

Company No: 3666306

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**South Eastern Trains Limited**  
**31 March 2011**

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# SOUTH EASTERN TRAINS LIMITED

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

For the year ended 31 March 2011

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2011

### **Background**

On 9 November 2003, pending the completion of a franchise re-tendering process run by the Department for Transport, South Eastern Trains Ltd (SET or Company) took over the running of train services in Kent and parts of Sussex, from the previous operator Connex South Eastern Limited (Connex). Following the completion of the franchise re-tendering process, the operations of South Eastern Trains were transferred to GoVia on 1 April 2006. Since 1 April 2006, the Company has been dealing with residuary issues resulting from the trading in earlier periods. This relates principally to claims handling, which includes employment tribunal claims, other employee claims and public liability claims.

Consequent upon the decision of the government to wind-up the Strategic Rail Authority (SRA), SET was transferred from the SRA to BRB (Residuary) Ltd (BRBR) via a statutory instrument on 1 April 2006. BRBR is a limited company owned wholly by Government which is responsible for discharging a range of legacy responsibilities inherited from the British Railways Board (BRB).

### **Business Review**

During the year, the Company continued to resolve residuary matters. The Company made payments of £136k in the year relating to employee and passenger claims. Administrative expense for the year was a release of £213k. This relates to rebate of public and employee liability claims provision. Interest receivable of £44k was earned during the year on an intercompany balance due from SET's parent company, BRB (Residuary) Ltd.

### **Results**

The Company made a profit after tax for the year of £185k (2010: £110k).

The directors do not propose a dividend for the year (2010: £nil).

The profit for the year has been transferred to reserves.

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### **Creditor payment policy**

The Company's policy is to pay bills for all its suppliers in accordance with agreed settlement terms in line with the principles of the CBI Prompt Payment Code, which aims to encourage best practice in dealing with the payment of bills

### **Directors and their interest**

The directors of the Company during the year were

G W D Sutherland  
P. Hawthorne

None of the directors have a beneficial interest in the shares of the Company, or of any Group undertaking that requires disclosure. No director had a material interest in any contract with the Company

### **Employees**

The Company did not employ any staff directly during 2011 (2010 nil)

### **Auditors**

The Company has retained PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) as auditors.

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### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 the directors have elected to prepare the Company financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. 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 period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to,

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable IFRSs as adopted by the European Union 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 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.

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken to ensure that they are aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

For and on behalf of South Eastern Trains Ltd

  
G W D Sutherland  
Chairman

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH EASTERN TRAINS LTD**

We have audited the financial statements of South Eastern Trains Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2011 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable in law and International Accounting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

#### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, 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 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 Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 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.

#### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **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 March 2011 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, and

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- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

### **Opinion on other matters 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

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17 June 2011

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	Year ended 31 March	
		2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Finance income	3	44	44
Release of bad debt provision	5	-	275
Administrative Income / (expenses)	4	213	(166)
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		<b>257</b>	<b>153</b>
Income tax expense	6	(72)	(43)
<b>Profit for the year / total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>185</b>	<b>110</b>

### Notes:

- 1 All operations are continuing and there are no discontinued operations

The notes on pages 12 to 20 are an integral part of these financial statements

## BALANCE SHEET

	Note	As at 31 March	
		2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	9	9,474	9,676
Cash and cash equivalents	8	30	-
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>9,504</b>	<b>9,676</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Ordinary shares	13	-	-
Retained earnings		9,023	8,838
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>9,023</b>	<b>8,838</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	356	341
Bank overdraft	10	-	17
Provisions for other liabilities and charges	12	125	480
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>481</b>	<b>838</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>9,504</b>	<b>9,676</b>

The financial statements on pages 8 to 20 were approved by the board of directors on 15 June 2011 and were signed on its behalf by:

Chairman   
 G W D Sutherland  
 Company Registration Number 3666306

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Share capital £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total Equity £'000
<b>Balance as at 1 April 2009</b>	-	8,728	8,728
Profit for the year	-	110	110
<b>Balance as at 1 April 2010</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,838</u>	<u>8,838</u>
Profit for the year	-	185	185
<b>Balance at 31 March 2011</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,023</u>	<u>9,023</u>



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Background

The operations of South Eastern Trains were transferred to GoVia on 1 April 2006. Since 1 April 2006, the Company has been dealing with residuary issues resulting from the trading in earlier periods. This relates principally to claims handling, which includes employment tribunal claims, other employee claims and public liability claims.

Consequent upon the decision of the government to wind-up the Strategic Rail Authority (SRA), SET was transferred from the SRA to BRB (Residuary) Ltd (BRBR) via a statutory instrument on 1 April 2006. BRBR is a limited company owned wholly by Government which is responsible for discharging a range of legacy responsibilities inherited from the British Railways Board (BRB). BRBR is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The largest Group of undertakings for which Group financial statements are prepared and of which the Company is a member is BRB (Residuary) Limited, One Kemble Street, London WC2B 4AN.

The Company is registered in the UK, registration number 3666306, at One Kemble Street, London WC2B 4AN.

### 2 Accounting Policies

The principle accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ('IFRS'), International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ('IFRIC') interpretations, and the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been applied consistently to the year presented.

b) Critical accounting judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described below, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from the other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The critical judgments and estimates that the directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in financial statements are in relation to provisions for passenger and employee claims.

c) Functional currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The financial statements are presented in Pounds Sterling, which is the Company's functional currency.

d) Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Company's balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

- Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, demand deposits and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

- Trade receivables and other receivables

Trade receivables are measured at initial recognition at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired. The allowance recognised is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition.

- Trade payables

Trade payables are initially measured at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method

e) Revenue recognition

Revenue represents amounts receivable in respect of interest income. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

f) Provisions

Provisions for legal claims are recognised when, the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Restructuring provisions comprise lease termination penalties and employee termination payments. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Provisions are measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and risks specific to the obligation.

g) Income tax

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax payable.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years, and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Company's current tax liability is calculated using the tax rates that have been enacted, or substantively enacted, by the balance sheet date.

3 FINANCE INCOME

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Inter-company interest (see note 20)	44	44
	<u>44</u>	<u>44</u>

4	ADMINISTRATIVE INCOME/ (EXPENSES)		<b>Restated*</b>
		<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
		<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
	Employers liability insurance	219	(163)
	Legal fees	-	5
	Audit remuneration and expenses (for the audit of the Company financial statements)	(6)	(8)
		<u>213</u>	<u>(166)</u>

\*The split of the prior year expenditure has been reclassified to best reflect the nature of the expenditure within the year

#### 5 RELEASE OF BAD DEBT PROVISION

During the year ended 31 March 2010, a bad debt provision of £275k was released. This relates to a deed of indemnity claim that had been fully provided in previous years. The Company received £275k in full and final settlement of the claim during the year ended 31 March 2010. There was no release of bad debt provision during the year ended 31 March 2011.

#### 6 TAXATION

The Company is assessed in accordance with the Taxes Acts.

The tax charge for the year was £72k (2010 £43k)  
The current tax rate is 28% (2010 28%)

The tax charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit per the statement of comprehensive income as follows

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Profit before taxation	<u>257</u>	<u>153</u>
Tax at UK corporation tax rate of 28% (2010 28%)	<u>72</u>	<u>43</u>
Tax charge for the year	<u>72</u>	<u>43</u>

7 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY

	Cash and cash equivalents 2011 £'000	Trade and other receivables 2011 £'000
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Loans and receivables	30	9,474
	<u>30</u>	<u>9,474</u>
		<b>Trade and other payables 2011 £'000</b>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Loans and receivables		-
Other financial liabilities at amortised cost		356
		<u>356</u>
	<b>Cash and cash equivalents 2010 £'000</b>	<b>Trade and other receivables 2010 £'000</b>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Loans and receivables	-	9,676
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,676</u>
		<b>Trade and other payables 2010 £'000</b>
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		
Loans and receivables		17
Other financial liabilities at amortised cost		341
		<u>358</u>

8 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Cash at bank	30	-
	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>

9 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
-Trade receivables	284	297
Less Provision for impairment of trade Receivables	(7)	(7)
-Corporation tax recoverable	352	424
-Receivables from related parties (see note 20)	8,845	8,962
	<u>9,474</u>	<u>9,676</u>

The effective interest rate on receivables from related parties is 0.5%

10 BANK OVERDRAFT

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Bank overdraft	-	17
	<u>-</u>	<u>17</u>

11 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
-Accruals and other deferred income	356	341
	<u>356</u>	<u>341</u>

12 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

There is a provision in place representing passenger and employee liability claims outstanding at the year end

**Passenger and employee claims:**

	£'000
<b>Balance as at 1 April 2009</b>	<b>450</b>
Charged in year	163
Utilised in year	(133)
<b>Balance as at 1 April 2010</b>	<b>480</b>
Charged/ (released) in year	(219)
Utilised in year	(136)
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2011</b>	<b><u>125</u></b>

All provisions are current

13 SHARE CAPITAL

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
Authorised 1,000 (2010 1,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid 2 (2010 2) ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

14 CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

	2011 £'000	2010 £'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Operating expenditure	-	(6)
Provisions	(136)	(133)
Changes in working capital		
- Trade and other receivables	13	(3)
- Trade and other payables	15	(40)
Cash generated from operations	<u>(108)</u>	<u>(182)</u>

15 RISK MANAGEMENT

The major risks associated with the Company's business are credit risk, and liquidity risk.

The Company has established a comprehensive framework for managing these risks which are continually evolving as business activities change in response to market, credit, product and other developments

- Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company is unable to meet its obligations as they fall due. The Company monitors its cash flow requirements to ensure that the Company will have sufficient liquid resources to ensure that it can meet its obligations as they fall due. It is the Company's policy to pay suppliers within 30 days of receipt of invoice.

- Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk arising from the possibility that the Company will incur losses from the failure of customers to meet their obligations.

The Company's principal financial assets are trade and other receivables, and cash and cash equivalents. The carrying amount of financial assets recorded in the financial statements represents the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk. The Company does not hold collateral over these balances.

The credit risk is limited as the majority of financial assets are under common control and the directors are confident of them continuing as going concerns.

16 PARENT UNDERTAKING

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of BRB (Residuary) Ltd, which produces consolidated financial statements. The financial statements for BRB (Residuary) Ltd can be obtained from One Kemble Street, London, WC2B 4AN.

The Company's ultimate parent is Department for Transport ('DfT').

17 CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There are no contingent assets or liabilities (2010 nil)

18 COMMITMENTS

The Company has no commitments as at the end of the financial year (2010 nil)

19 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

There have been no significant events between the year end and date of authorisation of the financial statements which would require a change or additional disclosure in the financial statements

20 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The following transactions were carried out with related parties

- Loans to related parties

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of BRB (Residuary) Ltd. At year end, BRB (Residuary) Ltd owed the Company £8,845k (2010: £8,962k, see note 9). Interest received on amount outstanding from BRB (Residuary) Ltd during the financial year was £44k (2010: £44k). The effective interest rate on the inter-company loan is 0.5%.