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MOUNTVIEW ESTATES P.L.C.

("Mountview" or "the Group" or "the Company")

UNAUDITED INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

Mountview is pleased to announce its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 September 2018

OUR PERFORMANCE

Turnover at £30.2 million down by 8.5% (2017 - £33.0m)

Gross profit at £18.6 million down by 10.6% (2017 - £20.8m)

Profit before tax at £15.9 million down by 13.6% (2017 - £18.4m)

Earnings per share at 329.9 pence down by 13.5% (2017 - 381.3 p)

Net assets per share at £92.2 up by 3.5% (2017 - £89.1)

DIVIDEND INFORMATION

Mountview Estates P.L.C. advises its shareholders that, following the issue of the interim results, the relevant dates in respect of the interim dividend payment of 200p per share are as follows:

Ex-dividend date 14 February 2019

Record date 15 February 2019

Payment date 25 March 2019

Chief Executive Officer's Statement

At the Annual General Meeting held on 8 August 2018 those shareholders deemed to be independent exercised their right to reject the re-appointment of Mr Anthony Solway and the election of Mr Anthony Powell as independent non-executive directors. At the General Meeting held in accordance with the UKLA Listing Rules on 19 November 2018, when all shareholders were entitled to vote, it was resolved to re-appoint Mr Anthony Solway and elect Mr Anthony Powell as directors of the Company. Thus the status quo is maintained.

TRADING

The uncertainty surrounding Brexit of which I wrote last year will continue until 29 March 2019 at the earliest. Whilst the Company conducts its business entirely within the borders of the United Kingdom, it cannot escape the overall effect of these uncertainties. During the six months ended 30 September 2018 fewer of our properties have come vacant and sales take longer to complete during uncertain times.

Consequently it is no surprise that the figures of Our Performance on the previous page are all down with the exception of a modest increase in net assets per share. We have continued to make good purchases during the six months ended 30 September 2018 and with low gearing the Company remains financially sound.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The interim dividend is maintained at 200p per share in respect of the year ending 31 March 2019 and is payable on 25 March 2019 to shareholders on the Register of Members as at 15 February 2019.

OUTLOOK

With continuing good purchases and sound finances the Company is well placed to take advantage when the economy settles down and the Brexit uncertainties have been banished.

D.M. SINCLAIR
Chief Executive Officer
22 November 2018

GROUP STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED) for the half year ended 30 September 2018

 Half year
 Half year
 Year

 ended
 ended
 ended

 30.09.2018
 30.09.2017
 31.03.2018

 £000
 £000
 £000

Revenue	30,166	33,027	70,272
Cost of Sales	(11,592)	(12,257)	(26,915)
Gross Profit	18,574	20,770	43,357
Administrative expenses	(2,112)	(2,141)	(5,507)
Gain on sale of investment properties	-	-	145
Operating profit before changes in fair value of investment properties	16,462	18,629	37,995
(Decrease) in fair value of investment properties	-	-	(376)
Profit from operations	16,462	18,629	37,619
Net finance costs	(566)	(270)	(714)
Profit before taxation	15,896	18,359	36,905
Taxation - current Taxation - deferred	(3,034)	(3,499) 7	(7,197) 173
Taxation	(3,034)	(3,492)	(7,024)
Profit attributable to equity Shareholders	12,862	14,867	29,881
Basic and diluted earnings per share (pence)	329.9p	381.3p	766.4p

All items within the consolidated income statement relate to continuing operations.

GROUP STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (UNAUDITED) for the half year ended 30 September 2018

	Half year ended	Half year ended	Year ended
	30.09.2018	30.09.2017	31.03.2018
	£000	£000	£000
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	1,741	1,803	1,771
Investment properties	27,825	28,741	27,825
	29.566	30.544	29.596

Current assets Inventories of trading properties Trade and other receivables Cash and cash equivalents	378,173 1,726 825 380,724	346,467 4,119 1,261 351,847	376,879 1,859 5,368 384,106
Total assets	410,290	382,391	413,702
Equity and liabilities			
Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the Company			
Share capital Capital redemption reserve Capital reserve Other reserves Retained earnings	195 55 25 56 359,195 359,526	195 55 25 56 346,916 347,247	195 55 25 56 354,131 354,462
Non-current liabilities Long-term borrowings Deferred tax	39,900 4,696 44,596	22,700 4,862 27,562	49,900 4,696 54,596
Current liabilities Bank overdrafts and loans Trade and other payables Current tax payable	2,425 734 3,009 6,168	3,430 692 3,460 7,582	463 1,843 2,338 4,644
Total liabilities	50,764	35,144	59,240
Total equity and liabilities	410,290	382,391	413,702

GROUP CASHFLOW STATEMENT (UNAUDITED) for the half year ended 30 September 2018

Cash flows from operating activities	Half year ended 30.09.2018 £000	Half year ended 30.09.2017 £000	Year ended 31.03.2018 £000
Profit from operations Adjustment for: Depreciation	16,462	18,629	37,619
	30	32	66
(Gain) on sale of investment properties Decrease in fair value of	-	-	(145)
investment properties	-	-	376
Operating cash flows before movement in working capital	16,492	18,661	37,916

(Increase)/Decrease in inventories	(1,294)	913	(29,499)
Decrease/(Increase) in receivables	133	(2,506)	(246)
(Decrease) in payables	(1,109)	(1,259)	(108)
Cash generated from operations	14,222	15,809	8,063
Interest paid Income taxes paid	(566) (2,363)	(270) (5,293)	(714) (10,110)
Net cash inflow /(outflow)from operating activities	11,293	10,246	(2,761)
Investing activities Proceeds from disposal of	-	-	685
investment properties Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-	-	(4)
Net cash inflow from investing activities	-	-	681
Cash flows from financing activities			
(Repayment)/Increase in borrowings	(9,875)	(6,867)	20,483
Equity dividend paid	(7,798)	(3,899)	(11,698)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing activities	(17,673)	(10,766)	8,785
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(6,380)	(520)	6,705
Opening cash and cash equivalents	5,368	(1,337)	(1,337)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	(1,012)	(1,857)	5,368

GROUP CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY (UNAUDITED) for the half year ended 30 September 2018

	Half year ended 30.09.2018 £000	Half year ended 30.09.2017 £000	Year ended 31.03.2018 £000
Shareholders' funds as at the beginning of the period	354,462	336,279	336,279
Profit for the period	12,862	14,867	29,881
Dividends	(7,798)	(3,899)	(11,698)

359,526

347,247

354,462

Notes to the Half Year Report

Basis of preparation

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Disclosure and Transparency Rules of the Financial Conduct Authority and International Accounting Standard 34 (IAS 34) "Interim Financial Reporting" as adopted by the European Union. The condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the European Union.

The accounting policies used are consistent with those contained in the Group's last Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

The Directors have reviewed the current and projected financial position of the Group and are satisfied that the Group has adequate resources to cover current liabilities. Therefore the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the half year report.

Basis of consolidation

The Group's financial statements incorporate the results of Mountview Estates P.L.C. and all of its subsidiary undertakings. Control is achieved where the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an investee enterprise so as to obtain benefits from its activities. The Group exercises control through voting rights.

On acquisition, the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of a subsidiary are measured at their fair values at the date of acquisition. The purchase method has been used in consolidating the subsidiary financial statements.

All significant intercompany transactions and balances between Group enterprises are eliminated on consolidation within the consolidated accounts. Consistent accounting policies have been used across the Group.

Status of the interim financial information

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements are unaudited and do not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The Group's published financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2018 have been reported on by the Group's auditors and filed with the Registrar of Companies. The report of the auditors 2018 was unqualified and did not contain any statement under Section 498 of the Companies Act 2006.

The consolidated interim financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 19 November 2018. The preparation of the interim financial information requires management to make assumptions and estimates about future events which are uncertain, the actual outcome of which may result in a materially different outcome from that anticipated.

Availability of the Half Year Report

Copies of this statement are being sent to Shareholders. Copies may be obtained from the Company's registered office or from the Company's website - www.mountviewplc.co.uk.

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