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Board update for shareholders at the Annual General Meeting – 14 December 2009

Investment performance

Since the publication of the 2009 annual report, markets have moved ‘sideways’ so that:

- the portfolio valuation at the close of business on Friday 11 December 2009 was £4.38m showing little change since 30 September 2009 when adjusted for investment sales;
- the Company value net of debt shows little change from that at 30 September 2009.

Other matters worthy of note since 30 September 2009 are:

- The closing share price at 7.25 pence, indicates a discount to net asset value of 34%.
- Investment sales have realised £361,000 with a gross profit of £168,000.
- Bank overdraft has been reduced below £400,000.
- Had the portfolio been valued at mid rather than bid prices, the valuation would have been £6.1m equal to 15.46 pence per share fully diluted, resulting in a 53% share price discount to net asset value.
- The valuation difference between bid and mid prices of £1.7m reflects the wide spread of market quotes and points to the relatively low market activity in many of the Company’s investments.
- It remains the Board’s intention to reduce and ultimately eliminate the bank overdraft.

Company statistics

	11 December 2009	30 September 2009	30 June 2009	9 December 2008
	At BID values	At BID values, adjusted	At BID values	At BID values
Trading portfolio value	£4.38m	£4.72m	£4.3m	£4.04m
Company asset value net of debt	£4.00m	£4.02m	£3.62m	£3.53m
Net asset value – fully diluted per share	11.04 pence	11.08 pence	10.01 pence	9.3 pence
Share price - mid	7.25 pence	11.75 pence	9.5 pence	6.5 pence

Share price discount (premium) to fully diluted net asset value	34% discount	6% (premium)	5% discount	30% discount
Market capitalisation	£2.53m	£4.1m	£3.31m	£2.7m

All net asset values are based on bid prices or the Directors' valuation, if lower.

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

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