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Braveheart Investment Group plc

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# Our business is all about financing small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs)

For the company looking to raise money, we provide the following:

- Equity capital. This form of financing is typically long term and is usually appropriate for fast growing businesses or early stage companies. We will consider equity financings of up to £2m although we are happy to participate in larger financings as part of a syndicate;
- Debt finance. Typically short to medium term and for companies with cash flow to service the loan. Our unit size for this type of finance is up to £1m and we will usually provide junior debt which is unsecured but linked to an equity participation. This type of finance is often referred to as mezzanine;
- Corporate finance advice on all aspects of raising money, strategic development and corporate governance.

The money we invest comes from a variety of sources and is sometimes linked to particular geographical locations.

To the investor, we provide a one stop shop for the following groups who are looking for exposure to SME investments:

- High net worth (HNW) individuals looking to build tax efficient Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) and Seed EIS portfolios;
- Family offices and private sector institutions;
- Public sector investors.

Investors can choose between different types of service offering ranging from self-build portfolios, to a full fund management service.

We have offices in Perth, Yorkshire, London, Jersey and the Isle of Man and associate offices in Manchester and Dubai.



## Operational

- Completed acquisition of Neon Capital Partners Ltd, manager of £48m Finance Yorkshire Equity Fund;
- Appointed to manage £50m Growth Loan Fund in Northern Ireland (in partnership with NEL and Clarendon);
- Investors opened for business in the Isle of Man;
- Investors led £13.1m financing for client companies;
- Raised £950,000 (before expenses) through placing of 4,132,574 shares;
- Facilitated strategic exit of two institutional shareholders;
- Funds under management at year end of £110m (2011: £12m).

## Financial

- Investment management and consultancy fee income increased 37% to £1,265,000 (2011: £926,000);
- Excluding unrealised portfolio movements, loss before tax increased to £1,513,000 (2011: £862,000);
- Net unrealised loss on revaluation of portfolio investments of £742,000 (2011: loss of £444,000);
- Including unrealised portfolio movements, the loss before tax increased 31% to £1,713,000 (2011: £1,306,000);
- Cash utilisation in the year decreased to £555,000 (2011: £831,000);
- Cash balances of £424,000 (2011: £643,000);
- Net assets per share of 21.73 pence (2011: 30.66 pence).

## Events since the year end

- Placed 3,333,331 shares raising £500,000;
- Formed WhiteRock Capital Partners to manage Growth Loan Fund in Northern Ireland;
- Awarded fund management contract for £10m Lachesis fund, a University Challenge Seed Fund;
- Investors led a further £2.4m financing for client companies.

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#### Disclaimer

This Annual Report contains certain forward-looking statements, which reflect the knowledge of, and information available to, the directors at the date of preparation of this Annual Report. By their nature, these statements involve risk and uncertainty because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future and there are a number of factors that could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.



I have pleasure in providing shareholders with my Statement which accompanies the results of the Group for the year ended 31 March 2012.

#### Implementing Change

In our Interim Statement I reported that we had been actively pursuing our strategy of increasing fee income through the acquisition of additional investment management businesses. I am therefore delighted to report that in the month prior to our year end we were able to make two announcements that are highly significant in relation to the future of the Group.

The first was that we were leaders of a consortium, consisting of ourselves, NEL Fund Managers Ltd and Clarendon Fund Managers Ltd, that has been appointed to manage a £50 million growth loan fund aimed at supporting small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in Northern Ireland. The second related to the acquisition of Neon Capital Partners Ltd which manages the £48 million Finance Yorkshire Equity Fund, supporting SMEs in the Yorkshire and Humber region.

Immediately prior to and post the year end, the Group arranged further equity placements, aggregating £500,000 in support of its acquisition programme and for working capital purposes. I am delighted to welcome several new

investors, and I should like to thank a number of our existing shareholders for their increased support.

These new activities are a profound step in the implementation of your Board's strategy of focusing on the management of regional SME focused investment, with the consequent improvement in the quality of the Group's income.

#### Results

Total fee-based revenue and finance income for the year ended 31 March 2012 increased to £1,265,000 (2011: £926,000). Additionally, we recorded a gain on the realisation of portfolio investments of £39,000 (2011: £168,000). Total operating costs increased to £2,836,000 (2011: £1,988,000), resulting in a loss before unrealised movements in portfolio investments of £1,513,000 (2011: £862,000). Operating costs include £249,000 in relation to an M&A transaction only part of which was concluded. The net unrealised movement on the revaluation of portfolio investments was a loss of £742,000 (2011: £444,000).

After taking account of portfolio movements, the loss after tax was £1,713,000 (2011: £1,306,000) equating to a loss per share of 9.46 pence (2011: 9.06 pence).

Cash utilisation in the year decreased to £555,000 (2011: £831,000) and the Group ended the year with cash balances of £424,000 (2011: £643,000).

#### Investment Portfolio

With the value of weaker investments now written off, we remain confident about the performance of the on going portfolio, consisting of investments in some 20 companies, most of them having made useful progress during the year. No material realisations were achieved during the year but that progress, in a recession that shows no sign of abating, augurs well for their disposal in a more benign business climate.

#### Board, Management and Staff

There was one change in our Board of Directors during the year. Aileen Brown joined us as the Chief Financial Officer in January 2012.

For staff, it has been a tough year, with reduced numbers in our Head Office, as we have sought to contain our costs. I want to express my thanks for the enthusiasm and hard work that have been so important during a period of considerable change.

#### Prospects

Since the year end work has progressed on integrating the new investment management businesses into our structure. These businesses will result in a significant change in our operating results, and they represent important milestones for us. Your Board is determined to build critical mass and our management team is seeking further opportunities that will enable the Group to increase its SME targeted funds under management.

#### Annual General Meeting

The notice regarding the business to be dealt with at the Company's Annual General Meeting, to be held on 25 September 2012, is set out on pages 49 to 51.

In particular I would draw your attention to Resolution 6 which renews the directors' authority to allot up to 6,784,313 new shares for cash without reverting to the shareholders for further approval. This authority provides the Group with the flexibility to take advantage of expansion opportunities and to satisfy liquidity requirements.

Your directors are unanimously in favour of Resolutions 1 - 10 which they consider to be in the best interests of shareholders as a whole.

Accordingly, your directors recommend shareholders to vote in favour of these resolutions, as they intend to do in respect of their own beneficial shareholdings.

I look forward to welcoming those shareholders who are able to attend.

**Garry S Watson**  
Chairman



This year has seen a major transformation of our business and we are now an SME focused fund and services management provider rather than being an investment company.

This transformation has taken us a number of years and has included three acquisitions and one substantial fund management contract award. During this time we have also extended our geographical footprint and this year we established operations in Belfast and the Isle of Man.

During the year, we acquired Neon Capital Partners for £380,000. Neon is the fund manager for the £48 million Finance Yorkshire Equity Fund (FYEF). The FYEF is scheduled to run until 2018 and invests equity and/or debt in SMEs in Yorkshire and the Humber. This acquisition consolidates our position in a region where we already operate as Viking Fund Managers and have various funds under management. Andrew Burton, our regional managing director, has assumed responsibility for both Neon and Viking and in the fullness of time we expect to operate under one brand in the region.

In February we announced that we had been successful in leading a consortium bid to manage the £50 million Growth Loan Fund (GLF) in Northern Ireland. A new product in Northern Ireland, the

GLF provides debt funding to SMEs and is scheduled to run until 2022. Working with our partners, NEL Fund Managers and Clarendon Fund Managers, we have established a joint venture vehicle under the name of WhiteRock Capital Partners. Paul Millar has been appointed Chief Investment Officer and leads a newly recruited team of three investment managers and two financial analysts.

Since the year end we have reported that, subject to contract, we have been appointed to manage the £10.25 million Lachesis Fund (Lachesis). Lachesis is the University Challenge Seed Fund for a number of universities in the East Midlands and supports seed stage technology investments emanating from those universities. Our appointment is for a minimum of two years and involves providing support, mentoring and business development services to portfolio companies in addition to providing fund administration services.

Last summer we completed a share placing which raised just under £1 million of fresh capital for the Group, at the same time as achieving an exit for two institutional shareholders. This placing and the removal of a share 'overhang' gave us confidence going forward and when we acquired Neon Capital Partners some months later, we did so using our own resources. Once the acquisition was complete, we raised an additional £500,000 of equity at a premium to our share price. A strong shareholder base is vital and I would like to thank our shareholders for their support.

The financial performance of the business underlines the appropriateness of our strategy. The results show that our fee generating business is growing while our investment portfolio has continued to suffer from downward valuations, partly as a function of the poor market for initial public offerings and M&A. Investors made an important maiden full year contribution and this is a business that we are looking to expand in other regions. Included within our overheads are fees that relate to a partially aborted acquisition package. Neon was the most important part and we concluded that acquisition.

Our investment portfolio is maturing well and we have good expectations for realisations. However, as we have noted on previous occasions, the timing of these realisations is uncertain and in prevailing

market conditions one has to be patient. Our current focus is on optimising exit valuations and supporting incumbent management.

The Coalition Government has made progress on the important matter of SME financing, with more money being made available to the sector and, with an increasing amount of it being distributed by intermediaries other than banks. While the amounts at this stage are modest, the general trend is good news for SMEs and bodes well for us as a business.

In my last annual report I noted various Government initiatives that were due to improve the financing landscape for SMEs. The £50 million Angel Cofund is now up and running and we are represented on the Board of that entity. The Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) landscape has been improved once again, and as noted above we are seeing more public money being managed by intermediaries such as ourselves, rather than being provided as a guarantee to clearing banks. This is all positive news for us and I believe we are well placed to win additional fund management mandates over the next few years.

Outside the UK, the eurozone continues to be in serious difficulty and attempts to remedy the crisis have to date proved largely ineffective. Market commentary tends to view a European banking union as a likelihood and we remain unsure what impact that might have on the UK economy.

The transformation mentioned earlier is now complete and we are at the start of our journey. The next few years will see us consolidate our position as a leading manager of equity and equity linked products to the SME market. In addition, we will use our balance sheet to good effect when circumstances allow, and we will continue to provide innovative products to a receptive market.

We are a 'people' business and in closing I would like to thank our staff for all their hard work over the year.

**Geoffrey C B Thomson**  
Chief Executive Officer



### Income statement

Fee based revenue is now generated by Braveheart Ventures Ltd (BVL), Viking Fund Managers Ltd (VFM), Envestors Ltd and from March 2012 Neon Capital Partners Ltd (Neon). The revenue comprises investment management fees and consultancy income, which grew 37% during the year to £1,265,000 (2011: £926,000).

Investment management revenue, including success fees of £377,000 (2011: £148,000) generated by Envestors, was £932,000 (2011: £678,000), an increase of 38%.

Consultancy income, earned from the provision of business advisory services by VFM and by the provision of corporate finance services by Envestors, was £333,000 (2011: £248,000), an increase of 34%.

Finance income was £19,000 (2011: £32,000), the reduction being due to conversion of loan notes to equity and reducing overall balances.

At the start of the year, the Group's own active investment portfolio of 23 companies was valued at £3.98 million. During the year the Group made investments totalling £101,000 (2011: £113,000) into three existing portfolio companies. Of this investment, £25,000 (2011: £78,000) was made by way of equity. The balance of £76,000 (2011: £35,000) was convertible loan notes and fees converted. One realisation was made in the year generating a gain on disposal of £39,000 (2011: £168,000). One portfolio company has instigated insolvency proceedings. Two companies repaid loan notes totalling £9,000.

At 31 March 2012 the fair value of the active investment portfolio of 20 companies was £3.28 million, resulting in an aggregate unrealised revaluation loss of £742,000 (2011: unrealised revaluation loss £464,000).

The Group's investments are held either by the Company, Strathclyde Innovation Fund LP (SIF) (which made its first investments in 2010), or Caledonia Portfolio Realisations Ltd (CPR) (acquired on a contingent consideration basis in 2007). Offsetting the aggregate unrealised loss is a decrease in contingent consideration of £184,000 (2011: £20,000) payable on future exit values of CPR portfolio companies.

Total income for the year ended 31 March 2012 including realised gains and unrealised revaluation losses was £1,123,000, an increase from £682,000 in 2011.

Employee numbers increased by three on average in the year. However, there was some fine-tuning of headcount in Q4 which reduced employee numbers in Perth and Yorkshire by six in total. Employee benefits expense was £1.76 million (2011: £1.26 million). Other operating and finance costs increased to £1.074 million (2011: £697,000). The increase in costs is due largely to advisors fees and abort fees of £249,000 in respect of an M&A transaction package part of which did not proceed as originally envisaged. One constituent of this package was the acquisition of Neon which proceeded with £53,000 of costs attributable to that transaction.

Excluding unrealised portfolio movements, the loss before tax increased to £1.5 million (2011: £862,000) reflecting the investment in capability for growing the fee-earning side of the business and £249,000 of fees mentioned above. The total loss after tax and amounts attributable to minority interests increased to £1.72 million (2011: £1.31 million), equivalent to a loss per share of 9.46 pence (2011: 9.06 pence).

### Financial position

Net assets at 31 March 2012 were £4.19 million (2011: £4.52 million), equivalent to 21.73 pence per share (2011: 30.66 pence). The decrease reflects the excess of operating costs over fee

income and the adverse movement on the valuation of our investment portfolio.

The Group's net assets also include goodwill of £1,353,000 (2011: £987,000) and intangible assets of £109,000 (2011: £122,000). Goodwill arises from the acquisitions of VFM, Envestors and Neon. The carrying value of goodwill has been reviewed during the year and in light of current projections of future performance the directors do not believe the assets are impaired. Intangible assets are amortised straight line over 10 years.

At the year end the Group had cash balances of £424,000 (2011: £643,000) of which £336,000 was in respect of the new share subscription, the new shares being formally admitted to trading on 5 April 2012. There were no material borrowings. Cash utilisation decreased to £555,000 (2011: £831,000).

### Events since the year end

On 5 April 2012 and 11 May 2012 we completed a placing of 2,239,998 and 1,093,333 new shares, respectively. This raised £500,000 (before expenses) to augment cash balances following the Neon acquisition. £336,000 of this new cash was received prior to the year end although the new shares were not admitted to trading until 5 April 2012.

### Aileen Brown

Chief Financial Officer

A summary analysis of the Group's performance is:

|   | <b>2012</b>        | 2011        |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>£'000</b>       | £'000       |
| Investment management revenue                                     | <b>932</b>         | 678         |
| Consultancy income  | <b>333</b>         | 248         |
| Fee-based revenue   | <b>1,265</b>       | 926         |
| Finance income  | <b>19</b>          | 32          |
| Income before portfolio movements                                 | <b>1,284</b>       | 958         |
| Realised gain on disposal of investments                          | <b>39</b>          | 168         |
| Net unrealised movement arising on the revaluation of investments | <b>(200)</b>       | (444)       |
| Total income  | <b>1,123</b>       | 682         |
| Employee benefits expense (including share based compensation)    | <b>(1,762)</b>     | (1,291)     |
| Other operating and finance costs                                 | <b>(1,074)</b>     | (697)       |
| Total costs   | <b>(2,836)</b>     | (1,988)     |
| Loss before tax   | <b>(1,724)</b>     | (1,306)     |
| Loss after tax and amount attributable to minority interest       | <b>(1,713)</b>     | (1,306)     |
| Loss per share  | <b>9.46 pence</b>  | 9.06 pence  |
| Opening cash balance  | <b>643</b>         | 1,474       |
| Increase in portfolio investments                                 | <b>(101)</b>       | (113)       |
| Decrease in relation to acquisition of Envestors / VFM            |                    | (46)        |
| Utilised in other activities                                      | <b>(454)</b>       | (672)       |
| Cash held in respect of new share issue                           | <b>336</b>         |             |
| Closing cash balance  | <b>424</b>         | 643         |
| Net assets  | <b>4,190</b>       | 4,522       |
| Net assets per share  | <b>21.73 pence</b> | 30.66 pence |





Our directly held legacy portfolio remains a vital part of our Company's asset base and my principal ongoing role is to support and develop that asset.

#### Investment Activity

At the end of the year under review the Group's portfolio comprises 20 companies after the sale of a small holding in The Capital Pub Company which realised a gain of £39,000, the dissolution of MicroStencil, and Elonics entering into insolvency proceedings.

Throughout the year, a number of companies in the portfolio showed signs of solid growth with nine of the companies completing equity funding rounds – Tayside Flow Technologies (since renamed as Vascular Flow Technologies), Phase Focus, Cascade Technologies, Conjoint, Atlas Genetics, Design LED Products, AppShare, Pyreos and Bloxx. Many of these companies are entering a more mature phase in their lifecycle, and this has been demonstrated by the interest shown by multinational corporate and venture capital investors during the fund-raising or as part of some of their quest to expand their reach on a global scale.

The Group limited its direct investment to a total of £101,000 into three of these companies. Including the Group's clients, the companies received aggregate funding of over £17 million including substantial funds from venture capital funds and corporate investors as noted above.

#### Portfolio Performance

During the year the Group's own portfolio showed an unrealised loss before the movement on contingent consideration of £742,000 (2011: unrealised revaluation loss of £464,000). As we have said previously, the periodic valuations of our portfolio can fluctuate materially according to the prevailing economic environment and interim refinancings of portfolio assets. Notwithstanding, some of the values at the year end are not necessarily reflective of values that might ultimately be achieved on realisation of investments and the final realisation values will be the numbers that will be of interest to shareholders.

Our rebased client exit portfolio (being a portfolio where all exited investment returns are modelled since Braveheart's inception in 1997) showed an IRR of 29% while the overall client portfolio (modelling both exited and unexited investment returns) shows a return of 21%.

Over the next year the Group will continue to focus less on making new investments and more on supporting the existing portfolio companies in what continue to be challenging times. These times mean that we inevitably need to be patient and we continue to work hard to optimise value for our shareholders.

#### Carolyn Smith

Chief Investment Officer

#### Portfolio company & description of business

##### Company portfolio

##### AppShare Ltd<sup>1</sup>

Web collaboration software design

##### Atlas Genetics Ltd

Rapid 'point-of-care' molecular diagnostic equipment

##### Biopta Ltd

Contract research services for drug and tissue measurement

##### Cascade Technologies Ltd

Laser-based equipment to detect presence of gases, explosives, etc

##### Conjoint Ltd

Optical communications components

##### Convivial London Pubs plc

Purchase and operation of pubs

##### Design LED Products Ltd

Lighting display technology based on LEDs

##### Dimensional Imaging Ltd

3D and 4D image capture systems

##### EctoPharma Ltd<sup>2</sup>

Therapeutic healthcare pesticides and cancer therapeutics

##### mLED Ltd<sup>1</sup>

Solid-state optical micro-projection systems

##### NiTech Solutions Ltd

Designs manufacturing solutions for chemical and process industries

##### Phase Focus Ltd

Lensless microscope technology

##### Pufferfish Ltd

360° display solutions principally for promotional activities

##### Pyreos Ltd

Infrared sensor arrays and components for commercial applications

##### Vascular Flow Technologies Ltd

Cardiovascular medical devices

##### Traak Systems Ltd

Intelligent self-learning RFID identification and sensor network solutions

##### CPR portfolio

##### Bloxx Ltd

Web filtering and internet filtering software

##### Leading Software Ltd

IT services

##### Scalar Technologies Ltd

Thin film measurement

##### Verbalis Ltd

Language translation software

<sup>1</sup> Also a Strathclyde Innovation Fund portfolio company

<sup>2</sup> Also a CPR portfolio company



The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012.

### Principal Activities

The Group provides funding and advisory services for SMEs and continues to manage investments in young, emerging British companies, specialising in building tax efficient portfolios for business angels, high net worth individuals and family offices. The Group also provides fund management and specialist advisory services.

### Results and Dividends

The financial statements of the Group and the Company for the year to 31 March 2012 are set out on pages 19 to 48.

The Group's consolidated loss for the year after tax was £1,712,996 (2011: £1,306,132), which has been transferred to reserves.

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend for the year (2011: £nil).

### Directors and their Interests

The names of the directors who held office during the financial year are listed on page 53.

Biographical details of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year are shown on page 10.

No director had a material interest in any contract, other than their contract for services, during or at the end of the financial year that was significant to the Group's business.

### Directors' Interests in Shares

The directors at 31 March 2012 and their interests in the share capital in the Company (all of which are held beneficially, other than 39,062 shares held by Garry Watson as executor for his late wife, 13,750 shares held in trust for Garry Watson's children, 10,000 shares held in trust for Garry Watson's grandchildren and options to acquire ordinary shares which are detailed in the analysis of options included in the Directors' Remuneration Report), are as follows:

| Directors         | At 31 March 2012 |                              | At 31 March 2011 |                              |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
|                   | Ordinary shares  | Options over ordinary shares | Ordinary shares  | Options over ordinary shares |
| G S Watson        | 328,177          | –                            | 328,177          | –                            |
| G C B Thomson     | 2,350,890        | 339,242                      | 2,750,890        | 339,242                      |
| C Smith           | 231,680          | 239,394                      | 231,680          | 239,394                      |
| A Brown           | –                | –                            | –                | –                            |
| E B Cunningham    | 493,275          | –                            | 493,275          | –                            |
| J K Brown         | –                | –                            | –                | –                            |
| J H Delmar-Morgan | –                | –                            | –                | –                            |
| C C Grant         | –                | –                            | –                | 213,967                      |

Since 31 March 2012 the 39,062 shares held by Garry Watson as executor were transferred to his children and an additional 15,000 shares were transferred to be held in trust for his grandchildren. Also since 31 March 2012 the directors have purchased shares as follows:

|                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| G S Watson        | purchased 38,810 ordinary shares |
| C Smith           | purchased 15,524 ordinary shares |
| A Brown           | purchased 15,524 ordinary shares |
| E B Cunningham    | purchased 54,333 ordinary shares |
| J K Brown         | purchased 38,810 ordinary shares |
| J H Delmar-Morgan | purchased 50,000 ordinary shares |

No notification of any other change in the above interests has been received in the period from 31 March 2012 to the date of this report.

### Business Review and Future Developments

Accompanying this Directors' Report are the Chairman's Statement, Chief Executive Officer's Report, Chief Financial Officer's Report, Chief Investment Officer's Report, Corporate Governance Statement and Directors' Remuneration Report.

A review of the business and the future developments of the Group is presented in the Chairman's Statement on page 2, the Chief Executive Officer's Report on page 3, the Chief Financial Officer's Report on pages 4 to 5 and the Chief Investment Officer's Report on page 6, all of which forms part of this Directors' Report by reference.

**Key Performance Indicators (KPI's)**

The KPI's we use to monitor business performance, which given the nature of our business are primarily financial measures, are:

|  | <b>2012</b>   | 2011   |
|--|---------------|--------|
| Net assets (£m)  | <b>4.19</b>   | 4.52   |
| Cash balance (£m)  | <b>0.4</b>    | 0.64   |
| (Loss)/profit after tax attributable to equity holders (£m)      | <b>(1.71)</b> | (1.31) |
| Investments made by Group (£m)                                   | <b>0.10</b>   | 0.11   |
| Investments made by Group (number of companies)                  | <b>3</b>      | 6      |
| Realised gain on sale of Group investments (£m)                  | <b>0.04</b>   | 0.17   |
| Net unrealised movement on revaluation of Group investments (£m) | <b>(0.74)</b> | (0.44) |
| Returns achieved on client exit portfolio (% to date)            | <b>28.6</b>   | 29.6   |
| Funds Under Management   | <b>£110m</b>  | £12m   |

Commentary on these KPIs can be found in the Chief Financial Officer's Report on pages 4 to 5 and the Chief Investment Officer's Report on page 6.

**Principal Risks and Uncertainties, and Financial Instruments**

Through its operations the Group is exposed to a number of risks. The Group's risk management objectives and policies are described in the Corporate Governance Statement on pages 12 to 14.

The Group's financial instruments comprise investments designated at fair value through profit or loss, cash and various items such as trade and other receivables, and trade payables, all of which arise directly from its normal operations. The main purposes of these financial instruments are to provide returns from investment and finance for the Group's operations.

Further information regarding the Group's financial risk management objectives and policies, including those in relation to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, is provided in note 26 to the financial statements.

**Share Capital**

Details of the structure of the Company's share capital and the rights attaching to the shares are set out in note 21 to the financial statements.

At 31 March 2012 the Company had 19,281,047 allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of 2 pence each.

The Company has one class of ordinary shares. All shares carry equal voting rights, equal rights to income and distribution of assets on liquidation or otherwise, and no right to fixed income.

There are no specific restrictions on the size of a holding or on the transfer of shares, which are both governed by the general provisions of the Company's Articles of Association (the Articles) and prevailing legislation.

Power to purchase the Company's own shares is provided in the Company's Articles subject to statutory provisions. The directors have no existing authority from the shareholders to purchase the Company's own shares.

**Articles of Association**

The Company's Articles may be amended by a special resolution of the shareholders.

**Appointment and Replacement of Directors**

The Company may by ordinary resolution appoint a person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the existing directors and may also determine the rotation in which any additional directors are to retire. Any person so appointed by the directors shall hold office only until the conclusion of business at the next Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for reappointment by ordinary resolution at that meeting. The Company may also by ordinary resolution remove a director from office.

At each Annual General Meeting of the Company, directors eligible to retire shall retire from office by rotation. No director shall continue to hold office as a director after the third Annual General Meeting following his election or re-election, without submitting themselves for re-election at the said third Annual General Meeting.

### Significant Shareholdings

As at 31 March 2012, the following beneficial owners each held 3% or more of the Company's issued share capital:

| Name                                 | Number    | Percentage |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| G C B Thomson                        | 2,350,890 | 12.19      |
| D C Thomson Ltd                      | 1,319,300 | 6.84       |
| BBHISL Nominees Limited <sup>1</sup> | 5,626,840 | 29.18      |
| A T G Burton                         | 885,161   | 4.59       |
| Chase Nominees Limited <sup>2</sup>  | 1,055,440 | 5.47       |

<sup>1</sup> Beneficial owner being A Norris

<sup>2</sup> Beneficial owner being W Rehman

### Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with 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 financial statements in accordance with International 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 and profit or loss of the company and group for that period. In preparing those 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 IFRSs have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a 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 which are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and 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.

Financial statements are published on the Group's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the Group's website is the responsibility of the directors.

### Creditor Payment Policy

The Group's policy is to:

- agree payment terms with each supplier when placing orders and
- adhere to the agreed terms.

The Group's and Company's average creditor payment period at 31 March 2012 was 42 days (2011: 30 days) and 40 days (2011: 28 days) respectively.

### Political and Charitable Donations

It is the Board's policy not to make any political donations nor charitable donations which exceed £200. The Group did not make any such donations in the year (2011: £nil).

### Disclosure of Information to Auditors

The directors confirm that:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

### Auditors

In accordance with section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing the reappointment of Grant Thornton UK LLP will be put to the shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board

### Aileen Brown

Company Secretary  
10 August 2012





**Left to right:** Carolyn Smith, J Kenneth Brown, Geoffrey C B Thomson, Jeremy H Delmar-Morgan, Edward B Cunningham, Garry S Watson, Aileen Brown

### **Garry S Watson OBE CA**

#### **Chairman**

Garry Watson is a former managing director of Hill Samuel Bank (Head of Investment Finance), Legal Services Ombudsman for Scotland and a Governor and Deputy Chairman of the former Macaulay Land Use Research Institute in Aberdeen. He is currently senior non-executive Director and Chairman of the Nominations and Governance Committee of Places for People Group, one of the largest UK providers of mixed tenure housing and a non-executive Director of Wey Education plc, a provider of services to the education sector. Garry has been associated with the Group since 1997 and joined the plc Board on the Company's inception in 2003.

### **Geoffrey C B Thomson (m)**

#### **Chief Executive Officer**

One of the founders of Braveheart, Geoffrey is a well known business angel and deal maker. Geoffrey has written columns on investment for various national broadsheets and regularly speaks at business events in Scotland. Other than Braveheart, he is a director of NESTech (the challenge fund of the universities of St Andrews, Dundee, and Aberdeen), and a Board member of the £50m UK Government Angel Co-fund. Geoffrey's contribution to Scottish businesses was recognised by the receipt of a special Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year (Scotland) award in 2008. Geoffrey joined the plc Board on the Company's inception in 2003.

### **Carolyn Smith BA Hons ACIS (m)**

#### **Chief Investment Officer**

Carolyn Smith has an honours degree in accountancy from the University of Stirling and is a Chartered Secretary. She spent five years working in insolvency before moving to business development and investment. After five years working in private equity with LINC Scotland, the national association for business angels in Scotland, she joined Braveheart as Chief Investment Officer in 2000 and was appointed to the plc Board in 2006.

**(m)** Member of the management board

### **Aileen Brown BA CA (m)**

#### **Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary**

Aileen joined the plc Board as Chief Financial Officer in January 2012. She was the CFO (UK, Ireland & Middle East) for Hudson Global Resources, a NASDAQ company, from 2007 to 2011. She is a chartered accountant, has worked in corporate finance and held board level positions for over 10 years. She has worked in a variety of sectors including manufacturing, healthcare, telecoms and international education. Aileen also spent 5 years with Ernst & Young.

### **Edward B Cunningham CBE FRSE**

#### **Senior non-executive Director**

Edward has UK and international industry experience. Latterly he was Director, Industry and Enterprise Development with the Scottish Development Agency. He has been chairman of a number of 3i-invested companies as well as other companies including the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre. He has also been a Director of TSB Bank Scotland and Watson & Philip. He is currently chairman of two companies, and on the board of one other. Edward has been associated with the Group since 1999 and joined the plc Board on the Company's inception in 2003.

### **J Kenneth Brown BA CA**

#### **Non-executive Director**

Ken is a non-executive director of several private and public companies, a member of the Court of the University of Glasgow, and provides advisory services to clients in several sectors including real estate and renewable energy. He has extensive experience as finance director of listed and private groups in real estate, consumer goods, manufacturing and construction. He is a chartered accountant. Ken joined the plc Board in 2007.

### **Jeremy H Delmar-Morgan MA MSI**

#### **Non-executive Director**

Jeremy is Chairman of Allenby Capital and The Brendoncare Foundation and is a Director of the London Symphony Orchestra Endowment Trust and Daylight Ltd. Previously Jeremy was a partner in Hoblyn, Dix & Maurice and a Director of Vickers Da Costa before joining Teather & Greenwood in 1979 where he went on to become Chairman. He subsequently joined Hichens, Harrison & Co as Chairman in 2004. Jeremy joined the plc Board in 2008.



**Andrew T G Burton BSc**

Andrew is Managing Director of Viking Fund Managers Ltd (VFM) and Neon Capital Partners Ltd. Andrew has been involved in early stage technology investing since 1986. Before setting up VFM in 2002 he ran the Yorkshire Association of Business Angels (which he now chairs) and previously worked for UniVentures International at Leeds Metropolitan University where he was responsible for high growth programmes and incubators.

**Vivian D Hallam MBA BSc CEng**

Viv is Consultancy Director of VFM. Viv is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer and has an MBA from Aston Business School. He joined VFM in 2003 following twenty years of senior management in international advanced engineering companies, including Sarna, GKN and GEC where he was responsible for design, development and marketing of new products for the plastics, automotive and power industries.



**Oliver E Woolley MBA BA (Hons)**

Oliver has been working in early-stage venture capital since selling his business in 1997. After university and travelling, Oliver decided not to become an accountant, but instead raised private equity and bank debt to start his own venture in the food industry. Oliver is an Executive Director of the British Business Angels Association (BBAA) and has an MBA from Imperial College Management School.

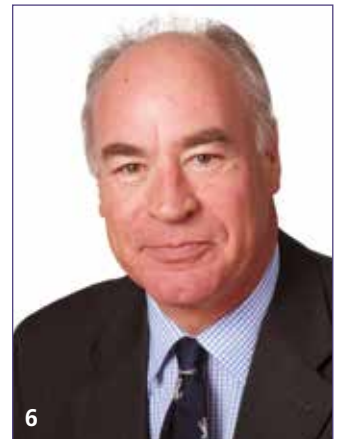
**Robert N K Taylor MBA BA (Hons)**

Bob is a founder of Envestors and an active private investor. He has been involved in early-stage venture capital since 2004. Bob's background spans several industry sectors. He worked extensively in the oil industry initially, in Africa as a seismologist, followed by oil trading and broking roles in London. This led to a move into energy finance, joining an investment bank in Singapore to work on project finance deals throughout South East Asia. After Singapore, Bob moved back to the UK to complete an MBA and co-founded Envestors. Bob has a degree in Geology from Durham University.

**W Scott M Haughton MBA BA (Hons)**

Scott is a founder of Envestors and has been advising and supporting SMEs in fundraising since 2004. After 16 years working in senior sales and marketing roles for multi-national blue chip FMCG corporations, including Mars Confectionery, Rank Hovis McDougall and GlaxoSmithKline, Scott left the corporate consumer product world to successfully raise venture capital backing for a family orientated leisure business. Scott has a degree in Economics and Business and an MBA.

1: Andrew Burton, 2: Viv Hallam, 3: Oliver Woolley, 4: Bob Taylor, 5: Scott Haughton, 6: Geoffrey Thomson, 7: Carolyn Smith, 8: Aileen Brown



The directors recognise the importance of sound corporate governance. As a company whose shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange (Alternative Investment Market) (AIM), the Company is not obliged to comply with the corporate governance regime as set out in the UK Corporate Governance Code, but it does support the principles of the Code. It intends to comply with the Quoted Companies Alliance's Corporate Governance Guidelines for Smaller Quoted Companies insofar as it is reasonably practicable for a public company of its size and nature. The directors have adopted a code of conduct for dealings by directors and employees which complies with the AIM Rules and are committed to maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance.

### **The Board of Directors**

The Board currently comprises the Chairman, Garry Watson, three other non-executive directors, Edward Cunningham, the senior non-executive director, Ken Brown and Jeremy Delmar-Morgan and three executive directors, the Chief Executive Officer, Geoffrey Thomson, the Chief Investment Officer, Carolyn Smith and the Chief Financial Officer, Aileen Brown.

Biographical details of the current directors are set out on page 10. Executive and non-executive directors are subject to re-election at intervals of no more than three years. The letters of appointment of all directors are available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours.

The Board meets at least eight times per annum. It has established an Audit and Risk Management Committee, a Remuneration Committee and a Nominations Committee, particulars of which appear hereafter.

All members of the Board and its committees served throughout the year.

Certain executive and non-executive directors are clients of Braveheart Ventures Ltd, the Company's principal investment management subsidiary. Further information regarding related party transactions during the year is detailed in note 25 to the financial statements.

### **Non-executive Directors**

The non-executive directors have a broad range of experience, as evidenced by their biographical details and are well equipped to bring independent judgement to bear on issues of strategy, performance, resources and standards of conduct that are vital to the success of the Company.

The Board has adopted guidelines for the appointment of non-executive directors which have been in place and which have been observed throughout the year. These provide for the orderly and constructive succession and rotation of the chairman and non-executive directors insofar as both chairman and non-executive directors will be appointed for an initial term of three years and may, at the Board's discretion believing it to be in the best interests of the Company, be appointed for subsequent terms. The Chairman may serve as a non-executive director before commencing a first term as chairman.

In accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the directors comply with: a duty to act within their powers; a duty to promote the success of the Company; a duty to exercise independent judgement; a duty to exercise reasonable care, skill and diligence; a duty to avoid conflicts of interest; a duty not to accept benefits from third parties and a duty to declare any interest in a proposed transaction or arrangement.

### **Delegation of Responsibilities by the Board of Directors**

Ultimate authority for all aspects of the Group's activities rests with the Board, the respective responsibilities of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer arising as a consequence of delegation by the Board. The Board has adopted two statements; the first sets out matters which are reserved to the Board and the second establishes the division of responsibilities between the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman is responsible for the effectiveness of the Board and for ensuring communication with shareholders, while management of the Group's business has been delegated by the Board to the Chief Executive Officer.

### **Audit and Risk Management Committee**

The Audit and Risk Management Committee comprises Ken Brown (its Chairman), Edward Cunningham and Jeremy Delmar-Morgan and has primary responsibility for monitoring the quality of internal controls and ensuring that the financial performance of the Group is properly measured and reported. It receives reports from the executive management and auditors relating to the interim and annual accounts and the accounting and internal control systems in use throughout the Group. The Audit and Risk Management Committee meets not less than three times in each financial year and has unrestricted access to the Group's auditors.



### Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee comprises Edward Cunningham (its Chairman), Ken Brown and Garry Watson. The Remuneration Committee reviews the performance of the executive directors and employees and makes recommendations to the Board on matters relating to their remuneration and terms of employment. The Remuneration Committee also considers and approves the granting of share options pursuant to the share option plan.

### Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee comprises Edward Cunningham (its Chairman) and Garry Watson and is responsible for the identification and nomination of candidates for the roles of Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, other executive directors and non-executive directors, the nomination of all directors of subsidiary companies and succession planning in relation to the above aforementioned posts. It is also concerned with matters relating to corporate governance, insofar as they may relate to concerns or complaints from shareholders concerning the conduct of Board directors, and bringing any such issue to the attention of the Board.

### Attendance at Board and Committee Meetings

The following table summarises the number of board and committee meetings held during the year and the attendance record of individual directors:

|                   | Board    |                    | Audit and Risk Management |                    | Remuneration |                    | Nominations |                    |
|-------------------|----------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|                   | Attended | Eligible to attend | Attended                  | Eligible to attend | Attended     | Eligible to attend | Attended    | Eligible to attend |
| G S Watson        | 11       | 11                 | –                         | –                  | 2            | 2                  | 1           | 1                  |
| G C B Thomson     | 11       | 11                 | –                         | –                  | –            | –                  | –           | –                  |
| C Smith           | 11       | 11                 | –                         | –                  | –            | –                  | –           | –                  |
| C C Grant         | 9        | 9                  | –                         | –                  | –            | –                  | –           | –                  |
| A Brown           | 2        | 2                  |                           |                    |              |                    |             |                    |
| E B Cunningham    | 8        | 11                 | 3                         | 3                  | 2            | 2                  | 1           | 1                  |
| J K Brown         | 10       | 11                 | 3                         | 3                  | 2            | 2                  | –           | –                  |
| J H Delmar-Morgan | 11       | 11                 | 3                         | 3                  | –            | –                  | –           | –                  |

### Share Dealings

The Company has adopted, with effect from the date on which its shares were admitted to AIM, a code for directors' and employees' dealings in securities which is appropriate for a company whose securities are traded on AIM, and is in accordance with rule 21 of the AIM rules.

### Investment Authorities

Investment authorities are reviewed in March of each year and more frequently as determined by the Board. These authorities relate to the maximum amount that the executive directors may invest from the Group's own resources in any one portfolio investment. Investments outwith the agreed parameters may be made with the agreement of a non-executive director or by the Board.

### Risk Management and Internal Control

Risk management is the responsibility of the Risk Management Group, which comprises the three executive directors. The Risk Management Group reports to the Audit and Risk Management Committee, which is responsible to the Board for ensuring that procedures are in place, and are being effectively implemented to identify, evaluate and manage the significant risks faced by the Group. A risk assessment matrix sets out those risks, and identifies their ownership and the controls that are in place. The Risk Management Group updates this matrix as changes arise in the nature of risks or the controls that are implemented to mitigate them. The Audit and Risk Management Committee reviews the risk matrix and the effectiveness of scenario testing by the Risk Management Group on a regular basis.

The following key risks, and controls to mitigate them, have been identified:

| Activity             | Risk  | Impact  | Control(s)  |
|----------------------|---|---|---|
| Management           | Recruitment and retention of key staff.         | Reduction in operating capability.                                    | Stimulating and safe working environment.<br>Balancing salary with longer term incentive plans.   |
| Regulatory adherence | Breach of rules.                                | Censure or withdrawal of authorisation.                               | Strong compliance regime.   |
| Strategic            | Damage to reputation.                           | Inability to secure new capital or clients.                           | Effective communications with shareholders and road shows.<br>Robust compliance.  |
|                      | Inadequate disaster recovery procedures.        | Loss of key operational and financial data.                           | Secure off-site storage of data.<br>Two networks.   |
| Financial            | Liquidity, market and credit risk.              | Inability to continue as going concern.<br>Reduction in asset values. | Robust capital management policies and procedures.<br>Appropriate authority and investment levels as set by Treasury and Investment Policies. |
|                      | Inappropriate controls and accounting policies. | Incorrect reporting of assets.  | Audit and Risk Management Committee.  |

Further details of the financial risks, including quantitative considerations of their potential impacts, are set out in note 26 to the financial statements.

The directors have established procedures, as represented by this statement, for the purpose of providing a system of internal control. An internal audit function is not considered necessary or practical due to the size of the Group and the close day to day control exercised by the executive directors. However, the Board will continue to monitor the need for an internal audit function.

### Going Concern

The directors have reviewed the Group's and the Company's budgets and plans, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance and, given the placing of shares described in note 28 and the level of currently available but undrawn bank facilities, have a reasonable expectation that the Group and the Company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that it is therefore appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### Communication with Shareholders

The Board is committed to maintaining good communication and having constructive dialogue with its shareholders. The Company has close ongoing relationships with its investment clients, many of whom are also private shareholders. Institutional shareholders, private client brokers and analysts have the opportunity to discuss issues and provide feedback at meetings with and presentations by the Company. In addition, all shareholders are encouraged to attend the Company's Annual General Meeting.

Investors also have access to current information on the Company through its website, [www.braveheartinvestmentgroup.co.uk](http://www.braveheartinvestmentgroup.co.uk), and via Aileen Brown, Company Secretary who is available to answer investor relations enquiries.

### Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee is comprised entirely of non-executive directors. It is chaired by Edward Cunningham and its other members are Garry Watson and Ken Brown. The Chief Executive Officer, Geoffrey Thomson, attends by invitation and assists the Committee. The Committee met twice during the year.

### Remuneration Policy

The Remuneration Committee recognises and has accepted the FSA's Remuneration Code as it applies to the Group. The Committee is responsible for implementing and maintaining a remuneration policy which ensures that Executive Directors, other Group company directors, senior management and other employees are remunerated in such a manner as to ensure that (i) they are fairly rewarded in a manner which secures and retains the skilled and experienced individuals the Group requires to ensure its corporate objectives, including an increase in shareholder value; (ii) conflicts of interest are minimised and that the interests of staff are aligned with the long term interests of the Group; and (iii) remuneration is consistent with and promotes sound and effective risk management and does not encourage risk taking that exceeds the level of tolerated risk set by the Board and is in line with the business strategy, objectives, values and long-term interests of the Group. The Committee is committed to ensuring compliance with the FSA's Remuneration Code.

### Determination of Directors' and Senior Management's Salaries

The Remuneration Committee believes that the interests of the executive directors, other Group company directors, senior management and staff and those of the shareholders and other stakeholders are best aligned by a remuneration policy that provides a base salary together with awards under the Group's Share Option Scheme. The Remuneration Committee reviews and determines annually directors' and senior management's salaries in relation to the tasks and responsibilities involved and the level of comparable salaries in the market place. In particular, the Committee seeks to ensure that salaries are competitive. In its final determination of salaries, the Committee's conclusions are set within what is affordable. During the year contribution to certain Viking Fund Manager employee pension arrangements continued. The Group increased contractual salaries with effect from 1 July 2011 in respect of three executive directors but did not contribute to any pension schemes nor pay any bonuses. The increases to contractual salaries were £3,250 (2.3%), £5,000 (4.8%) and £10,000 (10%) for G Thomson, C Smith and C Grant respectively. However executive directors had accepted voluntary reductions in salary in the prior year which were subsequently re-reimbursed on a discretionary basis following Board approval, hence the apparent increase in remuneration in the table.

### Executive Director Service Agreements

Each of the executive directors has a service agreement with the Company. These agreements can be terminated by either party giving the other written notice at any time, not less than six months in the case of Geoffrey Thomson and not less than three months in the cases of Carolyn Smith and Aileen Brown. Payments on termination are restricted to the value of the salary for the notice period.

### Non-executive Directors

The fees payable to the Chairman and the non-executive directors are first reviewed by the Committee, taking into account market rates, following which it submits recommendations to the Board for approval. The Company did not increase non-executive directors' contractual fees during the year. However non-executive directors had accepted voluntary reductions in fees in the prior year which were subsequently re-reimbursed on a discretionary basis following Board approval, hence the apparent increase in remuneration.

The Chairman and each non-executive director have agreed a letter of appointment which sets out their duties, responsibilities and fees.

### Directors' Remuneration

The total amount of directors' remuneration is set out below:

|                                 | Total<br>2012<br>£ | Total<br>2011<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Executive directors:</b>     |                    |                    |
| G C B Thomson                   | 155,946            | 113,400            |
| C Smith                         | 117,417            | 84,000             |
| A Brown                         | 23,692             | –                  |
| C C Grant                       | 92,539             | 80,000             |
| <b>Non-executive directors:</b> |                    |                    |
| G S Watson                      | 16,144             | 11,025             |
| E B Cunningham                  | 10,762             | 7,350              |
| J K Brown                       | 10,762             | 7,350              |
| J H Delmar-Morgan               | 10,762             | 7,350              |
|                                 | <b>438,024</b>     | <b>310,475</b>     |

The Company did not contribute to any director's pension scheme nor pay any bonuses to directors during the year (2011: £nil). During the year the Company paid private medical insurance premiums of £1,740, £608 and £1,396 (2011: £1,394, £484 and £1,119) in respect of Geoffrey Thomson, Carolyn Smith and Colin Grant.



### Share Option Scheme

The Company operates the Braveheart Investment Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme 2006 (the Scheme), which comprises Part A, a share option scheme approved by HMRC (the Approved Scheme) and Part B, an unapproved share option scheme (the Unapproved Scheme).

Historically, the Scheme was open to all directors and employees of the Group, although non-executive directors could only participate in Part B. The Scheme is now open only to all executive directors and employees.

Options are granted by the Board taking into account the need to motivate, retain and recruit high calibre employees and with regard to the contribution that such employees are expected to make in achieving the Company's objectives.

Options granted under the Scheme are categorised as Employment Options, Performance Options or Other Options. Employment Options may be granted under either Part A or Part B. All Performance Options and Other Options are granted under Part B.

Employment Options vest and become exercisable on the third anniversary of date of grant, and generally lapse on the earlier of cessation of employment (or 6 months thereafter if options have vested at cessation date) or the 10th anniversary of date of grant.

Performance Options have to date had vesting conditions linked to the growth in the Company's market capitalisation from the date of grant (Performance Conditions). If a Performance Condition is not met, the related Performance Option lapses at the end of the relevant measurement period.

Otherwise Performance Options vest on attainment of the Performance Condition and become exercisable on the 1st anniversary of the date of the Performance Condition being met, and lapse on the 10th anniversary of date of grant.

No options were granted during the year ended 31 March 2012.

### Share Options

The interests of the directors in share options were as follows:

|  | Date of Grant   | At 1 April 2011 | No of Options granted in year | No of Options exercised in year | No of Options lapsed in year | At 31 March 2012 | Exercise Price | Date first exercisable | Expiry date     |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Employment Options granted under Part A</b> |                 |                 |                               |                                 |                              |                  |                |                        |                 |
| G Thomson                                      | 25 June 2008    | 26,086          | –                             | –                               | (26,086)                     | –                | £1.15          | 25 June 2011           | 24 June 2018    |
| C Smith  | 18 June 2007    | 18,237          | –                             | –                               | (18,237)                     | –                | £1.645         | 18 June 2010           | 17 June 2017    |
| C Grant  | 8 December 2008 | 28,902          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 28,902           | £0.35          | 8 December 2011        | 7 December 2018 |
|  | 18 June 2009    | 30,160          | –                             | –                               | (30,160)                     | –                | £0.295         | 18 June 2012           | 17 June 2019    |
|  | 5 July 2010     | 34,677          | –                             | –                               | (34,677)                     | –                | £0.255         | 5 July 2013            | 4 July 2020     |
|  |                 | 93,739          | –                             | –                               | (64,837)                     | 28,902           |                |                        |                 |
| <b>Employment Options granted under Part B</b> |                 |                 |                               |                                 |                              |                  |                |                        |                 |
| G Thomson                                      | 18 June 2007    | 24,948          | –                             | –                               | (24,948)                     | –                | £1.645         | 18 June 2010           | 17 June 2017    |
|  | 25 June 2008    | 14,377          | –                             | –                               | (14,377)                     | –                | £1.15          | 25 June 2011           | 24 June 2018    |
|  | 18 June 2009    | 42,753          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 42,753           | £0.295         | 18 June 2012           | 17 June 2019    |
|  | 5 July 2010     | 49,155          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 49,155           | £0.255         | 5 July 2013            | 4 July 2020     |
|  |                 | 131,233         | –                             | –                               | (39,325)                     | 91,908           |                |                        |                 |
| C Smith  | 18 June 2007    | 243             | –                             | –                               | (243)                        | –                | £1.645         | 18 June 2010           | 17 June 2017    |
|  | 25 June 2008    | 28,902          | –                             | –                               | (28,902)                     | –                | £1.15          | 25 June 2011           | 24 June 2018    |
|  | 18 June 2009    | 31,669          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 31,669           | £0.295         | 18 June 2012           | 17 June 2019    |
|  | 5 July 2010     | 36,411          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 36,411           | £0.255         | 5 July 2013            | 4 July 2020     |
|  |                 | 97,225          | –                             | –                               | (29,145)                     | 68,080           |                |                        |                 |

|   | Date of Grant | At 1 April 2011 | No of Options granted in year | No of Options exercised in year | No of Options lapsed in year | At 31 March 2012 | Exercise Price | Date first exercisable | Expiry date |
|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Performance Options granted under Part B</b> |               |                 |                               |                                 |                              |                  |                |                        |             |
| G Thomson                                       | 5 July 2010   | 76,923          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 76,923           | £0.255         | 5 October 2011         | 4 July 2020 |
|   |               | 76,923          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 76,923           |                |                        |             |
| C Smith   | 5 July 2010   | 46,154          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 46,154           | £0.255         | 5 October 2011         | 4 July 2020 |
|   |               | 46,154          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 46,154           |                |                        |             |
| C Grant   | 5 July 2010   | 46,154          | –                             | –                               | (46,154)                     | –                | £0.255         | 5 October 2011         | 4 July 2020 |
|   |               | 46,154          | –                             | –                               | (46,154)                     | –                |                |                        |             |

|   | Date of Grant | At 1 April 2010 | No of Options granted in year | No of Options exercised in year | No of Options lapsed in year | At 31 March 2011 | Exercise Price | Date first exercisable | Expiry date |
|---|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Other Options granted under Part B</b> |               |                 |                               |                                 |                              |                  |                |                        |             |
| G Thomson                                 | 5 July 2010   | 105,000         | –                             | –                               | –                            | 105,000          | £0.255         | 5 July 2010            | 4 July 2020 |
| C Smith                                   | 5 July 2010   | 77,778          | –                             | –                               | –                            | 77,778           | £0.255         | 5 July 2010            | 4 July 2020 |
| C Grant                                   | 5 July 2010   | 74,074          | –                             | –                               | (74,074)                     | –                | £0.255         | 5 July 2010            | 4 July 2020 |

The Performance Conditions attached to the Performance Options are as follows:

| Date of Grant | Performance Condition   | Percentage of the Grant to which the Performance Condition applies to |
|---------------|---|---|
| 5 July 2010   | The Company's market capitalisation exceeds the benchmark price by 25% for 5 consecutive business days at any time before the 5 October 2011. | 100.00%   |

The benchmark price is the option exercise price multiplied by the number of ordinary shares of 2 pence each in the issued share capital of the Company on the date of grant of the related option.

The charge made in respect of the fair value of options granted to directors was:

|   | 2012<br>£ | 2011<br>£ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Expense arising from equity-settled share-based payments transactions | –         | 15,696    |

Additional information on share options is provided at note 22.

We have audited the financial statements of Braveheart Investment Group plc for the year ended 31 March 2012 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated and Parent Company Statement of Financial Position, the Consolidated and Parent Company Statement of Cash Flows, the Consolidated and Parent Company Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union and, as regards the parent company financial statements, as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

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 auditors' 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 auditors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement on page 9, 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 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](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 Group's and of the parent Company's affairs as at 31 March 2012 and of the Group's loss for the year then ended;
- the Group financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union;
- the parent Company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006; and
- the financial statements 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 by the Parent Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the Parent Company 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.

Robert Hannah  
Senior Statutory Auditor  
For and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP  
Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
EDINBURGH  
10 August 2012

|   | Notes | 2012<br>£          | 2011<br>£   |
|---|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| Revenue   | 3     | 1,265,139          | 925,781     |
| Unrealised loss on the fair value movements of investments  | 12    | (742,143)          | (464,029)   |
| Movement on contingent consideration                        | 20    | 541,882            | 20,314      |
| Fair value uplift on disposal of investment                 |       | 39,326             | 168,365     |
| Finance revenue   | 5     | 18,811             | 31,629      |
| <b>Total income</b>   |       | <b>1,123,015</b>   | 682,060     |
| Employee benefits expense                                   | 4     | (1,762,114)        | (1,291,280) |
| Other operating costs                                       |       | (1,045,206)        | (692,543)   |
| Total operating expenses                                    |       | (2,807,320)        | (1,983,823) |
| Finance costs   | 6     | (28,691)           | (4,369)     |
| <b>Total costs</b>  |       | <b>(2,836,011)</b> | (1,988,192) |
| <b>Loss before tax</b>                                      |       | <b>(1,712,996)</b> | (1,306,132) |
| Tax   | 8     | –                  | –           |
| <b>Total loss and total comprehensive loss for the year</b> |       | <b>(1,712,996)</b> | (1,306,132) |
| <b>Loss attributable to:</b>                                |       |                    |             |
| Equity holders of the parent                                |       | (1,724,083)        | (1,305,815) |
| Non-controlling interest                                    |       | 11,087             | (317)       |
|   |       | <b>(1,712,996)</b> | (1,306,132) |
| Loss per share  |       | <b>Pence</b>       | Pence       |
| – basic and diluted   | 10    | <b>(9.46)</b>      | (9.06)      |

All revenues and losses arise from continuing operations.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.



|  | Notes | 2012<br>£          | 2011<br>£          |
|--|-------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                    |       |                    |                    |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                        |       |                    |                    |
| Goodwill   | 15    | 1,352,915          | 987,105            |
| Other intangibles                                | 16    | 109,115            | 121,951            |
| Property, plant and equipment                    | 11    | 21,158             | 28,646             |
| Investments at fair value through profit or loss | 12    | 3,275,655          | 3,978,621          |
| Other receivables                                | 17    | –                  | 54,112             |
|  |       | <b>4,758,843</b>   | <b>5,170,435</b>   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                            |       |                    |                    |
| Trade and other receivables                      | 17    | 299,452            | 182,106            |
| Cash held for new share subscription             | 18    | 336,000            | –                  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                        | 18    | 87,974             | 643,203            |
|  |       | <b>723,426</b>     | <b>825,309</b>     |
| <b>Total assets</b>                              |       | <b>5,482,269</b>   | <b>5,995,744</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                               |       |                    |                    |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                       |       |                    |                    |
| Trade and other payables                         | 19    | (438,049)          | (244,722)          |
| Consideration re Neon Capital Partners Ltd       | 14    | (294,244)          | –                  |
| Contingent consideration                         | 20    | (360,599)          | (592,420)          |
| Deferred income                                  |       | (15,642)           | (14,202)           |
| Borrowings                                       | 24    | –                  | (6,629)            |
|  |       | <b>(1,108,534)</b> | <b>(857,973)</b>   |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                   |       |                    |                    |
| Contingent consideration                         | 20    | (140,616)          | (574,378)          |
| Borrowings                                       | 24    | (43,392)           | (41,664)           |
|  |       | <b>(184,008)</b>   | <b>(616,042)</b>   |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                         |       | <b>(1,292,542)</b> | <b>(1,474,015)</b> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                |       | <b>4,189,727</b>   | <b>4,521,729</b>   |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                    |       |                    |                    |
| Called up share capital                          | 21    | 385,620            | 294,988            |
| Shares to be issued                              | 21    | 336,000            | –                  |
| Share premium                                    |       | 819,551            | –                  |
| Merger reserve                                   |       | 431,821            | 316,101            |
| Retained earnings                                |       | 2,214,934          | 3,919,926          |
| Equity attributable to owners of the Parent      |       | <b>4,187,926</b>   | <b>4,531,015</b>   |
| Non-controlling interest                         |       | 1,801              | (9,286)            |
| <b>Total equity</b>                              |       | <b>4,189,727</b>   | <b>4,521,729</b>   |

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Approved for issue by the Board of Directors 10 August 2012 and signed on its behalf by:

**Garry S Watson**  
Chairman

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

|  | Notes | 2012<br>£          | 2011<br>£   |
|--|-------|--------------------|-------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                      |       |                    |             |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>                          |       |                    |             |
| Investments at fair value through profit or loss   | 12    | 2,123,002          | 2,509,143   |
| Investment in subsidiaries                         | 13    | 2,673,968          | 2,238,097   |
| Other receivables                                  | 17    | –                  | 54,112      |
|  |       | <b>4,796,970</b>   | 4,801,352   |
| <b>Current assets</b>                              |       |                    |             |
| Trade and other receivables                        | 17    | 721,921            | 505,409     |
| Cash held for new share subscription               | 18    | 336,000            | –           |
| Cash and cash equivalents                          | 18    | 12,688             | 573,965     |
|  |       | <b>1,070,609</b>   | 1,079,374   |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                |       | <b>5,867,579</b>   | 5,880,726   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>                                 |       |                    |             |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>                         |       |                    |             |
| Trade and other payables                           | 19    | (682,968)          | (334,619)   |
| Consideration re Neon Capital Partners Ltd         | 14    | (294,244)          | –           |
| Contingent consideration                           | 20    | (360,599)          | (592,420)   |
|  |       | <b>(1,337,811)</b> | (927,039)   |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                     |       |                    |             |
| Contingent consideration                           | 20    | (140,616)          | (574,378)   |
|  |       | <b>(140,616)</b>   | (574,378)   |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                           |       | <b>(1,478,427)</b> | (1,501,417) |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                  |       | <b>4,389,152</b>   | 4,379,309   |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                                      |       |                    |             |
| Called up share capital                            | 21    | 385,620            | 294,988     |
| Shares to be issued                                | 21    | 336,000            | –           |
| Share premium                                      |       | 819,551            | –           |
| Merger reserve                                     |       | 431,821            | 316,101     |
| Share-based payments                               |       | 284,862            | 265,771     |
| Retained earnings                                  |       | 2,131,298          | 3,502,449   |
| <b>Equity attributable to owners of the Parent</b> |       | <b>4,389,152</b>   | 4,379,309   |

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|   | 2012<br>£          | 2011<br>£          |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Operating activities</b>   |                    |                    |
| Loss before tax   | (1,712,996)        | (1,306,132)        |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile loss before tax to net cash flows from operating activities</b> |                    |                    |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment   | 7,880              | 9,631              |
| Amortisation of intangibles   | 12,836             | 6,418              |
| Share-based payments expense  | 19,091             | 34,651             |
| Decrease on the fair value movements of investments   | 742,143            | 464,029            |
| Gain on disposal of equity investments  | (39,326)           | (168,365)          |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries (net of cash acquired)  | (71,415)           | (30,010)           |
| (Gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment                                    | (86)               | 5,561              |
| Interest income   | (18,811)           | (31,629)           |
| Increase in trade and other receivables   | (371,320)          | (12,055)           |
| Decrease in trade and other payables  | (38,379)           | (18,310)           |
| <b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>  | <b>(1,470,383)</b> | <b>(1,046,211)</b> |
| <b>Investing activities</b>   |                    |                    |
| Proceeds from sale of equity investments  | 91,956             | 315,006            |
| Increase in investments   | (100,554)          | (112,656)          |
| Repayment of borrowings   | 8,747              |                    |
| Purchase cost of property, plant and equipment  | –                  | (7,811)            |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment   | 446                | –                  |
| Interest received   | 18,811             | 31,629             |
| <b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>  | <b>19,406</b>      | <b>226,168</b>     |
| <b>Financing activities</b>   |                    |                    |
| Proceeds from issue of new shares   | 949,703            | –                  |
| Transaction cost of new shares  | (47,500)           | –                  |
| New share subscription  | 336,000            | –                  |
| Capital element of hire purchase contract   | (6,455)            | (10,697)           |
| <b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>  | <b>1,231,748</b>   | <b>(10,697)</b>    |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents   | (219,229)          | (830,740)          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year                                      | 643,203            | 1,473,943          |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>                                     | <b>423,974</b>     | <b>643,203</b>     |

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|   | 2012<br>£          | 2011<br>£        |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Operating activities</b>   |                    |                  |
| Loss before tax   | (1,371,151)        | (2,283,064)      |
| <b>Adjustments to reconcile loss before tax to net cash flows from operating activities</b> |                    |                  |
| Decrease on the fair value movements of investments   | 400,318            | 484,912          |
| Decrease on the fair value of subsidiaries  | 473,282            | 1,442,848        |
| Gain on disposal of equity investments  | (39,326)           | (156,622)        |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries   | (380,000)          | (45,267)         |
| Interest income   | (18,724)           | (30,038)         |
| Increase in trade and other receivables   | (162,400)          | (156,529)        |
| Increase in trade and other payables  | (9,352)            | 97,251           |
| <b>Net cash flow from operating activities</b>  | <b>(1,107,353)</b> | <b>(646,509)</b> |
| <b>Investing activities</b>   |                    |                  |
| Investment in subsidiaries  | (400,000)          | (420,000)        |
| Proceeds from sale of equity investments  | 91,956             | 283,263          |
| Increase in investments   | (75,554)           | (50,154)         |
| Repayment of borrowings   | 8,747              | –                |
| Interest received   | 18,724             | 30,038           |
| <b>Net cash flow from investing activities</b>  | <b>(356,127)</b>   | <b>(156,853)</b> |
| <b>Financing activities</b>   |                    |                  |
| Proceeds from issue of new shares   | 949,703            | –                |
| Transaction cost of new shares  | (47,500)           | –                |
| New share subscription  | 336,000            | –                |
| <b>Net cash flow from financing activities</b>  | <b>1,238,203</b>   | <b>–</b>         |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents   | (225,277)          | (803,362)        |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year                                      | 573,965            | 1,377,327        |
| <b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>                                     | <b>348,688</b>     | <b>573,965</b>   |

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.



Attributable to owners of the Parent

|  | Share<br>Capital<br>£ | Shares to<br>be issued<br>£ | Share<br>Premium<br>£ | Merger<br>Reserve<br>£ | Retained<br>Earnings<br>£ | Total<br>£       | Non-<br>controlling<br>interest<br>£ | Total<br>Equity<br>£ |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Group</b>                                   |                       |                             |                       |                        |                           |                  |                                      |                      |
| <b>At 1 April 2010</b>                         | <b>278,316</b>        | <b>–</b>                    | <b>–</b>              | <b>140,783</b>         | <b>5,191,090</b>          | <b>5,610,189</b> | <b>(8,969)</b>                       | <b>5,601,220</b>     |
| Issue of new share capital                     | 16,672                | –                           | –                     | 175,318                | –                         | 191,990          | –                                    | 191,990              |
| Share-based payments                           | –                     | –                           | –                     | –                      | 34,651                    | 34,651           | –                                    | 34,651               |
| Transactions with owners                       | 16,672                | –                           | –                     | 175,318                | 34,651                    | 226,641          | –                                    | 226,641              |
| Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year | –                     | –                           | –                     | –                      | (1,305,815)               | (1,305,815)      | (317)                                | (1,306,132)          |
| <b>At 1 April 2011</b>                         | <b>294,988</b>        | <b>–</b>                    | <b>–</b>              | <b>316,101</b>         | <b>3,919,926</b>          | <b>4,531,015</b> | <b>(9,286)</b>                       | <b>4,521,729</b>     |
| Issue of new share capital                     | 90,632                | –                           | 819,551               | 115,720                | –                         | 1,025,903        | –                                    | 1,025,903            |
| Shares to be issued                            | –                     | 336,000                     | –                     | –                      | –                         | 336,000          | –                                    | 336,000              |
| Share-based payments                           | –                     | –                           | –                     | –                      | 19,091                    | 19,091           | –                                    | 19,091               |
| Transactions with owners                       | 90,632                | 336,000                     | 819,551               | 115,720                | 19,091                    | 1,380,994        | –                                    | 1,380,994            |
| Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year | –                     | –                           | –                     | –                      | (1,724,083)               | (1,724,083)      | 11,087                               | (1,712,996)          |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>                        | <b>385,620</b>        | <b>336,000</b>              | <b>819,551</b>        | <b>431,821</b>         | <b>2,214,934</b>          | <b>4,187,926</b> | <b>1,801</b>                         | <b>4,189,727</b>     |

|  | Share<br>Capital<br>£ | Shares to<br>be issued<br>£ | Share<br>Premium<br>£ | Merger<br>Reserve<br>£ | Retained<br>Earnings<br>£ | Total<br>£       |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Company</b>                                 |                       |                             |                       |                        |                           |                  |
| <b>At 1 April 2010</b>                         | <b>278,316</b>        | <b>–</b>                    | <b>–</b>              | <b>140,783</b>         | <b>5,785,513</b>          | <b>6,204,612</b> |
| Issue of new share capital                     | 16,672                | –                           | –                     | 175,318                | –                         | 191,990          |
| Share-based payments                           | –                     | –                           | –                     | –                      | 265,771                   | 265,771          |
| Transactions with owners                       | 16,672                | –                           | –                     | 175,318                | 265,771                   | 457,761          |
| Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year | –                     | –                           | –                     | –                      | (2,283,064)               | (2,283,064)      |
| <b>At 1 April 2011</b>                         | <b>294,988</b>        | <b>–</b>                    | <b>–</b>              | <b>316,101</b>         | <b>3,768,220</b>          | <b>4,379,309</b> |
| Issue of new share capital                     | 90,632                | –                           | 819,551               | 115,720                | –                         | 1,025,903        |
| Share-based payments                           | –                     | –                           | –                     | –                      | 19,091                    | 19,091           |
| Shares to be issued                            | –                     | 336,000                     | –                     | –                      | –                         | 336,000          |
| Transactions with owners                       | 90,632                | 336,000                     | 819,551               | 115,720                | 19,091                    | 1,380,994        |
| Loss and total comprehensive loss for the year | –                     | –                           | –                     | –                      | (1,371,151)               | (1,371,151)      |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>                        | <b>385,620</b>        | <b>336,000</b>              | <b>819,551</b>        | <b>431,821</b>         | <b>2,416,160</b>          | <b>4,389,152</b> |

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form part of these financial statements.

## 1 Corporate information

The Group and Company financial statements of Braveheart Investment Group plc (the Company) for the year ended 31 March 2012 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 10 August 2012 and the statements of financial position were signed on the Board's behalf by Garry Watson.

Braveheart Investment Group plc is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is detailed at the back of this report. The nature of the Group's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report. The Company is registered in Scotland. The Company's ordinary shares are traded on the London Stock Exchange Alternative Investment Market (AIM).

## 2 Accounting policies

### (a) Basis of preparation

The Group and Company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union as they apply to financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. The principal accounting policies adopted by the Group and by the Company are set out in the following notes.

The Company has taken advantage of the provision of section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to publish its own Statement of Comprehensive Income. The amount of loss for the financial year dealt with in the financial statements of the Company is set out in note 9 to the accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except where otherwise indicated. The financial statements are presented in sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest pound (£) except where otherwise indicated.

The Group's business activities (together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position) and its financial position are set out in the Chairman's Statement on page 2, the Chief Executive Officer's Report on page 3, the Chief Financial Officer's Report on pages 4 to 5 and the Chief Investment Officer's Report on page 6. The Group's risk management objectives and policies are described in the Corporate Governance Statement on pages 12 to 14. Further information regarding the Group's financial risk management objectives and policies, including those in relation to credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk, is provided in note 26 to the financial statements. The Group's capital management objectives are stated below on page 29.

The directors have reviewed the Group's and the Company's budgets and plans, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance and, given the placing of shares described in note 28 and the level of currently available but undrawn bank facilities, have a reasonable expectation that the Group and the Company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that it is therefore appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### (b) Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

No new standards, interpretations and amendments effective from 1 April 2011 have had a material effect on the Group's financial statements.

### (c) New standards and interpretations not yet applied

The International Accounting Standards Board has issued the following standards and interpretations with an effective date after the date of these financial statements:

| International Accounting Standards (IAS/IFRS) |   | Effective for accounting periods commencing on or after |
|---|---|---|
| IFRS 9  | Financial Instruments                     | 1 January 2015  |
| IFRS 10                                       | Consolidated Financial Statements         | 1 January 2013  |
| IFRS 11                                       | Joint Arrangements                        | 1 January 2013  |
| IFRS 12                                       | Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities | 1 January 2013  |
| IFRS 13                                       | Fair Value Measurement                    | 1 January 2013  |

IFRS 9 will eventually replace IAS 39 in its entirety and is intended to simplify the classification and measurement requirements for financial instruments. The process has been divided into three main phases, classification and measurement; impairment; and hedge accounting.

IFRS 13 establishes a single framework for all fair value measurements when fair value is required or permitted by IFRS. It does not change when an entity is required to use fair value but rather describes how to measure fair value under IFRS when it is required or permitted.

The directors do not anticipate that the adoption of the remaining standards and interpretations will have a material impact on the Group's financial statements in the period of initial application.

## 2 Accounting policies (continued)

### (d) Basis of consolidation

The Group's financial statements consolidate the results of Braveheart Investment Group plc and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the Group) drawn up to 31 March each year. The financial statements of the subsidiaries used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are prepared for the same reporting year as the parent company using consistent accounting policies. All intra-group balances, transactions, income and expenses are eliminated in full on consolidation.

The subsidiaries have been consolidated from the date of their acquisition, being the date on which the Group obtained control, and will continue to be consolidated until the date that such control ceases. Control comprises the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the subsidiary so as to obtain benefit from its activities and is achieved through direct ownership.

Group companies manage, and have an 89.29% equity interest in, Strathclyde Innovation Fund LP, which is included in the consolidated financial statements.

Non-controlling interests represent the portion of profit or loss and net assets that is not held by the Group and are presented separately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income and within equity in the consolidated statement of financial position separately from parent shareholders' equity.

### (e) Use of estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Where management's judgement has been applied, this is noted in the relevant accounting policy.

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimating uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below:

#### *Fair value of unquoted investments*

Unquoted investments have been valued by the directors in compliance with the principles of the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Guidelines. The use of such valuation techniques requires the directors to make certain judgements including making assessments of future revenue and earnings of portfolio companies, appropriate multiples to apply, and marketability and other risk discounts and provisions, and hence they are subject to uncertainty. The fair value of unquoted investments at 31 March 2012 was £3,275,655 (2011: £3,925,991).

#### *Share-based payments*

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they were granted. Judgement is required in determining the most appropriate valuation model for a grant of equity instruments depending on the terms and conditions of the grant. Management are also required to use certain assumptions in determining the most appropriate inputs to the valuation model including expected life of the option, volatility, risk free rate and dividend yield. The assumptions and models used are fully disclosed in note 22.

#### *Contingent consideration*

Under IFRS 3: Business combinations contingent consideration is included in the cost of a business combination to the extent that it is deemed probable and can be measured reliably. This requires management to assess the probability and to estimate the financial impact of events on which consideration is contingent. Under IFRS 3 Revised an assessment of probability is no longer required but initial fair value has to be assessed at acquisition date, and post acquisition changes in fair value are charged to the statement of comprehensive income.

#### *Intangible assets*

Intangible assets that are acquired as a result of a business combination are separately recognised on acquisition at their fair value, and amortised over their expected useful life. This requires management to make an assessment of an asset's separability, revenue stream and life, and apply suitable valuation methodologies thereto.

#### *Impairment of goodwill*

Goodwill is subject to an impairment test on an annual basis or earlier where any event or change in circumstance is identified that indicates that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Testing for impairment requires a comparison of the carrying value amount of goodwill against the recoverable amount, which is the value-in-use of the cash-generating unit to which the goodwill is allocated. Value-in-use requires estimation of future cash flows expected from the cash-generating unit as well as an appropriate growth factor and discount rate to calculate the present value of the cash flows.

**(f) Revenue recognition and segmental reporting**

The Group earns fee income from the services it provides to its clients. Revenue is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding rebates. Fees earned for the provision of an ongoing service are recognised as that service is provided. Deal fees and facilitation fees are earned on individual transactions and related revenue is recognised on completion of the underlying transaction.

Dividend income is recognised when the Group's right to receive payment is established.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method. Interest income is interest earned on bank deposit accounts and loan notes and is included within the statement of comprehensive income.

The business is regarded as one segment due to the nature of services provided and the methods used to provide these services. All operations are conducted in the United Kingdom and Channel Islands.

**(g) Taxation**

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable, and deferred tax. Current tax 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 expenses that are deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profits (temporary differences) and is accounted for using the liability method.

A deferred tax asset or liability shall be recognised for all taxable temporary differences, except to the extent that the deferred tax asset or liability arises from (a) the initial recognition of goodwill, (b) the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which (i) is not a business combination and (ii) at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit/ (loss) nor taxable profit/(loss) or (c) relates to an investment in subsidiary, except to the extent that (i) the parent is able to control timing of reversal and (ii) it is probable that temporary differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

**(h) Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any recognised impairment.

|                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Computer equipment    | 33.3% reducing balance |
| Fixtures and fittings | 20.0% reducing balance |

The carrying value of assets and their useful lives are reviewed at each reporting date and if an indication of impairment exists, the assets will be written down to their recoverable amount and the impairment charged to the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which it arises.

**(i) Intangible assets****Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of an acquisition over the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the acquired subsidiary at the date of acquisition. Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

**Other intangible assets**

Intangible assets that are acquired as a result of a business combination are separately recognised on acquisition at their fair value. Brands are valued using the 'relief from royalty' method and databases are valued using the 'cost to recreate' method. Amortisation is charged on a 10% straight-line basis to the statement of comprehensive income over their expected useful economic lives, and is included within other operating costs.

**(j) Impairment of intangible assets**

Goodwill is subject to an impairment test on an annual basis or earlier where any event or change in circumstance is identified that indicates that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Testing for impairment requires a comparison of the carrying value amount of goodwill against the recoverable amount, which is the value-in-use of the cash-generating unit to which the goodwill is allocated. Value-in-use requires estimation of future cash flows expected from the cash-generating unit as well as an appropriate growth factor and discount rate to calculate the present value of the cash flows.

Assets that are subject to amortisation are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Impairment losses are recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.



## 2 Accounting policies (continued)

### (k) Financial assets

Financial assets are recognised when the Group becomes party to the contracts that give rise to them and are classified at initial recognition as either financial assets at fair value through profit or loss or loans and receivables. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired or the Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset.

#### *Investments at fair value through profit or loss*

Investments, which include equity and debt investments, are designated on initial recognition as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. This measurement basis is consistent with the fact that the Group's performance in respect of its portfolio investments is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with an established investment strategy. When investments are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value.

After initial recognition the fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to bid prices at the close of business on the reporting date.

Unlisted equity investments are measured at fair value by the directors in compliance with the principles of the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Guidelines, updated and effective August 2010, as recommended by the European Venture Capital Association (EVCA). The fair value of unlisted equity investments is determined using one of the valuation methodologies set out in the guidelines. These include using recent arm's length market transactions; reference to the current market value of another instrument, which is substantially the same; earnings or profit multiples; indicative offers; discounted cash flow analysis and pricing models.

Wherever possible the Group uses valuation techniques which make maximum use of observable market based inputs and accordingly the basis of the valuation methodology used most commonly by the Group is 'price of most recent investment'.

In calculating fair value, the directors have also taken account of rights which when exercised either enhance or diminish the value of the investment. These rights are reviewed on a regular basis to assess whether they are likely to be exercised. The extent of any impact on the value of the investments has been calculated on the basis that all quantifiable rights are, or are likely to be exercisable, or that occur automatically on certain events taking place, such as exit and liquidation preferences on realisation.

Debt investments are generally unquoted debt instruments which are convertible to equity at a future point in time. Such instruments are considered to be hybrid instruments containing a fixed rate debt host contract with an embedded equity derivative. The Group designates the entire hybrid contract at fair value through profit or loss on initial recognition and accordingly, the embedded derivative is not separated from the host contract and accounted for separately. Given their short term nature, the fair value of debt investments is deemed to be cost less any impairment provision.

The gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

#### *Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market, and comprise trade and other receivables, other financial assets and cash and cash equivalents, all of which are initially recognised at fair value and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### *Trade receivables*

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value which is normally the invoice value in short term receivables. Thereafter the receivables are carried at amortised cost. Provision is made where there is objective evidence that a balance will not be recovered in full in accordance with the instruments original terms. An impairment calculation is based on a comparison between the carrying amount and the net present value of expected future cash flows, discounted by the original effective rate.

#### *Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and short-term bank deposits.

### (l) Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities, which comprise trade and other payables, are initially recognised at fair value and are carried at amortised cost.

### (m) The Company's investment in its subsidiaries

In the Company's accounts, investment in its subsidiary undertakings is stated at cost less any provision for impairment.

### (n) Contingent consideration

Contingent consideration is recognised at fair value. Under IFRS 3 contingent consideration was recognised when it was probable and was capable of being measured reliably, and changes after initial recognition were recognised as movements in goodwill. Under IFRS 3 Revised, contingent consideration is fair valued at initial recognition even if it is not probable, with subsequent changes recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

**(o) Leases**

Lease payments under operating leases, where a significant proportion of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Hire purchase contracts, which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased assets, are capitalised at the commencement of the lease at the fair value of the leased assets or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

**(p) Share capital**

Financial instruments issued by the Group are treated as equity if the holders have only a residual interest in the Group's assets after deducting all liabilities. The Group considers its capital to comprise its share capital, merger reserve and retained earnings.

The Group's capital management objectives are:

- to ensure the Group's ability to continue as a going concern;
- to ensure a sufficient cash balance is maintained; and
- to maximise returns to shareholders.

The Group continuously monitors rolling cash flow forecasts to ensure sufficient cash is available for anticipated cash requirements. The Group may issue new shares or realise investments to meet such requirements. To date the Group has negligible borrowings and does not pay a dividend. Investments made by the Group are subject to detailed selection criteria and are monitored carefully by the Board.

Braveheart Ventures Ltd, a Group investment management subsidiary, and Envestors Ltd, a Group corporate finance subsidiary and Neon Capital Partners Ltd, a Group fund management subsidiary, are subject to external capital requirements imposed by the Financial Services Authority and as such must ensure that they have sufficient capital to satisfy these requirements. The Group ensures it remains compliant with these requirements as described in the financial statements of each company.

There has been no change in capital management objectives, policies and procedures from the previous year.

**(q) Share-based payments**

The cost of equity-settled transactions with employees is measured by reference to the fair value of the instruments issued at the date at which they are granted and is recognised as an expense over the vesting period, which ends on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award. Fair value is determined using an appropriate pricing model. In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any vesting conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares of the Company (market conditions).

No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for awards where vesting is conditional upon a market condition, which are treated as vesting irrespective of whether or not the market condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance conditions are satisfied.

At each reporting date before vesting, the cumulative expense is calculated, representing the extent to which the vesting period has expired and management's best estimate of the achievement or otherwise of non-market conditions and of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest or, in the case of an instrument subject to a market condition, be treated as vesting as described above. The movement in cumulative expense since the previous reporting date is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income, with a corresponding entry in equity.

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified or a new award is designated as replacing a cancelled or settled award, the cost based on the original award terms continues to be recognised over the original vesting period. In addition, any expense is recognised over the remainder of the new vesting period for the incremental fair value of any modification, based on the difference between the fair value of the original award and the fair value of the modified award, both as measured on the date of the modification. No reduction is recognised if this difference is negative.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any cost not yet recognised in the statement of comprehensive income for the award is expensed immediately. Any compensation paid up to the fair value of the award at the cancellation or settlement date is deducted from equity, with any excess over fair value being treated as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

**(r) Pensions**

The Group makes defined pension contributions under flexible remuneration arrangements to certain employees of Viking Fund Managers Ltd and Neon Capital Partners Ltd, its subsidiary undertakings.

## 2 Accounting policies (continued)

### (s) Business combinations

The Group uses the purchase method of accounting to account for acquisition of subsidiaries. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the fair value of the assets given, equity instruments issued and liabilities incurred or assumed at the date of exchange, plus, under IFRS 3 but no longer under IFRS 3 Revised, costs directly attributable to the acquisition. Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are measured initially at their fair value at the acquisition date, irrespective of the extent of any non-controlling interest. The excess of the cost of acquisition over the fair value of the Group's share of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If the cost of acquisition is less than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised directly in the statement of comprehensive income.

### 3 Revenue

Revenue is attributable to the principal activities of the Group. 98% (2011: 97%) arose within the United Kingdom and 2% (2011: 3%) within the Channel Islands.

|                       | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Investment management | 932,003            | 677,767            |
| Consultancy           | 333,136            | 248,014            |
|                       | <b>1,265,139</b>   | 925,781            |

During the year, one customer accounted for £157,258 of the Group's combined investment management and consultancy revenue (2011: one customer £140,754). The business is regarded as, and financial performance is reported to the Board in respect of, one segment due to the nature of services provided and the methods used to provide these services.

### 4 Employee benefits expense

|                       | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Salaries              | 1,516,778          | 1,107,225          |
| Social security costs | 215,321            | 139,140            |
| Pension costs         | 10,924             | 10,264             |
| Share-based payments  | 19,091             | 34,651             |
|                       | <b>1,762,114</b>   | 1,291,280          |

The average number of employees (including executive directors) was as follows:

|  | No.       | No. |
|--|-----------|-----|
|  | <b>25</b> | 22  |

The average number of persons (including directors) employed by the Group during the year was 25 (2011: 22), all of whom were involved in management and administrative activities. The Company had no employees in the year ended 31 March 2012 (2011: £nil), all salaries being paid by subsidiary companies.

During the year Braveheart Ventures Ltd recharged £450,743 (2011: £295,093) to the Company in respect of employee benefits expense.

The remuneration of the directors, is set out below in aggregate in accordance with IAS 24 'Related Party Disclosures':

|                              | 2012<br>£      | 2011<br>£ |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Short-term employee benefits | 440,182        | 310,713   |
| Share-based payments         | 2,483          | 15,696    |
|                              | <b>442,665</b> | 326,409   |

Further information about the remuneration of individual directors is provided in the Directors' Remuneration Report on pages 15 to 17.

The remuneration of the management board detailed on page 11, who are considered to be key management personnel of the Group, is set out below in aggregate in accordance with IAS 24 'Related Party Disclosures':

|                              | 2012<br>£      | 2011<br>£ |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Short-term employee benefits | 921,424        | 638,544   |
| Share-based payments         | 10,675         | 21,324    |
|                              | <b>932,099</b> | 659,868   |

## 5 Finance revenue

|                          | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bank interest receivable | 1,327              | 9,856              |
| Interest on loan notes   | 17,484             | 21,773             |
|                          | <b>18,811</b>      | 31,629             |

## 6 Finance costs

|  | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Finance charges payable under hire purchase contract | 237                | 956                |
| Bank charges   | 28,454             | 3,413              |
|  | <b>28,691</b>      | 4,369              |

## 7 Loss before tax

|   | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Loss for the year has been arrived at after charging:         |                    |                    |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment                 | 7,880              | 9,631              |
| Amortisation of intangibles                                   | 12,836             | 6,418              |
| Lease payments recognised as an operating lease (office rent) | 96,360             | 79,486             |
| Loss on the disposal of property, plant, and equipment        | –                  | 5,561              |
| Auditors remuneration:  |                    |                    |
| – audit of parent company                                     | 23,000             | 23,000             |
| – audit of subsidiary companies                               | 21,000             | 21,000             |
| – audit related regulatory reporting                          | 3,500              | 3,350              |
| – taxation compliance   | 11,500             | 11,300             |

**8 Tax on loss on ordinary activities**

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 March 2012 or for the year ended 31 March 2011.

|  | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Reconciliation of total tax:</b>                                |                    |                    |
| Loss before tax  | <b>(1,712,996)</b> | (1,306,132)        |
| Tax at the rate of 20% (2011: 21%)                                 | <b>(342,599)</b>   | (274,288)          |
| Disallowed expenses  | <b>25,593</b>      | 46,841             |
| Unrealised loss on the fair value movement of investments          | <b>128,848</b>     | 73,441             |
| Increase in unutilised tax losses                                  | <b>186,583</b>     | 150,636            |
| Other adjustments  | <b>1,575</b>       | 3,370              |
| <b>Total tax reported in the statement of comprehensive income</b> | <b>–</b>           | –                  |

The Group has potential deferred tax assets in respect of:

- excess management expenses of £2,209,907 (2011: £1,475,547) arising from Braveheart Investment Group plc;
- excess management expenses of £929,877 (2011: £928,777) arising from Caledonia Portfolio Realisations Ltd;
- unutilised trading losses of £1,795,925 (2011: £1,343,471) in Braveheart Ventures Ltd;
- unutilised trading losses of £266,894 (£145,887) in Viking Fund Managers Ltd; and
- unutilised trading losses of £205,890 (£132,543) in Envestors Ltd.

No deferred tax assets have been recognised in respect of these amounts as it is uncertain that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the deferred tax could be deducted.

**9 Loss of the Parent Company**

|                                 | 2012<br>£          | 2011<br>£   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Loss of the Parent Company only | <b>(1,371,151)</b> | (2,283,064) |

**10 Loss per share**

Basic loss per share has been calculated by dividing the loss attributable to equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the year.

The calculations of loss per share are based on the following loss and numbers of shares in issue:

|  | 2012<br>£          | 2011<br>£   |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| Loss for the year attributable to equity holders of the parent | <b>(1,724,083)</b> | (1,305,815) |
| Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue:           |                    |             |
|  | No.                | No.         |
| For basic loss per ordinary share                              | <b>18,225,817</b>  | 14,412,495  |
| Potentially dilutive ordinary shares                           | –                  | –           |
| For diluted loss per ordinary share                            | <b>18,225,817</b>  | 14,412,495  |

There were no potentially dilutive ordinary shares which would decrease the loss per share at the year end.

Following the year end, on 5 April the Company issued 2,239,998 new shares and on 11 May the Company issued 1,093,333 new shares (see note 28).



**11 Property, plant and equipment**

| <b>Group</b>                    | <b>Fixtures<br/>&amp; fittings<br/>£</b> | <b>Computer<br/>equipment<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                     |  |                                     |                    |
| <b>At 1 April 2010</b>          | <b>32,747</b>                            | <b>49,241</b>                       | <b>81,988</b>      |
| Additions                       | 4,242                                    | 3,569                               | 7,811              |
| Acquired                        | 4,660                                    | –                                   | 4,660              |
| Disposals                       | (6,887)                                  | (3,310)                             | (10,197)           |
| <b>At 31 March 2011</b>         | <b>34,762</b>                            | <b>49,500</b>                       | <b>84,262</b>      |
| Acquired                        | –  | 753                                 | 753                |
| Disposals                       | –  | (764)                               | (764)              |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>         | <b>34,762</b>                            | <b>49,489</b>                       | <b>84,251</b>      |
| <b>Accumulated depreciation</b> |  |                                     |                    |
| <b>At 1 April 2010</b>          | <b>20,683</b>                            | <b>29,938</b>                       | <b>50,621</b>      |
| Charge for year                 | 3,007                                    | 6,624                               | 9,631              |
| Disposals                       | (1,777)                                  | (2,859)                             | (4,636)            |
| <b>At 31 March 2011</b>         | <b>21,913</b>                            | <b>33,703</b>                       | <b>55,616</b>      |
| Charge for year                 | 2,636                                    | 5,244                               | 7,880              |
| Disposals                       | –  | (403)                               | (403)              |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>         | <b>24,549</b>                            | <b>38,544</b>                       | <b>63,093</b>      |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>           |  |                                     |                    |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>         | <b>10,213</b>                            | <b>10,945</b>                       | <b>21,158</b>      |
| At 31 March 2011                | 12,849                                   | 15,797                              | 28,646             |

Included within the net book value of computer equipment is £5,672 (2011: £8,509) relating to an asset which was held under a hire purchase agreement. The depreciation of computer equipment charged to the financial statements in the year in respect of this asset amounted to £2,836 (2011: £4,254).

## 12 Investments at fair value through profit or loss

| Group                   | Level 1                                     | Level 2                                       |   | Level 3                                       |   | Total<br>£       |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------------|
|                         | Equity investments in quoted companies<br>£ | Equity investments in unquoted companies<br>£ | Debt investments in unquoted companies<br>£ | Equity investments in unquoted companies<br>£ | Debt investments in unquoted companies<br>£ |                  |
| At 1 April 2010         | 35,021                                      | –   | –   | 4,201,301                                     | 294,425                                     | 4,530,747        |
| Additions at Cost       | –   | –   | –   | 77,389  | 35,267                                      | 112,656          |
| Disposals               | –   | –   | –   | (200,753)                                     | –   | (200,753)        |
| Conversions             | –   | –   | –   | 239,117                                       | (239,117)                                   | –                |
| Change in Fair Value    | 17,609                                      | –   | –   | (521,063)                                     | 39,425                                      | (464,029)        |
| <b>At 31 March 2011</b> | <b>52,630</b>                               | <b>–</b>                                      | <b>–</b>                                    | <b>3,795,991</b>                              | <b>130,000</b>                              | <b>3,978,621</b> |
| Additions at Cost       | –   | –   | –   | 65,554  | 35,000                                      | 100,554          |
| Disposals               | (52,630)                                    | –   | –   | –   | (8,747)                                     | (61,377)         |
| Conversions             | –   | –   | –   | 105,000                                       | (105,000)                                   | –                |
| Change in Fair Value    | –   | –   | –   | (742,143)                                     | –   | (742,143)        |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b> | <b>–</b>                                    | <b>–</b>                                      | <b>–</b>                                    | <b>3,224,402</b>                              | <b>51,253</b>                               | <b>3,275,655</b> |

| Company                 | Level 1                                     | Level 2                                       |   | Level 3                                       |   | Total<br>£       |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|------------------|
|                         | Equity investments in quoted companies<br>£ | Equity investments in unquoted companies<br>£ | Debt investments in unquoted companies<br>£ | Equity investments in unquoted companies<br>£ | Debt investments in unquoted companies<br>£ |                  |
| At 1 April 2010         | 35,021                                      | –   | –   | 2,795,208                                     | 294,425                                     | 3,124,654        |
| Additions at Cost       | –   | –   | –   | 14,887  | 35,267                                      | 50,154           |
| Disposals               | –   | –   | –   | (180,753)                                     | –   | (180,753)        |
| Conversions             | –   | –   | –   | 239,117                                       | (239,117)                                   | –                |
| Change in Fair Value    | 17,609                                      | –   | –   | (541,946)                                     | 39,425                                      | (484,912)        |
| <b>At 31 March 2011</b> | <b>52,630</b>                               | <b>–</b>                                      | <b>–</b>                                    | <b>2,326,513</b>                              | <b>130,000</b>                              | <b>2,509,143</b> |
| Additions at Cost       | –   | –   | –   | 40,554  | 35,000                                      | 75,554           |
| Disposals               | (52,630)                                    | –   | –   | –   | (8,747)                                     | (61,377)         |
| Conversions             | –   | –   | –   | 105,000                                       | (105,000)                                   | –                |
| Change in Fair Value    | –   | –   | –   | (400,318)                                     | –   | (400,318)        |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b> | <b>–</b>                                    | <b>–</b>                                      | <b>–</b>                                    | <b>2,071,749</b>                              | <b>51,253</b>                               | <b>2,123,002</b> |

Investments, which include equity and debt investments, are designated on initial recognition as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. This measurement basis is consistent with the fact that the Group's performance in respect of its portfolio investments is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with an established investment strategy. When investments are recognised initially, they are measured at fair value.

After initial recognition the fair value of listed investments is determined by reference to bid prices at the close of business on the reporting date.

Unlisted equity investments are measured at fair value by the directors in compliance with the principles of the International Private Equity and Venture Capital Guidelines, updated and effective August 2010, as recommended by the European Venture Capital Association (EVCA). The fair value of unlisted equity investments is determined using one of the valuation methodologies set out in the guidelines. These include using recent arm's length market transactions; reference to the current market value of another instrument, which is substantially the same; earnings or profit multiples; indicative offers; discounted cash flow analysis and pricing models.

The Group classifies its investments using a fair value hierarchy. Classification within the hierarchy has been determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the relevant investment as follows:

- Level 1 – valued using quoted prices in active markets for identical assets;
- Level 2 – valued by reference to valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1; and
- Level 3 – valued by reference to valuation techniques using inputs that are not based on observable market data.

All unquoted investments have been classified within Level 3, their respective valuations having been calculated using a number of valuation techniques and assumptions, notwithstanding that the basis of the valuation methodology used most commonly by the Group is 'price of most recent investment'. The use of reasonably possible alternative assumptions has no material effect on the fair valuation of the related investments. £97,903 of the Group Level 3 reduction in fair value (2011: £181,276) and £97,903 of the Company Level 3 reduction in fair value (2011: £91,206) relate to investments no longer held at the year end.

Details of investments where the nominal value of the holding in the undertaking is 20% or more of any class of share are as follows:

| Name of Company         | Holding             | % of class of shares held | Nature of Business  |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Verbalis Ltd (Verbalis) | 'A' Ordinary shares | 100%                      | Design and production of automated language translation systems |

The above shareholding, which is held by Caledonia Portfolio Realisations Ltd (CPR), represents a 20% aggregate shareholding in Verbalis. Neither CPR nor the Company is represented on the Board or within management of Verbalis and in the opinion of the directors, this shareholding does not entitle the Company to exert a significant or dominant influence over Verbalis. The carrying value of Verbalis is nil.

### 13 Investment in subsidiaries

The Company has the following interests in subsidiary undertakings:

| Name                                       | Country of Incorporation | Nature of Business                                 | % Interest |
|--|--------------------------|--|------------|
| Braveheart Ventures Ltd (BVL)              | Scotland                 | Investment management                              | 100%       |
| Caledonia Portfolio Realisations Ltd (CPR) | Scotland                 | Investment management                              | 100%       |
| Caledonia LP Ltd                           | Scotland                 | Investment management                              | 100%       |
| Strathclyde Innovation Fund GP Ltd         | Scotland                 | Investment management                              | 100%       |
| Caledonia Specialist Finance Ltd           | Scotland                 | Dormant  | 100%       |
| Envestors Ltd (ENV)                        | England                  | Investment management & business advisory services | 100%       |
| Viking Fund Managers Ltd (VFM)             | England                  | Investment management & business advisory services | 100%       |
| Inkopo Consulting Ltd                      | England                  | Dormant  | 100%       |
| Neon Capital Partners Ltd (Neon)           | England                  | Investment management                              | 100%       |
| WhiteRock Capital Partners Ltd             | Scotland                 | Investment management                              | 33%        |

| Company  | £                |
|--|------------------|
| Cost   |                  |
| <b>At 1 April 2010</b>   | <b>2,296,205</b> |
| Increase in investment value arising from share-based payments | 265,771          |
| Additions: BVL   | 200,000          |
| Impairment in investment value: BVL                            | (1,442,848)      |
| Additions: ENV   | 894,403          |
| Decrease in investment value: CPR                              | (20,314)         |
| Increase in investment value VFM                               | 44,880           |
| <b>At 31 March 2011</b>  | <b>2,238,097</b> |
| Increase in investment value arising from share-based payments | 19,091           |
| Additions: BVL (note 14,25)                                    | 350,000          |
| Impairment in investment value: BVL (note 15)                  | (473,282)        |
| Additions: ENV (note 14,25)                                    | 50,000           |
| Additions: Neon (note 14)                                      | 674,244          |
| Decrease in investment value: CPR                              | (184,182)        |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>  | <b>2,673,968</b> |

**13 Investment in subsidiaries (continued)**

During the year the directors determined to write down the carrying value of the Company's investment in BVL by £473,282 (2011: £1,442,848) to BVL's net asset value. This impairment provision is charged within the Company's operating costs.

Group entities act as General Partner to, and have an interest in, the following limited partnership:

| Name                                 | Place of Business | % Interest |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Strathclyde Innovation Fund LP (SIF) | Scotland          | 89.29%     |
| Caledonia Specialist Finance LP      | Scotland          | 100.00%    |

SIF has been included in the consolidated financial statements since 1 April 2008.

In addition, VFM holds the undernoted interest in the following business:

| Name                       | Country of Incorporation | Nature of Business | % Interest |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| Ridings Holdings Ltd (RHL) | England                  | Fund management    | 33.33%     |

This holding is classified as an investment held by a venture capital organisation, and is measured at a fair value of £nil (2011: £nil) in accordance with IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. For the 12 months ended 31 March 2012 RHL generated a profit after tax of £164,544 (2011: profit after tax of £198,448) and at 31 March 2012 had share capital and reserves of £364,656 (2011: £200,112).

**14 Business combination**

On 22 March 2012 the Company acquired 100% of the issued share capital of Neon Capital Partners Ltd from NF Holdings Ltd for a total consideration of £674,244, such consideration satisfied entirely in cash. Neon owns 100% of the issued share capital of Finance Yorkshire Equity GP Ltd (FYGP). Both companies are based in the UK.

The cost of the acquisition excludes legal and other fees of £53,000 which have been charged to the statement of comprehensive income in accordance with IFRS 3 Revised under other operating costs. The acquisition forms part of the Group's strategy to grow its fee business and to increase its geographical reach.

The allocation of the acquisition cost to the identifiable assets and liabilities of Neon and FYGP consolidated at the acquisition date is as follows:

|                                   | Neon & FYGP<br>Consolidated |                    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
|                                   | Carrying<br>Value<br>£      | Fair<br>Value<br>£ |
| Property, plant and equipment     | 753                         | 753                |
| Cash and cash equivalents         | 308,595                     | 308,595            |
| Trade and other payables          | (914)                       | (914)              |
| Net assets                        | 308,434                     | 308,434            |
| Cash paid                         | 380,000                     | 380,000            |
| Deferred consideration            | 294,244                     | 294,244            |
| Fair value of cost of acquisition | 674,244                     | 674,244            |
| <b>Goodwill</b>                   | <b>365,810</b>              | <b>365,810</b>     |

The goodwill that arose on the acquisition can be attributed to revenue synergies expected to be derived from the combination and the value of personnel of Neon, which cannot be recognised as an intangible asset under IAS38. From the date of acquisition, Neon has contributed £24,798 revenue and £14,190 profit to the Group. Neon had not traded and until immediately prior to the acquisition the management services for the Fund were performed by another company in the NF Holdings group.

**15 Goodwill**

|                                   | VFM<br>£       | Investors<br>£ | Neon<br>£      | Total<br>£       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| At 1 April 2010                   | 327,064        | –              | –              | 327,064          |
| Acquired on acquisition           | –              | 615,161        | –              | 615,161          |
| Increase in period                | 44,880         | –              | –              | 44,880           |
| <b>At 31 March 2011</b>           | <b>371,944</b> | <b>615,161</b> | <b>–</b>       | <b>987,105</b>   |
| Acquired on acquisition (note 14) | –              | –              | 365,810        | 365,810          |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>           | <b>371,944</b> | <b>615,161</b> | <b>365,810</b> | <b>1,352,915</b> |

The acquisition of Viking Fund Managers (VFM) has been accounted for under IFRS 3. At initial recognition, contingent consideration settled, or to be settled, in shares was fair valued by reference to the Company's share price at the acquisition date. The movement in goodwill in the period since acquisition is primarily due to movements in the fair value of contingent consideration resulting from movements in the Company's share price.

The acquisition of Investors has been accounted for under IFRS 3 Revised. At initial recognition, consideration settled, or to be settled, in shares was fair valued by reference to the Company's share price at the acquisition date. Under IFRS 3 Revised, future changes to the fair value of contingent consideration are applied to the statement of comprehensive income, and accordingly goodwill will remain constant unless impaired.

The acquisition of Neon has been accounted for under IFRS 3 Revised. £380,000 was paid to NF Holdings Ltd on 22 March 2012 and a further £244,244 paid over on 7 June 2012. On the first anniversary of the acquisition, subject to certain specific liabilities not having arisen by such date, a further £50,000 is due to be paid.

At the end of the year, the Group assessed the recoverable amount of the above goodwill associated with each of the VFM and Investors cash-generating units (both being part of the Group's only operating segment), and determined that goodwill was not impaired. The recoverable amount was assessed by reference to the cash-generating unit's value in use based on internally prepared and approved 3 year cash flow projections and inflationary growth based projections for a further 7 years (a reasonable measurement period in the Group's line of business) assuming continued client retention, ongoing fundraising, the following inflationary growth rates and applying the following discount factors:

|   | VFM    |        | Investors |        | Neon |      |
|---|--------|--------|-----------|--------|------|------|
| Cash-generating unit                    | 2012   | 2011   | 2012      | 2011   | 2012 | 2011 |
| Inflationary growth rate (average p.a.) | 3 - 5% | 3 - 5% | 3 - 5%    | 3 - 5% | N/A  | N/A  |
| Discount factor (p.a.)                  | 9%     | 9%     | 9%        | 9%     | 9%   | N/A  |

These factors are based on past experience and future expectations which the directors consider to be appropriate. Value in use estimates arising from reasonably possible changes to these factors do not indicate impairment.

**16 Intangible assets**

| Group                                    | Brand<br>£    | Database<br>£ | Total<br>£     |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                              |               |               |                |
| <b>At 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012</b> | <b>66,869</b> | <b>61,500</b> | <b>128,369</b> |
| <b>Accumulated amortisation</b>          |               |               |                |
| At 1 April 2011                          | 3,343         | 3,075         | 6,418          |
| Amortisation                             | 6,686         | 6,150         | 12,836         |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>                  | <b>10,029</b> | <b>9,225</b>  | <b>19,254</b>  |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>                    |               |               |                |
| <b>At 31 March 2012</b>                  | <b>56,840</b> | <b>52,275</b> | <b>109,115</b> |
| At 31 March 2011                         | 63,526        | 58,425        | 121,951        |

Intangible assets acquired on acquisition first arose on the acquisition by Investors of the business of Investors LLP, and comprise Investors' brand and database of high-net-worth investor contacts. The brand has been valued using the 'relief from royalty' method and the database using the 'cost to recreate' method.

All intangible assets are amortised at 10% straight line over 10 years.



**17 Trade and other receivables**

|                                  | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ | Company<br>2012<br>£ | Company<br>2011<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Trade receivables                | 182,065            | 124,895            | –                    | –                    |
| Prepayments and accrued income   | 63,275             | 57,211             | 59,935               | 18,571               |
| Amounts due from related parties | –                  | –                  | 607,874              | 477,373              |
| Other receivables                | 54,112             | 54,112             | 54,112               | 63,577               |
|                                  | <b>299,452</b>     | 236,218            | <b>721,921</b>       | 559,521              |

As trade receivables are generally of short-term maturity, the directors consider the carrying amounts to approximate their fair value. All receivables are non-interest bearing and unsecured.

**18 Cash and cash equivalents**

|                          | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ | Company<br>2012<br>£ | Company<br>2011<br>£ |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cash at bank and on hand | 87,974             | 643,203            | 12,688               | 573,965              |

At 31 March 2012, £336,000 was held with HSBC Bank plc for the subscription of new shares which took place on 5 April 2012. Cash balances are held with HSBC Bank plc and Bank of Scotland plc and earn interest at floating rates based on daily bank deposit rates.

**19 Trade and other payables**

|                                 | Group<br>2012<br>£ | Group<br>2011<br>£ | Company<br>2012<br>£ | Company<br>2011<br>£ |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Trade payables                  | 263,946            | 74,714             | 192,895              | 25,994               |
| Other payables                  | 294,244            | –                  | 294,244              | –                    |
| Amounts due to related parties  | –                  | –                  | 415,223              | 269,675              |
| Other taxes and social security | 50,411             | 65,424             | –                    | –                    |
| Accruals                        | 123,692            | 104,584            | 74,850               | 38,950               |
|                                 | <b>732,293</b>     | 244,722            | <b>977,212</b>       | 334,619              |

Due to the short-term maturity of trade payables, the directors consider the carrying amounts to approximate their fair value. Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 30-day terms.

**20 Contingent consideration**

Short-term contingent consideration of £360,599 comprises (i) £76,062 being the fair value of the short-term contingent consideration due to Envestors and will be satisfied by the issue of 647,334 ordinary shares of 2 pence each in the Company, and (ii) £284,537 being the sum due on future exit values of the Caledonia Portfolio Realisation portfolio.

At the year ended 31 March 2011 the short-term contingent consideration of £592,420 comprised (i) £123,701 being the fair value of the consideration due in respect of the acquisition of Viking Fund Managers (VFM), and (ii) £468,719 being the sum due on future exit values of the Caledonia Portfolio Realisation portfolio.

Long-term contingent consideration of £140,616 (2011: £574,378) represents the fair value of long-term contingent consideration due in respect of the acquisition of Envestors, equivalent to 1,196,731 shares (2011: 1,852,832 shares).

No further consideration remains payable in respect of the acquisition of VFM (2011: £123,701).

## 21 Share capital

|  | 2012<br>£      | 2011<br>£ |
|--|----------------|-----------|
| Authorised   |                |           |
| 33,645,000 ordinary shares of 2 pence each<br>(2011: 33,645,000 ordinary shares of 2 pence each) | <b>672,900</b> | 672,900   |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid   |                |           |
| 19,281,047 ordinary shares of 2 pence each<br>(2011: 14,749,439 ordinary shares of 2 pence each) | <b>385,620</b> | 294,988   |

On 24 June 2011, the Company issued 4,132,574 new ordinary shares at a placing price of 23 pence. On 27 July 2011 the Company issued 399,034 ordinary shares of 2 pence each in satisfaction of the third and final tranche of consideration due on its acquisition of Viking Fund Managers. The Company has one class of ordinary shares. All shares carry equal voting rights, equal rights to income and distribution of assets on liquidation or otherwise, and no right to fixed income.

As at 31 March, £336,000 was held in respect of a new share subscription which took place on 5 April comprising 2,239,998 new ordinary shares.

## 22 Share-based payments

The Group operates the Braveheart Investment Group plc Executive Share Option Scheme 2006 (the Scheme), which comprises Part A, a share option scheme approved by HMRC (the Approved Scheme) and Part B, an unapproved share option scheme (the Unapproved Scheme).

Historically, the Scheme was open to all directors and employees of the Group, although non-executive directors could only participate in Part B. The Scheme is now only open to all executive directors and employees.

Options are granted by the Board taking into account the need to motivate, retain and recruit high calibre employees and with regard to the contribution that such employees are expected to make in achieving the Group's objectives.

Options granted under the Scheme are categorised as either Employment Options, Performance Options or Other Options. Employment Options may be granted under either Part A or Part B. All Performance Options and Other Options are granted under Part B.

Employment Options vest and become exercisable on the third anniversary of date of grant, and generally lapse on the earlier of cessation of employment (or 6 months thereafter if options have vested at cessation date) or the 10th anniversary of date of grant.

Performance Options have vesting conditions linked to the growth in the Company's market capitalisation from the date of grant (Performance Conditions). If a Performance Condition is not met, the related Performance Option lapses at the end of the relevant measurement period.

Otherwise Performance Options vest on attainment of the Performance Condition and become exercisable on the 1st anniversary of the date of the Performance Condition being met, and lapse on the 10th anniversary of date of grant.

Other Options, are immediately exercisable and lapse on the 10th anniversary of date of grant.

During the current year, no Employment Options, Performance Options or Other Options were granted. 240,453 Employment Options lapsed, 46,154 Performance Options lapsed and 74,074 Other Options lapsed during the year either due to the cessation of employment or related Performance Condition not having been met.

During the year ended 31 March 2011, on 5 July 2010, 322,257 Employment Options, 338,458 Performance Options and 353,538 Other Options were granted. On 5 October 2010, 96,154 Employment Options and 95,237 Performance Options were granted. No Employment Options vested or were exercised, and 66,049 lapsed. 512,975 Performance Options lapsed during the year, the majority due to the related Performance Condition not having been met. All 426,003 Performance Options remaining outstanding at 31 March 2011 have vested, though are not yet exercisable. Also, 8,889 Other Options lapsed during the year.

**22 Share-based payments (continued)**

The current year movement in Share Options is summarised below:

| Date of Grant                                  | At 1 April 2011 | Weighted Average Exercise Price | No of Options granted in year | No of Options exercised in year | No of Options lapsed in year | At 31 March 2012 | Exercise Price | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Date first exercisable | Expiry date     |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Employment Options granted under Part A</b> |                 |                                 |                               |                                 |                              |                  |                |                                 |                        |                 |
| 18 June 2007                                   | 38,195          |                                 | –                             | –                               | (38,195)                     | –                | £1.645         |                                 | 18 June 2010           | 17 June 2017    |
| 25 June 2008                                   | 68,861          |                                 | –                             | –                               | (68,861)                     | –                | £1.15          |                                 | 25 June 2011           | 24 June 2018    |
| 8 December 2008                                | 45,087          |                                 | –                             | –                               | –                            | 45,087           | £0.35          |                                 | 8 December 2011        | 7 December 2018 |
| 18 June 2009                                   | 173,670         |                                 | –                             | –                               | (30,160)                     | 143,510          | £0.295         |                                 | 18 June 2012           | 17 June 2019    |
| 5 July 2010                                    | 224,325         |                                 | –                             | –                               | (34,677)                     | 189,648          | £0.255         |                                 | 5 July 2013            | 4 July 2020     |
| 5 October 2010                                 | 96,154          |                                 | –                             | –                               | –                            | 96,154           | £0.235         |                                 | 5 October 2013         | 4 October 2020  |
|  | <u>646,292</u>  | <u>£0.447</u>                   | <u>–</u>                      | <u>–</u>                        | <u>(171,893)</u>             | <u>474,399</u>   |                | <u>£0.200</u>                   |                        |                 |

**Employment Options granted under Part B**

|              |                |               |          |          |                 |                |        |               |              |              |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------------|--------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 18 June 2007 | 25,191         |               | –        | –        | (25,191)        | –              | £1.645 |               | 18 June 2010 | 17 June 2017 |
| 25 June 2008 | 43,279         |               | –        | –        | (43,279)        | –              | £1.15  |               | 25 June 2011 | 24 June 2018 |
| 18 June 2009 | 74,422         |               | –        | –        | –               | 74,422         | £0.295 |               | 18 June 2012 | 17 June 2019 |
| 5 July 2010  | 89,609         |               | –        | –        | –               | 89,609         | £0.255 |               | 5 July 2013  | 4 July 2020  |
|              | <u>232,501</u> | <u>£0.585</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>(68,470)</u> | <u>164,031</u> |        | <u>£0.273</u> |              |              |

**Performance Options granted under Part B**

|                |                |               |          |          |                 |                |        |               |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------------|--------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5 July 2010    | 330,766        | –             | –        | –        | (46,154)        | 284,612        | £0.255 |               | 5 October 2011 | 4 July 2020    |
| 5 October 2010 | 95,237         | –             | –        | –        | –               | 95,237         | £0.235 |               | 5 January 2012 | 4 October 2020 |
|                | <u>426,003</u> | <u>£0.251</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>(46,154)</u> | <u>379,849</u> |        | <u>£0.188</u> |                |                |

**Other Options granted under Part B**

|             |         |        |   |   |          |         |        |       |             |             |
|-------------|---------|--------|---|---|----------|---------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 5 July 2010 | 344,649 | £0.255 | – | – | (74,074) | 270,575 | £0.255 | 0.255 | 5 July 2010 | 4 July 2020 |
|-------------|---------|--------|---|---|----------|---------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|

The previous year movement in Share Options is summarised below:

| Date of Grant                                  | At 1 April 2010 | Weighted Average Exercise Price | No of Options granted in year | No of Options exercised in year | No of Options lapsed in year | At 31 March 2011 | Exercise Price | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Date first exercisable | Expiry date     |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Employment Options granted under Part A</b> |                 |                                 |                               |                                 |                              |                  |                |                                 |                        |                 |
| 18 June 2007                                   | 38,195          |                                 | –                             | –                               | –                            | 38,195           | £1.645         |                                 | 18 June 2010           | 17 June 2017    |
| 25 June 2008                                   | 74,410          |                                 | –                             | –                               | (5,549)                      | 68,861           | £1.15          |                                 | 25 June 2011           | 24 June 2018    |
| 8 December 2008                                | 65,896          |                                 | –                             | –                               | (20,809)                     | 45,087           | £0.35          |                                 | 8 December 2011        | 7 December 2018 |
| 18 June 2009                                   | 205,038         |                                 | –                             | –                               | (31,368)                     | 173,670          | £0.295         |                                 | 18 June 2012           | 17 June 2019    |
| 5 July 2010                                    | –               |                                 | 232,648                       | –                               | (8,323)                      | 224,325          | £0.255         |                                 | 5 July 2013            | 4 July 2020     |
| 5 October 2010                                 | –               |                                 | 96,154                        | –                               | –                            | 96,154           | £0.235         |                                 | 5 October 2013         | 4 October 2020  |
|  | <u>383,539</u>  | <u>£0.605</u>                   | <u>328,802</u>                | <u>–</u>                        | <u>(66,049)</u>              | <u>646,292</u>   |                | <u>£0.447</u>                   |                        |                 |

#### Employment Options granted under Part B

|              |                |               |               |          |          |                |        |               |              |              |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------|----------|----------------|--------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 18 June 2007 | 25,191         |               | –             | –        | –        | 25,191         | £1.645 |               | 18 June 2010 | 17 June 2017 |
| 25 June 2008 | 43,279         |               | –             | –        | –        | 43,279         | £1.15  |               | 25 June 2011 | 24 June 2018 |
| 18 June 2009 | 74,422         |               | –             | –        | –        | 74,422         | £0.295 |               | 18 June 2012 | 17 June 2019 |
| 5 July 2010  | –              |               | 89,609        | –        | –        | 89,609         | £0.255 |               | 5 July 2013  | 4 July 2020  |
|              | <u>142,892</u> | <u>£0.792</u> | <u>89,609</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>232,501</u> |        | <u>£0.585</u> |              |              |

#### Performance Options granted under Part B

|                |                |               |                |          |                  |                |        |               |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------|------------------|----------------|--------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 18 June 2007   | 219,706        |               | –              | –        | (219,706)        | –              | £1.645 |               | 18 June 2010   | 17 June 2017   |
| 18 June 2009   | 285,577        |               | –              | –        | (285,577)        | –              | £0.295 |               | 18 June 2010   | 17 June 2019   |
| 5 July 2010    | –              |               | 338,458        | –        | (7,692)          | 330,766        | £0.255 |               | 5 October 2011 | 4 July 2020    |
| 5 October 2010 | –              |               | 95,237         | –        | –                | 95,237         | £0.235 |               | 5 January 2012 | 4 October 2020 |
|                | <u>505,283</u> | <u>£0.882</u> | <u>433,695</u> | <u>–</u> | <u>(512,975)</u> | <u>426,003</u> |        | <u>£0.251</u> |                |                |

#### Other Options granted under Part B

|             |   |   |         |   |         |         |        |       |             |             |
|-------------|---|---|---------|---|---------|---------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 5 July 2010 | – | – | 353,538 | – | (8,889) | 344,649 | £0.255 | 0.255 | 5 July 2010 | 4 July 2020 |
|-------------|---|---|---------|---|---------|---------|--------|-------|-------------|-------------|

**22 Share-based payments (continued)**

896,028 shares were exercisable at 31 March 2012 (2011: 408,038). The weighted average exercise price of the total number of options granted and not exercised at 31 March 2012 was £0.209 (2011: £0.376) and the weighted average contractual life of the options was 2,926 days (2011: 3,227 days).

The charge made in respect of the fair value of options granted was:

|   | 2012<br>£     | 2011<br>£ |
|---|---------------|-----------|
| Expense arising from equity-settled share-based payments transactions | <b>19,091</b> | 34,651    |

The fair value of Performance Options is estimated at the date of grant using a Trinomial option pricing model. The fair value of Employment Options is estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model.

The following assumptions have been used in calculating the fair value of share options:

|                               | 2012                  |                        | 2011                  |                        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                               | Employment<br>Options | Performance<br>Options | Employment<br>Options | Performance<br>Options |
| Valuation method              | <b>Black-Scholes</b>  | <b>Trinomial</b>       | Black-Scholes         | Trinomial              |
| Risk free interest rate       | <b>1.5%</b>           | <b>1.5%</b>            | 1.5%                  | 1.5%                   |
| Expected life (average years) | <b>3</b>              | <b>2</b>               | 3                     | 2                      |
| Expected volatility           | <b>42%</b>            | <b>42%</b>             | 42%                   | 42%                    |
| Dividend yield                | <b>0%</b>             | <b>0%</b>              | 0%                    | 0%                     |

The expected life of the options is the expected average point at which an option becomes exercisable. The expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the share price of the Company and of quoted comparable companies over the most recent period at the date of grant that is commensurate with the average expected life of the option. The weighted average share price used in each calculation was equal to the option exercise price.

**23 Operating lease commitments**

The Group entered into a commercial lease on its office premises in Perth in June 2005 for a 5-year period, and the lease has been extended for a further five years. Viking Fund Managers entered into a one year commercial lease on its office premises in November 2011. Investors entered into a five year commercial lease on its office premises commencing July 2010. Renewals are at the option of the lessor. There are no restrictions placed upon the lessee by entering into these leases.

Future minimum rentals payable under operating leases are as follows:

|                              | 2012<br>£      | 2011<br>£ |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Future minimum payments due: |                |           |
| Not later than one year      | <b>77,980</b>  | 77,980    |
| In two to five years         | <b>145,133</b> | 210,933   |
|                              | <b>223,113</b> | 288,913   |



## 24 Borrowings

The Group entered into a hire purchase contract for the purchase of computer equipment in November 2008 which is now fully paid. The asset is included under computer equipment in note 11. The effective interest rate is 7.6%

Future minimum rentals payable under the hire purchase contract are as follows:

|                              | 2012<br>£ | 2011<br>£ |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Future minimum payments due: |           |           |
| Not later than one year      | –         | 6,629     |
| In two to five years         | –         | –         |
|                              | –         | 6,629     |

At 31 March 2012 Strathclyde Innovation Fund LP had received £43,392 (2011: £41,664) from limited partners unrelated to the Group to cover partnership obligations. Such sums are treated as long terms loans from limited partners.

## 25 Related party disclosures

Trade and other receivables (note 17) include the following amounts due from subsidiary undertakings:

|                                      | 2012<br>£ | 2011<br>£ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Caledonia Portfolio Realisations Ltd | 5,211     | 21,210    |
| Caledonia LP Ltd                     | 316,293   | 293,972   |
| Viking Fund Managers Ltd             | 254,070   | 161,570   |
| Envestors Ltd                        | 4,621     | 621       |
| Strathclyde Innovation Fund LP       | 27,679    | –         |
|                                      | 607,874   | 477,373   |

Trade and other payables (note 19) include the following amounts due to subsidiary undertakings:

|                         | 2012<br>£ | 2011<br>£ |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Braveheart Ventures Ltd | 415,223   | 269,675   |

All above amounts are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

During the year, the Company subscribed for 3,500,000 ordinary shares of 10p each in BVL with an aggregate nominal value of £350,000. During the year ended 31 March 2011 the Company subscribed for 2,000,000 redeemable preference shares of 10p each in BVL at an aggregate cost of £200,000.

During the current year, the Company also subscribed for 50,000 redeemable preference shares (2011: 220,000) of £1 each in Envestors at an aggregate cost of £50,000 (2011: £220,000).

Transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries are eliminated on consolidation.

Group entities have a limited partnership interest in (note 13), and act as General Partner to, Strathclyde Innovation Fund LP and Caledonia Specialist Finance LP.

Certain executive and non-executive directors are clients of BVL. Investment transactions executed on their behalf are carried out on the same commercial terms as all other clients of BVL. Fees arising during the year from such transactions were as follows: Garry Watson £nil (2011: £1,090) and Edward Cunningham £nil (2011: £5,154).

Andrew Burton is a director of VFM. During the year Mr Burton was a 33% shareholder in Yorkshire Association of Business Angels Ltd which VFM invoiced £157,258 (2011: £140,754) for services during the year of which £15,767 (2011: £14,203) was outstanding at 31 March 2012. During the year, VFM was charged rent totalling £20,880 (2011: £20,880) in respect of business premises owned personally by Mr and Mrs Burton. As at 31 March 2012, £2,166 (2011: £3,600) was due to Mr and Mrs Burton.

**26 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Group and Company)**

The Group and Company's financial instruments comprise investments designated at fair value through profit or loss, cash and various items such as trade and other receivables, and trade and other payables, all of which arise directly from its normal operations.

The carrying values of all of the Group and Company's financial instruments approximate their fair values at 31 March 2012 and 31 March 2011. The Accounting Policies described in note 2 outlines how the financial instruments are measured.

An analysis of the statement of financial position, relevant to an analysis of risk management, is as follows:

|                             | Financial instruments   |                               | Non-financial<br>assets &<br>financial<br>assets outwith<br>the scope<br>of IAS 39<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|------------|
|                             | Designated at<br>fair value<br>through<br>profit or loss<br>£ | Loans and<br>receivables<br>£ |   |            |
| <b>Group</b>                |   |                               |   |            |
| <b>2012</b>                 |   |                               |   |            |
| Investments                 | 3,275,655   | –                             | –   | 3,275,655  |
| Trade and other receivables | –   | 236,177                       | 63,275  | 299,452    |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | –   | 87,974                        | –   | 87,974     |
| Cash held for new shares    | –   | 336,000                       | –   | 336,000    |
|                             | 3,275,655   | 660,151                       | 63,275  | 3,999,081  |
| <b>2011</b>                 |   |                               |   |            |
| Investments                 | 3,978,621   | –                             | –   | 3,978,621  |
| Trade and other receivables | –   | 179,007                       | 57,211  | 236,218    |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | –   | 643,203                       | –   | 643,203    |
|                             | 3,978,621   | 822,210                       | 57,211  | 4,858,042  |
| <b>Company</b>              |   |                               |   |            |
| <b>2012</b>                 |   |                               |   |            |
| Investments                 | 2,123,002   | –                             | 2,673,968   | 4,796,970  |
| Trade and other receivables | –   | 661,986                       | 59,935  | 721,921    |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | –   | 12,688                        | –   | 12,688     |
| Cash held for new shares    | –   | 336,000                       | –   | 336,000    |
|                             | 2,123,002   | 1,010,674                     | 2,733,903   | 5,867,579  |
| <b>2011</b>                 |   |                               |   |            |
| Investments                 | 2,509,143   | –                             | 2,238,097   | 4,747,240  |
| Trade and other receivables | –   | 540,950                       | 18,571  | 559,521    |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | –   | 573,965                       | –   | 573,965    |
|                             | 2,509,143   | 1,114,915                     | 2,256,668   | 5,880,726  |

|                          | Other financial<br>liabilities at<br>amortised cost<br>£ | Liabilities<br>not within the<br>scope of IAS 39<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|--------------------------|--|---|------------|
| <b>Group</b>             |  |   |            |
| <b>2012</b>              |  |   |            |
| Trade and other payables | 732,293  | –   | 732,293    |
| Contingent consideration | 216,678  | 284,537   | 501,215    |
| Borrowings               | 43,392   | –   | 43,392     |
|                          | 992,363  | 284,537   | 1,276,900  |
| <b>2011</b>              |  |   |            |
| Trade and other payables | 244,722  | –   | 244,722    |
| Contingent consideration | 698,079  | 468,719   | 1,166,798  |
| Borrowings               | 40,713   | 6,629   | 47,342     |
|                          | 983,514  | 475,348   | 1,458,862  |
| <b>Company</b>           |  |   |            |
| <b>2012</b>              |  |   |            |
| Trade and other payables | 977,212  | –   | 977,212    |
| Contingent consideration | 216,678  | 284,537   | 501,215    |
|                          | 1,193,890  | 284,537   | 1,478,427  |
| <b>2011</b>              |  |   |            |
| Trade and other payables | 334,619  | –   | 334,619    |
| Contingent consideration | 698,079  | 468,719   | 1,166,798  |
|                          | 1,032,698  | 468,719   | 1,501,417  |

One of the Group's principal objectives and policies is to achieve income and capital gains through investment in equity shares in a portfolio of UK companies, the majority of which are unlisted.

**26 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Group and Company) (continued)**

Through its normal operations the Group is exposed to a number of financial risks, namely credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk. The Board reviews and agrees policies for managing each of these risks as summarised below.

**Credit risk**

Credit risk arises from the exposure to the risk of loss if the counterparty fails to perform its financial obligations to the Group. The Group's financial assets predominantly comprise investments designated at fair value through profit or loss, and cash. In accordance with its Investment Policy the Group seeks to manage credit risk related to its investments through detailed investment selection criteria and diversification and by placing limits on individual investments. In accordance with its Treasury Policy, the Group seeks to mitigate this risk on cash by placing funds only with banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk within any of its other financial assets. Included within such other financial assets are balances which are past due at the reporting date for which the Group has not provided as there has not been a significant change in their credit quality and which the Group believes are fully recoverable. The age profile of the Group and Company's other financial assets is as follows:

|                                  | Neither past due<br>nor impaired<br>£ | Less than<br>3 months<br>£ | 3 to 12<br>months<br>£ | More than<br>1 year<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Group</b>                     |                                       |                            |                        |                          |            |
| <b>2012</b>                      |                                       |                            |                        |                          |            |
| Trade receivables                | 109,394                               | 50,444                     | 22,227                 | –                        | 182,065    |
| Other receivables                | 77,945                                | –                          | –                      | –                        | 77,945     |
|                                  | 187,339                               | 50,444                     | 22,227                 | –                        | 260,010    |
| <b>2011</b>                      |                                       |                            |                        |                          |            |
| Trade receivables                | 91,180                                | 29,161                     | 4,554                  | –                        | 124,895    |
| Other receivables                | 71,882                                | –                          | –                      | –                        | 71,882     |
|                                  | 163,062                               | 29,161                     | 4,554                  | –                        | 196,777    |
| <b>Company</b>                   |                                       |                            |                        |                          |            |
| <b>2012</b>                      |                                       |                            |                        |                          |            |
| Amounts due from related parties | 607,874                               | –                          | –                      | –                        | 607,874    |
| Other receivables                | 114,047                               | –                          | –                      | –                        | 114,047    |
|                                  | 721,921                               | –                          | –                      | –                        | 721,921    |
| <b>2011</b>                      |                                       |                            |                        |                          |            |
| Amounts due from related parties | 477,343                               | –                          | –                      | –                        | 477,343    |
| Other receivables                | 77,647                                | –                          | –                      | –                        | 77,647     |
|                                  | 554,990                               | –                          | –                      | –                        | 554,990    |

The Group considers its exposure to credit risk is negligible.

**Liquidity risk**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due.

The Group seeks to manage its liquidity risk by holding sufficient cash reserves to meet foreseeable needs, and by investing cash assets safely. The Group continuously monitors rolling cash flow forecasts to ensure sufficient cash is available for anticipated cash requirements and, in accordance with its Treasury Policy, the Group only invests cash assets with reputable counterparties.

The maturity profile of the Group and Company's financial liabilities is as follows:

|                                | On demand<br>£ | Less than<br>3 months<br>£ | 3 to 12<br>months<br>£ | More than<br>1 year<br>£ | Total<br>£ |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| <b>Group</b>                   |                |                            |                        |                          |            |
| <b>2012</b>                    |                |                            |                        |                          |            |
| Trade and other payables       | 547,588        | 184,705                    | –                      | –                        | 732,293    |
| Other liabilities              | 15,642         | –                          | –                      | 43,392                   | 59,034     |
|                                | 563,230        | 184,705                    | –                      | 43,392                   | 791,327    |
| <b>2011</b>                    |                |                            |                        |                          |            |
| Trade and other payables       | 240,800        | 3,922                      | –                      | –                        | 244,722    |
| Other liabilities              | 14,202         | 3,717                      | 2,912                  | 40,713                   | 61,544     |
|                                | 255,002        | 7,639                      | 2,912                  | 40,713                   | 306,266    |
| <b>Company</b>                 |                |                            |                        |                          |            |
| <b>2012</b>                    |                |                            |                        |                          |            |
| Trade and other payables       | 383,107        | 178,882                    | –                      | –                        | 561,989    |
| Amounts due to related parties | 415,223        | –                          | –                      | –                        | 415,223    |
|                                | 798,330        | 178,882                    | –                      | –                        | 977,212    |
| <b>2011</b>                    |                |                            |                        |                          |            |
| Trade and other payables       | 63,324         | 1,620                      | –                      | –                        | 64,944     |
| Amounts due to related parties | 269,675        | –                          | –                      | –                        | 269,675    |
|                                | 332,999        | 1,620                      | –                      | –                        | 334,619    |

#### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market conditions such as equity prices, interest rates and foreign exchange rates will have an adverse impact on the Group's financial position or results.

#### Equity price risk

The Group is exposed to equity price risk due to uncertainties about future values of its portfolio of listed and unlisted equity investments. The Group manages such equity price risk in a similar way to credit risk through detailed investment selection criteria and diversification and by placing limits on individual investments. Investments are monitored carefully and the Board reviews the portfolio on a regular basis.

It is estimated that the maximum effect of a 10% fall in market prices to which the Group is exposed would be an increase in the loss before tax for the twelve months to 31 March 2012 of £327,565 (2011: £384,862).

**26 Financial risk management objectives and policies (Group and Company) (continued)****Interest rate risk**

The Group finances its operations through equity funding as opposed to debt and therefore minimises its exposure to interest rate risks. The Group's financial instruments are non-interest bearing, with the exception of loan notes which attract fixed rate interest, and cash balances which attract variable interest rates determined with reference to the bank interest rate.

The interest rate profile of the Group's financial instruments is as follows:

|                              | Fixed<br>Rate<br>£ | Variable<br>Rate<br>£ | Interest<br>free<br>£ | Total<br>£       |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>2012</b>                  |                    |                       |                       |                  |
| <b>Financial assets</b>      |                    |                       |                       |                  |
| Investments: equity          | –                  | –                     | 3,224,402             | 3,224,402        |
| Investments: loan notes      | 51,253             | –                     | –                     | 51,253           |
| Cash and cash equivalents    |                    | 87,974                | –                     | 87,974           |
| Cash held for new shares     | –                  | 336,000               | –                     | 336,000          |
| Other financial assets       | –                  | –                     | 299,452               | 299,452          |
|                              | <b>51,253</b>      | <b>423,974</b>        | <b>3,523,854</b>      | <b>3,999,081</b> |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b> |                    |                       |                       |                  |
| Contingent consideration     | –                  | –                     | 501,215               | 501,215          |
| Other financial liabilities  | –                  | –                     | 791,327               | 791,327          |
|                              | <b>–</b>           | <b>–</b>              | <b>1,292,542</b>      | <b>1,292,542</b> |
| <b>2011</b>                  |                    |                       |                       |                  |
| <b>Financial assets</b>      |                    |                       |                       |                  |
| Investments: equity          | –                  | –                     | 3,848,621             | 3,848,621        |
| Investments: loan notes      | 130,000            | –                     | –                     | 130,000          |
| Cash and cash equivalents    | –                  | 643,203               | –                     | 643,203          |
| Other financial assets       | –                  | –                     | 236,218               | 236,218          |
|                              | <b>130,000</b>     | <b>643,203</b>        | <b>4,084,839</b>      | <b>4,858,042</b> |
| <b>Financial liabilities</b> |                    |                       |                       |                  |
| Contingent consideration     | –                  | –                     | 1,166,798             | 1,166,798        |
| Other financial liabilities  | –                  | 6,629                 | 299,637               | 306,266          |
|                              | <b>–</b>           | <b>6,629</b>          | <b>1,466,435</b>      | <b>1,473,064</b> |

It is estimated that the maximum effect of a one percentage point (100 basis points) fall in interest rates to which the Group is exposed would be an increase in loss before tax for the twelve months to 31 March 2012 of £880 (2011: £6,642).

**Foreign currency risk**

The Group is not exposed to foreign currency risk as all of its financial instruments are denominated in sterling.

**27 Ultimate controlling party**

There is no ultimate controlling party.

**28 Post-reporting date events**

On 5 April 2012 the company raised £336,000 (note 18) via the placing of 2,239,998 new ordinary shares of 2 pence each at an issue price of 15 pence each. On 11 May 2012 the company raised £164,000 via the placing of 1,093,333 new ordinary shares of 2 pence each at an issue price of 15 pence each.



**BRAVEHEART INVESTMENT GROUP PLC**  
**("The Company")**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**(Registered in Scotland with company number SC247376)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at The Cherrybank Centre, Cherrybank Gardens, Perth, PH2 0PF on Tuesday 25 September 2012 at 12.30 to consider the following resolutions:

**Ordinary Business**

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions which will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions of the Company:

**Resolution 1**

THAT the audited accounts of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 and the reports of the directors and auditors thereon be received.

**Resolution 2**

THAT Grant Thornton UK LLP be re-appointed as auditors of the company to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company before which audited accounts are laid.

**Resolution 3**

THAT the directors be authorised to determine the remuneration of the auditors.

**Resolution 4**

THAT Garry Sanderson Watson who retires by rotation under article 109.1 of the Company's existing Articles of Association, be re-elected as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 5**

THAT Carolyn Smith who retires by rotation under article 109.1 of the Company's existing Articles of Association, be re-elected as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 6**

THAT Aileen Brown having been appointed by the Board since the last Annual General Meeting, be re-elected as a director of the Company.

**Resolution 7**

That the Company's Share Option Scheme be limited to 15% of the Company's enlarged share capital from time to time.

**Resolution 8**

THAT, the Rules of the Braveheart Investment Group plc Unapproved Company Share Option Plan, comprised within Part B of the Rules of the Company's Executive Share Option Scheme, (the "Unapproved Scheme") be amended to extend the definition of Eligible Employees to include employees, directors (including non-executive directors) consultants or contractors of or to a Relevant Undertaking, being a company or other undertaking in which the Company, or a subsidiary of the Company, controls at least 30% of the voting rights.

**Resolution 9**

THAT the directors be generally and unconditionally authorised for the purposes of Section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the CA 2006) to allot or grant rights to subscribe for shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £339,216 (representing 75% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 29 August 2012) provided that this authority shall, unless reviewed, varied or revoked by the Company, expire on 25 September 2015 save that the Company may, before such expiry, make offers or agreements which would or might require shares to be allotted and the directors may allot shares in the Company in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this resolution has expired.

This resolution revokes and replaces all unexercised authorities previously granted to the directors to allot shares pursuant to section 551 of the CA 2006 but without prejudice to any allotment of shares or grants of rights already made, offered or agreed to be made pursuant to such authorities.

**Special Business**

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution which will be proposed as a Special Resolution of the Company:

**Resolution 10**

THAT, subject to the passing resolution 7 above, the directors, pursuant to the general authority conferred on them, be empowered pursuant to section 570 of the CA 2006 to allot for cash equity securities (as defined in section 560 of the CA 2006) as if section 561 of the CA 2006 did not apply to such allotment provided that this power shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities wholly for cash up to an aggregate nominal value of £135,686 (being 30% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 29 August 2012) and shall expire on 25 September 2013 or, if earlier, the date of the next annual general meeting of the Company, save that the Company may, before such expiry, make offers or agreements which would or might require equity securities to be allotted and the directors may allot equity securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding that the authority conferred by this resolution has expired.

Registered office  
 The Cherrybank Centre  
 Cherrybank Gardens  
 Perth  
 PH2 0PF

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD  
**Aileen Brown**  
 Company Secretary

Dated 29 August 2012

**Explanations of the Resolutions proposed.**

**Explanation of Resolution 1:** The directors are required by law to present to the shareholders of the Company at a general meeting the audited accounts of the Company for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 and the reports of the directors and auditors thereon. The report of the directors and the audited accounts have been approved by the directors and the report of the auditors has been approved by the auditors. A copy of each of these documents may be found in the annual report of the Company.

**Explanation of Resolution 2:** The auditors are responsible for examining the annual accounts of the Company and forming an opinion as to whether or not they give a true and fair view of its results and the financial position. It is a requirement of law that the Company appoint auditors at each meeting at which accounts are presented to shareholders, such appointment to continue until the next audited accounts of the Company.

**Explanation of Resolution 3:** The resolution gives the directors of the Company the authority to determine the remuneration paid to the auditors for the next financial year. The amount of the remuneration for the next financial year will be disclosed in the next audited accounts of the Company.

**Explanation of Resolution 4:** Garry Sanderson Watson, a director of the Company, is retiring by rotation pursuant to the requirements of the Company's Articles of Association and is making himself available for re-election. Biographical details for Mr Watson are shown on page 10 of the annual report.

**Explanation of Resolution 5:** Carolyn Smith, a director of the Company, is retiring by rotation pursuant to the requirements of the Company's Articles of Association and is making herself available for re-election. Biographical details for Ms Smith are shown on page 10 of the annual report.

**Explanation of Resolution 6:** Aileen Brown was elected a director of the Company by the Board on 31 January 2012 and pursuant to the requirements of the Company's Articles of Association is making herself available for re-election. Biographical details for Mrs Brown are shown on page 10 of the annual report.

**Explanation of Resolution 7:** On 16 May 2008 the members of the Company approved the adoption of a Share Option Scheme, limited to 10% of the enlarged share capital of the Company from time to time, and on 9 September 2009 approved an increase in that limit to 15% issued share capital from time to time. The notes to the resolution of 2009 indicated that it was the Company's intention that such an increase should have been to 15% of the enlarged, not issued, share capital of the Company from time to time. This resolution is intended to clarify that the Share Option Scheme is limited to 15% of the enlarged share capital of the Company from time to time.

**Explanation of Resolution 8:** Currently only eligible employees of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company are permitted to take part in the Unapproved Scheme. The directors believe it is desirable for the purposes of incentivising individuals who may make a contribution to the benefit of the performance of the group to be able to offer options under the Unapproved Scheme to employees and directors of undertakings in which the Company, or a subsidiary of the Company, has a substantial minority interest but which otherwise fall outwith the definition of the Company's Group for the purposes of the Unapproved Scheme.

**Explanation of Resolution 9:** It is being proposed to replace the existing authority of the directors of the Company to allot shares in the Company (or rights in respect thereof) in connection with section 551 of the CA 2006. The directors are seeking authority to issue up to 16,960,783 shares having an aggregate nominal value of £339,216, representing approximately 75% of the issued share capital of the Company as at 21 August 2012, such authority to expire on 25 September 2015.

The directors wish to continue the strategy of the growth of the Group as outlined in the Chairman's Statement and the Chief Executive's Report through prudent acquisitions which do not require recourse to cash resources and are therefore seeking authority to allot shares to enable them to pursue this strategy.

The limitations to the directors' authority do not extend to:

- the allotment of shares, or the grant of a right to subscribe for, or convert any security into, shares in the Company pursuant to an employee's share scheme (as defined by section 1166 of the CA 2006); or
- the allotment of shares pursuant to a right to subscribe for, or convert securities into, shares in the Company previously granted in accordance with the directors' authority.

**Explanation of Resolution 10:** This resolution, which will be proposed as a special resolution, supplements the directors' general authority to allot shares as conferred on them pursuant to Resolution 8. Section 561 of the CA 2006 requires a Company proposing to allot equity securities to offer them first to existing shareholders in proportion to their existing shareholdings. If passed, this requirement will not apply to allotments of shares for cash up to a total nominal value of £135,686 being 30% of the issued share capital of the Company at 21 August 2012. This authority enables the directors to raise additional equity capital through an issue of shares for cash. This authority will expire after one year or at the date of the next annual general meeting, whichever is the earlier.

## Notes:

1. A member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (the Meeting) is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to exercise all or any of his rights to attend, vote and speak instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. You may appoint more than one proxy provided each proxy is appointed to exercise rights attached to different shares. You may not appoint more than one proxy to exercise the rights attached to any one share.
2. To be valid, a form of proxy (other than an electronic communication appointing a proxy) together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed (or a copy of such authority certified notarially) must be lodged at the office of the Company's registrars, Capita Registrars, PXS, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4TU by 12.30 pm on 23 September 2012, or not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding any adjourned meeting.
3. Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulation 2001, the Company has specified that only those shareholders registered in the register of members of the Company as at 6.00 pm on 23 September 2012 or, in the event that this meeting is adjourned, in the register of members 48 hours before the time of any adjourned meeting, will be entitled to vote, or to appoint one or more proxies to vote on their behalf, at this meeting in respect of the number of shares registered in their names at that time. Changes to entries on the register of members after 6.00 pm on 23 September 2012 or, in the event that this meeting is adjourned, in the register of members 48 hours before the time of any adjourned meeting, shall be disregarded in determining the rights of any person to attend or vote at the meeting.
4. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not prevent a member from attending the meeting and voting in person should he wish to do so.
5. CREST members who wish to appoint a proxy or proxies by utilising the CREST electronic proxy appointment service may do so for the Meeting and any adjournment(s) thereof by utilising the procedures described in the CREST Manual. CREST personal members or other CREST sponsored members and those CREST members who have appointed a voting service provider(s), should refer to their CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s), who will be able to take the appropriate action on their behalf.
6. In order for a proxy appointment made by means of CREST to be valid, the appropriate CREST message (a 'CREST Proxy Instruction') must be properly authenticated in accordance with Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited's ('EUI') specifications and must contain the information required for such instructions, as described in the CREST Manual. The message regardless of whether it relates to the appointment of a proxy or to an amendment to the instruction given to a previously appointed proxy must, in order to be valid, be transmitted so as to be received by the issuer's agent (ID RA10) by 12.30 pm on 23 September 2012. For this purpose, the time of receipt will be taken to be the time (as determined by the timestamp applied to the message by the CREST Applications Host) from which the issuer's agent is able to retrieve the message by enquiry to CREST in the manner prescribed by CREST.
7. CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers should note that EUI does not make available special procedures in CREST for any particular messages. Normal system timings and limitations will therefore apply in relation to the input of CREST Proxy Instructions. It is therefore the responsibility of the CREST member concerned to take (or, if the CREST member is a CREST personal member or sponsored member or has appointed a voting service provider(s), to procure that his CREST sponsor or voting service provider(s) take(s)) such action as shall be necessary to ensure that a message is transmitted by means of the CREST system by any particular time. In this connection, CREST members and, where applicable, their CREST sponsors or voting service providers are referred, in particular, to those sections of the CREST Manual concerning practical limitations of the CREST system and timings.
8. The Company may treat as invalid a CREST Proxy Instruction in the circumstances set out in Regulation 35(5) (a) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.
9. In order to facilitate voting by corporate representatives at the meeting, arrangements will be put in place at the meeting so that (i) if a corporate shareholder has appointed the chairman of the meeting as its corporate representative to vote on a poll in accordance with the directions of all the other corporate representatives for that shareholder at the meeting, then on a poll those corporate representatives will give voting directions to the chairman and the chairman will vote (or withhold a vote) as corporate representative in accordance with those directions; and (ii) if more than one corporate representative for the same corporate shareholder attends the meeting but the corporate shareholder has not appointed the chairman of the meeting as its corporate representative, a designated corporate representative will be nominated, from those corporate representatives who attend, who will vote on a poll and the other corporate representatives will give voting directions to that designated corporate representative. Corporate shareholders are referred to the guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators on proxies and corporate representatives ([www.icsa.org.uk](http://www.icsa.org.uk)) for further details of this procedure. The guidance includes a sample form of appointment letter if the chairman is being appointed as described in (i) above.
10. Copies of the Articles of Association of the Company will be available for inspection at the Company's registered office from 29 August 2012 to (and including) the date of the Meeting during normal business hours on any day (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted).



## Directors, Secretary, Registered Office and Advisers

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| <b>Directors</b> | Garry S Watson OBE CA, <i>Chairman</i> <sup>(n) (r)</sup>                          |
|                  | Geoffrey C B Thomson, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>                               |
|                  | Carolyn Smith BA Hons ACIS, <i>Chief Investment Officer</i>                        |
|                  | Colin C Grant BCom CA, <i>Chief Financial Officer (resigned 9 January 2012)</i>    |
|                  | Aileen Brown CA, <i>Chief Financial Officer (appointed 31 January 2012)</i>        |
|                  | Edward B Cunningham CBE FRSE, <i>Non-executive Director</i> <sup>(a) (n) (r)</sup> |
|                  | J Kenneth Brown BA CA, <i>Non-executive Director</i> <sup>(a) (r)</sup>            |

Jeremy H Delmar-Morgan MA MSI, *Non-executive Director* <sup>(a)</sup>

<sup>(a)</sup> *Member of Audit and Risk Management Committee*

<sup>(n)</sup> *Member of Nominations Committee*

<sup>(r)</sup> *Member of Remuneration Committee*

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| <b>Secretary</b> | Colin C Grant BCom CA ( <i>resigned 9 January 2012</i> ) |
|                  | Aileen Brown CA ( <i>appointed 26 January 2012</i> )     |

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| <b>Registration Number</b> | SC247376 |
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| <b>Advisers</b>                     | <b>Registrar</b>                     | <b>Auditors</b>           |
|                                     | Capita Registrars Ltd                | Grant Thornton UK LLP     |
|                                     | Northern House                       | 1-4 Atholl Crescent       |
|                                     | Woodsome Park                        | Edinburgh                 |
|                                     | Fenay Bridge                         | EH3 8LQ                   |
|                                     | Huddersfield                         |                           |
|                                     | HD8 0LA                              |                           |
|                                     | <b>Solicitors</b>                    | <b>Solicitors</b>         |
|                                     | Semple Fraser LLP                    | Maclay Murray & Spens LLP |
|                                     | 80 George Street                     | Quartermile One           |
|                                     | Edinburgh                            | 15 Lauriston Place        |
|                                     | EH2 3BU                              | Edinburgh                 |
|                                     | EH3 6EP                              |                           |
| <b>Principal Bankers</b>            | <b>Bankers</b>                       |                           |
| HSBC Bank plc                       | Bank of Scotland plc                 |                           |
| 76 Hanover Street                   | Pentland House                       |                           |
| Edinburgh                           | 8 Lochside Avenue                    |                           |
| EH2 1HQ                             | Edinburgh                            |                           |
|                                     | EH12 9DJ                             |                           |
| <b>Nominated Adviser and Broker</b> | <b>Joint Broker</b>                  |                           |
| Seymour Pierce Limited              | <i>(Nominated Advisor and Broker</i> |                           |
| Pentland House                      | <i>from 29 June 2012)</i>            |                           |
| 20 Old Bailey                       | Merchant Securities Limited          |                           |
| London                              | 51-55 Gresham Street                 |                           |
| EC4M 7EN                            | London                               |                           |
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