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Chairman's update for shareholders – 14 October 2009

Investment performance

I am pleased to report an 11% increase in your Company's asset value net of debt in the quarter to 30 September 2009 to make an 18% increase for the year since the low point of 30 September 2008; conditions in our chosen investment field have stabilised a little after the shocks of the latter half of 2008.

A year ago, we took a long hard look at the values attributed to our investment portfolio as a result of which we wrote down the book values of many, but not all, of our investments by a total of £3.5m. We believed this to be prudent and subsequent events have demonstrated this to be so. We expect to announce our audited results for the year to 30 September 2009, by the end of October when we will comment in greater detail.

Company statistics

	30 September 2009	30 June 2009	31 March 2009	30 September 2008
	unaudited	At BID values	at BID values	at BID values,
	At BID			adjusted
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	adjusted			
Trading portfolio value	£4.72m	£4.3m	£4.25m	£3.9m
Company asset value net of debt	£4.02m	£3.62m	£3.62m	£3.4m
Net asset value – fully diluted per share	10.72 pence	10.01 pence	10.01 pence	9.06 pence
Share price - mid	11.75 pence	9.5 pence	6.25 pence	12.25p
Share price premium or discount to fully diluted net asset value	9% premium	5% discount	37% discount	35% premium
Market capitalisation	£4.1m	£3.31m	£2.18m	£4.28m

The net asset values at 30 September 2008 and 2009 are based on bid prices or the Directors' valuation, if lower; the values at other dates are at bid prices.

The Board continues to believe that it has within its portfolio investments with considerable potential and is hoping for an upturn during 2010, possibly earlier for some.

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