash flow statement as the parent company has included a consolidated cash flow statement within its group financial statements available on the group's website [www.eurotunnelgroup.com](http://www.eurotunnelgroup.com).

**(j) Bid costs**

Bid costs are expensed as they are incurred.

**(k) Pre-contract expenditure**

Pre-contract expenditure is expensed as incurred except where it is virtually certain that a contract will be awarded. In such circumstances, pre-contract expenditure is recognised as an asset and is expensed to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the term of the contract.

**(l) Share-based payment**

The Company's ultimate parent issues equity-settled share-based payments to certain employees. Equity-settled share-based payments are measured at fair value at the date of grant. The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share based payments is expensed on a straight line basis over the vesting period with a corresponding increase in equity, based on the group's estimate of shares that will eventually vest and is adjusted for the effects of non-market based vesting conditions.

The fair value of the options granted is measured using an option pricing model (binomial model), taking into account the terms and conditions upon which the options were granted. The amount recognised as an expense is adjusted to reflect the actual number of awards for which the related service and non-market vesting conditions are expected to be met, such that the amount ultimately recognised as an expense is based on the number of awards that do meet the related service and non-market performance conditions at the vesting date.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****2 Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation**

Turnover represents the amounts receivable for services supplied to customers during the year and is net of value added tax. Turnover is recognised when the risks and rewards of ownership transfer to the buyer.

The whole of the turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation derives from the Company's principal activities within the United Kingdom. The Company has one principal class of business, namely the provision of rail freight services.

**3 Operating profit on ordinary activities before taxation**

	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2010 £000
Operating profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting)		
Energy and consumables	13,951	8,624
Staff costs	20,284	12,770
Auditors' remuneration		
- fee payable for the annual audit of the financial statements	33	23
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets		
- owned assets	2,580	1,115
Rentals payable under operating leases		
- locomotives	5,075	3,213
- wagons	6,358	3,489
- other operating leases	713	486
Government grants	<u>(2,368)</u>	<u>(1,889)</u>

Non audit fees have been borne by the Company's intermediate holding company, Europorte SAS, a company incorporated in France.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****4 Employee numbers and costs**

The average number of persons employed by the Company (including directors) during the year was as follows

	Year ended 31 December 2011 No	9 months ended 31 December 2010 No
Operations	243	208
Administration	102	97
	<u>345</u>	<u>305</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows

	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	16,985	10,681
Social security costs	1,700	984
Other pension costs	1,599	1,105
	<u>20,284</u>	<u>12,770</u>

**5 Directors' remuneration**

Two directors are remunerated by the Company. The other directors are remunerated by other group companies for their services to the Group. Remuneration by the Company during the period was as follows

	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2010 £000
Aggregate emoluments (excluding pension contributions)	454	616
Company pension contributions	45	38
	<u>499</u>	<u>654</u>

During the year, 134,000 (9 months ended 31 December 2010: 128,000) options have been granted to certain directors of the Company to acquire shares in GET SA. No share options have been exercised during the year.

The emoluments of the highest paid director amounted to

	£000	£000
Aggregate emoluments	277	377
Company pension contributions	28	19
	<u>305</u>	<u>396</u>

During the year, 100,000 (9 months ended 31 December 2010: 60,000) options have been granted to the highest paid director.

At 31 December 2011 there were two directors (2010 – two) accruing retirement benefits in respect of qualifying services in respect of defined benefit schemes.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****6 Share-based payments****GET SA share option plan**

On 26 May 2010, the general meeting of shareholders of GET SA authorised the board of directors of GET SA to grant, in one or several allocations, options over shares in GET SA to executives and senior staff of group companies, during a period the duration of which is fixed at 38 months from 26 May 2010. Under this scheme, the board of directors of GET SA has approved two grants of share options on 16 July 2010 and 21 July 2011.

**Characteristics and conditions of the GET SA share option plan**

The characteristics and conditions attached to the attribution of the share options are as follows:

<b>Date of grant/main staff concerned</b>	<b>Number of options in respect of Company employees</b>	<b>Conditions for acquiring rights</b>	<b>Contractual duration of options</b>
Options granted to key executives on 16 July 2010	128,000	Staff must remain as employees of the Group until the exercise of options  Performance conditions: 50% of options are subject to conditions based on the financial performance of the Group (distribution of a dividend, consolidated EBITDA in 2010 and 2011 above a predetermined level)  Market performance condition: 50% of options are conditional on the GET SA share price performing better than the SBF120 index	4 years
Options granted to key executives on 21 July 2011	134,000	Staff must remain as employees of the Group until the exercise of options  Performance conditions: 50% of options are subject to conditions based on the financial performance of the Group (distribution of a dividend, consolidated EBITDA in 2011 and 2012 above a predetermined level)  Market performance condition: 50% of options are conditional on the GET SA share price performing better than the SBF120 index	4 years

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****Information on the GET SA share option plan and on the rights of replacement**

The number and the average weighted exercise price of the share options are as follows

	Average weighted exercise price (in euros)	Number of options in respect of Company employees
In issue at 1 January 2011	6 42	128,000
Granted during the year	7 52	134,000
Cancelled during the year	–	–
Exercised during the year	–	–
Expired during the year	–	–
<b>In issue at 31 December 2011</b>	<b>6 98</b>	<b>262,000</b>
<b>Exercisable at 31 December 2011</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>

Of the 262,000 options in issue at 31 December 2011, 128,000 are exercisable at a price of €6 42 between July 2014 and July 2020 and 134,000 are exercisable at a price of €7 52 between July 2015 and July 2021 and are subject to performance conditions

**Assumptions used for the fair value measurement on the grant date**

The fair value of the rights granted to staff as part of the share option plan on the grant date was calculated by applying the binomial Black & Scholes model and the Monte-Carlo approach. The assumptions used to measure the fair value of the share option plan on the grant date were as follows

Fair value of options and assumptions	2011 plan	2010 plan
Fair value of an options on grant date (€)	2 69	2 02
Share price on grant date (€)	7 629	6 046
Exercise price of an option (€)	7 52	6 42
Expected volatility	36%	40%
Contractual duration of options	7 years	7 years
Number of beneficiaries	2	2
Risk-free interest rate (based on French government bonds)	3 0%	2 4%

A charge of £105,000 was made to the profit and loss account in "staff costs" in 2011 (9 months ended 31 December 2010 £23,000)

**Grant of free GET SA shares**

Following the approval by the general meeting of shareholders of GET SA and the implementation by decision of the board of directors of GET SA on 28 April 2011 of the plan to issue free shares, a total of 67,600 GET SA ordinary shares were allocated free of charge to all employees with the exception of executive and corporate officers (200 shares per employee). The definitive acquisition of these shares by the employees is subject to their remaining in employment with the Company for a minimum period of 4 years



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

The number of free GET SA shares is as follows

	Number of GET SA shares
In issue at 1 January 2011	-
Granted during the year	67,600
Cancelled during the year	(1,600)
Exercised during the year	-
Expired during the year	-
<b>In issue at 31 December 2011</b>	<b>66,000</b>
<b>Exercisable at 31 December 2011</b>	<b>-</b>

A charge of £57,000 was made in the 2011 accounts relating to the free shares

The assumptions used to measure the fair value of the free shares were as follows

Fair value of free shares and assumptions	2011
Fair value of free shares on grant date (€)	6 62
Share price on grant date (€)	7 232
Number of beneficiaries	330
Risk-free interest rate (based on French government bonds)	2 25%

**7 Finance income/charges (net)**

	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2010 £000
Interest payable to other group undertakings	70	3
Other interest costs	-	100
Interest receivable and similar income	(4)	(5)
Other interest income	(83)	-
	<u>(17)</u>	<u>98</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****8 Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities**

	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2010 £000
UK corporation tax		
- Current tax on income for the period	919	610
Total current tax	<u>919</u>	<u>610</u>
Deferred tax		
- Origination/reversal of timing differences	270	34
Adjustment in respect of defined benefit pensions	(24)	(81)
Total deferred tax	<u>246</u>	<u>(47)</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u><u>1,165</u></u>	<u><u>563</u></u>

**8 Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities (continued)*****Factors affecting current tax charge for the year***

The current tax charge for the year is higher than (period ended 31 December 2010 – higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26% (31 December 2010 – 28%)

The differences are explained below

	Year ended 31 December 2011 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2010 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>4,388</u>	<u>1,389</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% to 31 March 2011 and 26% thereafter (31 December 2010 28%)	1,163	389
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	123	123
Capital allowances (in excess of) / less than depreciation for the year/period	(428)	98
Other timing differences	61	-
Total current tax charge (see above)	<u><u>919</u></u>	<u><u>610</u></u>

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised at 24% (31 December 2010 27%) The change in rate reflects the change in corporation tax rate to 24% with effect from 1 April 2012

On 23 March 2011 the Chancellor announced the reduction in the main rate of UK corporation tax to 26 percent with effect from 1 April 2011 and a further reduction to 25 percent with effect from 1 April 2012 These changes became substantively enacted on 29 March 2011 and 5 July 2011 respectively and therefore the effect of these rate reductions creates a reduction in the deferred tax (asset/liability) which has been included in the figures above

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

The 2012 Budget on 21 March 2012 announced that the UK corporation tax rate will reduce to 22% by 2014. A further reduction to 24% (effective from 1 April 2012) was substantively enacted on 26 March 2012.

It has not yet been possible to quantify the full anticipated effect of the announced further 3% rate reduction, although this will further reduce the Company's future current tax charge and reduce the Company's deferred tax asset accordingly.

**9 Tangible fixed assets**

	Short leasehold properties £000	Other plant and equipment £000	Total £000
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2011	2,816	7,924	10,740
Additions	188	15,235	15,423
Disposals	(6)	(58)	(64)
At 31 December 2011	<u>2,998</u>	<u>23,101</u>	<u>26,099</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 January 2011	1,322	4,973	6,295
Charge for period	285	2,295	2,580
Disposals	-	(7)	(7)
At 31 December 2011	<u>1,607</u>	<u>7,261</u>	<u>8,868</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 December 2011	<u>1,391</u>	<u>15,840</u>	<u>17,231</u>
At 31 December 2010	<u>1,494</u>	<u>2,951</u>	<u>4,445</u>

**10 Stocks**

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
Spare parts and consumables	<u>190</u>	<u>216</u>

There is no material difference between the balance sheet value of the stocks and their replacement cost.

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## 11 Debtors

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	10,875	6,198
Amounts owed by group undertakings	81	26
Other debtors	209	179
Prepayments and accrued income	3,994	3,851
Deferred tax asset (note 14)	62	308
	<u>15,221</u>	<u>10,562</u>
	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		
Other debtors	372	487
	<u>372</u>	<u>487</u>

## 12 Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
Trade creditors	5,753	3,329
Amounts owed to parent and group undertakings	9,058	680
Corporation Tax	135	135
Other creditors	1,317	1,371
Accruals and deferred income	7,259	5,435
	<u>23,522</u>	<u>10,950</u>

## 13 Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
Accruals and deferred income	524	685
	<u>524</u>	<u>685</u>

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## 14 Deferred taxation

	Deferred tax Asset 31 December 2011 £000	Deferred tax Asset 31 December 2010 £000
At start of year/period	308	342
Charged to profit and loss	(246)	(34)
At end of year/period	<u>62</u>	<u>308</u>
The deferred tax asset consists of the following amounts		
	£000	£000
Capital allowances (in excess of) / less than depreciation	(50)	291
Other timing differences	112	17
Deferred tax asset	<u>62</u>	<u>308</u>

The balance is included within note 11 (Debtors)

## 15 Called up share capital

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid:</b>		
5,000,002 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year the Company allotted 5,000,000 ordinary shares with a nominal value of £1

## 16 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	Share capital £000	FRS20 £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total £000
At 1 January 2011	-	23	4,555	4,578
Retained profit for the year	-	-	3,223	3,223
Other recognised gains and losses during the year	-	-	9	9
New shares issued	5,000	-	-	5,000
FRS20 Share based payment charge	-	162	-	162
At 31 December 2011	<u>5,000</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>7,787</u>	<u>12,972</u>

## 17 Commitments

The Company had no capital commitments at 31 December 2011 or at 31 December 2010

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****18 Operating leases**

Commitments for payments in the next year under operating leases are as follows

	31 December 2011		31 December 2010	
	Land and buildings £000	Other £000	Land and buildings £000	Other £000
Operating leases which expire				
Within one year	63	300	23	684
Between two and five years	186	5,896	248	3,533
After five years	118	4,898	119	4,980
	<u>367</u>	<u>11,094</u>	<u>390</u>	<u>9,197</u>

**19 Pension schemes*****Defined benefit scheme***

The Company operates a defined benefit pension scheme for qualifying employees

The scheme is subject to triennial valuation by independent actuaries, Towers Watson. The last funding valuation was carried out at 31 December 2010 and the figures included in the accounts in respect of the Company pension scheme are based on this latest valuation as updated to the current accounting period. The present values of the defined benefit obligation, the related current service cost and past service cost were measured using the projected unit credit method. The projected unit credit method is an accrued benefits valuation method in which the scheme liabilities make allowance for projected earnings.

The Scheme shared cost in nature, with costs shared by the employer (60%) and the employees (40%).

Any surplus or deficits in the scheme may affect the Company through periodic adjustments to the Company's contribution rate as determined by the actuary.

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
Present value of funded defined benefit obligations	26,063	25,300
Fair value of plan assets	(20,730)	(19,800)
Present value of unfunded defined benefit obligations	5,333	5,500
Adjustment for the members' share of surplus/(deficit)	(2,133)	(2,200)
Net deficit	3,200	3,300
Related deferred tax asset	(768)	(891)
Net liability	<u>2,432</u>	<u>2,409</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)***Movements in present value of defined benefit obligation*

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
At 1 January 2011 (2010 28 May 2010)	25,331	27,400
Current service cost	2,435	1,300
Interest cost	1,503	900
Actuarial (gains)/losses	(2,372)	(4,200)
Benefits paid	(834)	(100)
At 31 December 2011	<u>26,063</u>	<u>25,300</u>

*Movements in fair value of plan assets*

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
At 1 January 2011	19,777	17,200
Expected return on plan assets	1,642	800
Actuarial gains/(losses)	(2,080)	900
Contributions by employer	1,398	600
Contributions by members	827	400
Benefits paid	(834)	(100)
At 31 December 2011	<u>20,730</u>	<u>19,800</u>

*Expense recognised in the profit and loss account*

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
Employer's share of current service cost	1,481	800
Employer's share of Interest on defined benefit pension plan obligation	902	600
Employer's share of Expected return on defined benefit pension plan assets	(985)	(500)
Total	<u>1,398</u>	<u>900</u>

The expense is recognised in the following line items in the profit and loss account

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
Staff costs	1,481	800
Other interest (income)/costs	(83)	100
	<u>1,398</u>	<u>900</u>

The total amount recognised in the statement of total recognised gains and losses in respect of actuarial gains and losses is £132,000. Cumulative actuarial gains/losses reported in the statement of total recognised gains are £3,232,000 (31 December 2010 £3,100,000)

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The fair value of the plan assets and the return on those assets were as follows

	31 December 2011 Fair value £000	31 December 2010 Fair value £000
Equities	20,059	19,200
Government debt	526	500
Corporate bonds	0	0
Property	0	0
Other	145	100
	<u>20,730</u>	<u>19,800</u>
Actual return on plan assets	(438)	1,700

The overall expected rate of return is calculated by weighting the individual rates in accordance with the anticipated balance in the plan's investment portfolio

Principal actuarial assumptions (expressed as weighted averages) at the year end were as follows

	31 December 2011 %	31 December 2010 %
Discount rate	5.0	5.5
Expected rate of return on plan assets	7.2	8.0
Expected return on plan assets at beginning of the period	8.0	7.7
Future salary increases	3.3	3.7
Increases to deferred pensions and pension increases	2.3	3.1
Price Inflation (CPI)	2.3	3.1
Price Inflation (RPI)	3.3	3.7

In valuing the liabilities of the pension fund, mortality assumptions have been made as indicated below

The assumptions relating to longevity underlying the pension liabilities at the balance sheet date are based on standard actuarial mortality tables and include an allowance for future improvements in longevity. The assumptions are equivalent to expecting a 65-year old to live for a number of years as follows

- Male pensioner aged 65 with pension under £9,300 pa or pensionable pay under £35,000 pa 20.5 years
- Male pensioner aged 65 with pension £9,300 pa or above or pensionable pay £35,000 pa or above 22.6 years
- Female pensioner aged 65 with pension under £3,300 pa or pensionable pay under £35,000 pa 22.4 years
- Female pensioner aged 65 with pension £3,300 pa or above or pensionable pay £35,000 pa or above 24.8 years
- Male pensioner aged 45 with pension under £9,300 pa or pensionable pay under £35,000 pa 22.8 years



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- Male pensioner aged 45 with pension £9,300 pa or above or pensionable pay £35,000 pa or above 24.9 years
- Female pensioner aged 45 with pension under £3,300 pa or pensionable pay under £35,000 pa 24.9 years
- Female pensioner aged 45 with pension £3,300 pa or above or pensionable pay £35,000 pa or above 27.1 years

**History of plans**

The history of the plans is as follows

**Balance sheet**

	31 December 2011 £000	31 December 2010 £000
Present value of scheme liabilities	26,063	25,300
Fair value of scheme assets	(20,730)	(19,800)
Deficit/surplus	5,333	5,500
Adjustment for the members' share of surplus/(deficit)	(2,133)	(2,200)
Net Deficit	<u>3,200</u>	<u>3,300</u>

**Experience adjustments**

	31 December 2011 £000 - % of the liability	31 December 2010 £000 - % of the liability
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	972 – 3.8%	300 - 1.2%
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	1,248 – 5.8%	500 - 2.5%

The Company expects to contribute approximately £1,225,000 to its defined benefit plans in the next financial year

**Defined contribution pension scheme**

Additionally, the Company contributions to money purchase schemes during the year were £249,637 (for the 9 months ended 31 December 2010 £102,049)

The contributions payable as at 31 December 2011 are £108,149 (31 December 2010 £17,931)

**20 Related party transactions**

The Company is taking advantage of the exemption under FRS 8 not to disclose transactions with group companies that are related parties

The Company is wholly-owned and controlled by Groupe Eurotunnel SA, a *société anonyme a conseil d'administration* registered in France

The results of the Company are consolidated in Groupe Eurotunnel SA's consolidated financial statements, which are available on the Eurotunnel Group's website [www.eurotunnelgroup.com](http://www.eurotunnelgroup.com)

The Company's immediate holding company is Europorte SAS

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**21 Subsequent events**

There were no events between the date of the balance sheet and the date on which these financial statements were approved which have a material effect on the Company's 2011 financial statements