

Statement of Directors' Responsibility in Relation to the Financial Statements

The Directors are required by the Companies Act, 1965 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which have been made out in accordance with the applicable approved accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and Company at the end of the financial year and of the results and cash flows of the Group and Company for the financial year.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- ensured that all applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepared financial statements on the going concern basis as the Directors have a reasonable expectation, having made enquiries, that the Group and Company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Directors have the responsibility for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Group and Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1965.

The Directors have overall responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the LLCB Group to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors have provided the Auditors with every opportunity to take all steps, undertake all inspections and seek all explanations they considered appropriate for the purpose of enabling them to give their audit report on the financial statements.