# Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012



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## **Company Information**

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A W Deacon S J Murphy A Furlong D Hatfield R W Holland A J Cooper R H McClean

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## Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2012

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was the provision of passenger train services

#### **Business review**

2012 was the first full year as part of the Arriva group of companies. In December 2012 Grand Central Railway Company Limited commenced a 5th path as part of its North East service and continues to operate 3 paths on its West Riding Service. The company participates in the National Passenger Focus survey and received a 95% score (2011 - 95%), the highest in the industry.

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £115,000 (9 months ended 31 December 2011 - loss £9,497,000)

The directors did not pay a dividend in the current year or prior period

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were

S English

A W Deacon (appointed 1 June 2012)

S J Murphy (appointed 1 January 2013)

T A Clift (resigned 29 February 2012)

D Lowrie (resigned 31 January 2012)

B G Cooper (resigned 6 July 2012)

A Furlong

D Hatfield

R W Holland

A J Cooper (appointed 1 February 2012)

R H McClean (appointed 1 February 2012)

During the financial year, a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the benefit of the directors was in force

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the company are considered to relate to local and national competition and factors which would cause a decline in the market. Further discussion of these risks and uncertainties in the context of the group as a whole, is provided in the annual report of the UK intermediate parent company, Arriva Plc, which does not form part of this report.

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

Details of financial risk management objectives and policies are shown in the annual report of Arriva Plc which does not form part of this report

## Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### Key performance indicators

The directors of the ultimate parent company, Deutsche Bahn AG, manage the group's operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of Grand Central Railway Company Limited. The development performance and position of the group, including this company, is discussed in the group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

#### Post balance sheet events

In May 2013 Grand Central Railway Company Ltd was part of a financial reorganisation which resulted in the settlement of Inter Group balances with Arriva UK Trains Limited and GCRC Holdings Limited and the issue of shares by Grand Central Railway Company Limited to Arriva UK Trains Limited

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the audited financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the audited financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the 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 that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position 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.

#### Going concern

In May 2013 the company was re-financed which resulted in the balance sheet of the company showing net assets (as opposed to net habilities) and shareholders' funds (as opposed to shareholders' deficit). This re-financing involved the company issuing further ordinary shares and entering into a deed of waiver with a fellow group company in respect of intercompany indebtedness.

As a result of the above, the directors believe it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis

## Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### Provision of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware,
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

This report was approved by the board on 21 June 2013 and signed on its behalf

E A Davies

Company secretary

### Independent auditors' report to the members of Grand Central Railway Company Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Grand Central Railway Company Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 2, 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 Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2012 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- 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

### Independent auditors' report to the members of Grand Central Railway Company Limited

#### 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, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the 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

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Bill MacLeod (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

89 Sandyford Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8HW

24 June 2013

## Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2012 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2011 £000
TURNOVER	1,2	27,071	16,656
Cost of sales		(24,094)	(20,351)
GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS)		2,977	(3,695)
Administrative expenses		(3,252)	(4,745)
OPERATING LOSS	3	(275)	(8,440)
Interest receivable and similar income	6	-	6
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(137)	(1,063)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(412)	(9,497)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	8	527	
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	17	115	(9,497)

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2012 or 2011 other than those included in the profit and loss account Therefore, no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There is no material difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit/(loss) for the financial year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements

## GRAND CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED Registered number: 03979826

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2012

	Note	2000	2012 £000	£000	2011 £000
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	9		4		5
Tangible assets	10	_	3,070	_	1,619
			3,074		1,624
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	168		168	
Debtors	12	5,066		6,589	
Cash at bank and in hand	_	4		591	
	_	5,238	_	7,348	
CREDITORS: amounts failing due within one year	13	(50,303)		(51,719)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	_		(45,065)		(44,371)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABIL	ITIES	_	(41,991)	•••	(42,747)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
Other provisions	15	_	(2,355)	_	(1,714)
NET LIABILITIES		_	(44,346)		(44,461)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Cailed up share capital	16		100		100
Share premium account	17		304		304
Profit and loss account	17	_	(44,750)	_	(44,865)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT	18		(44,346)		(44,461)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 21 June 2013

A W Deacon Director

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under UK GAAP, and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the period, are set out below.

#### 1.2 Cash flow statement

The company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1

#### 1.3 Turnover

Turnover includes amounts attributable to train operating companies, predominantly based on models of route usage, by the Rail Settlement Plan in respect of passenger receipts, excluding value added tax. Income is accrued where it is earned in an earlier period to that in which it is billed or received in cash. Income is deferred where it is received in an earlier period than that to which it relates

#### 14 Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

Intangible assets are included at cost less accumulated amortisation

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Trade Mark - 5% straight line

#### 1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases.

Leasehold property - period of the lease
Plant, machinery and motor vehicles - 10% to 33% straight line

Fixtures and fittings - 10% straight line

Heavy maintenance - period of the rolling stock lease

#### 1.6 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

#### 1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### 1.8 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted

#### 1.9 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. Contributions payable by the company are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they fall due. Contributions payable under the defined contribution scheme are charged to the profit and loss account as they arise.

#### 1.10 Going concern

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As a result of the above, the directors believe it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis

#### 2. TURNOVER

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the company's principal activity

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

### 3. OPERATING LOSS

The operating loss is stated after charging

	Year ended 31	9 months ended 31
	December 2012	December 2011
	£000	£000
Amortisation - intangible fixed assets	1	-
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		•
- owned by the company	729	400
Auditors' remuneration - audit fees	22	22
Operating lease rentals		
- rolling stock	7,209	6,995
- land and buildings	129	87

### 4. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows

	Year ended 31	9 months ended 31
	December 2012	December 2011
	£000£	000£
Wages and salaries	4,025	4,329
Social security costs	471	373
Other pension costs	124	93
	4,620	4,795

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows

	Year ended 31	9 months ended 31
	December 2012	December 2011
	No.	No
Train staff	89	94
Administration and other	25	27
	114	121

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

5.	DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS		
		Year ended 31 December 2012 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2011 £000
	Aggregate emoluments	119	412
	Company pension contributions to contribution benefit pension schemes	3	·
	During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 1 director (2011 - pension schemes  The highest paid director received remuneration of £96,000 (2011 - £106,0)		defined contribution
6	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
		Year ended 31 December 2012 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2011 £000
	Bank interest receivable		6
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		Year ended 31 December 2012 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2011 £000
	Interest and other finance charges payable to group companies	137	1,063
8.	TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		Year ended 31 December 2012 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2011 £000
	Analysis of tax credit in the year/period		
	UK corporation tax credit on loss for the year/period Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(43) (484)	
	Tax on loss on ordinary activities	(527)	<u>-</u>

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

### 8. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

#### Factors affecting tax charge for the year/period

The tax assessed for the year/period is lower than (2011 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24 5% (2011 - 26 0%) The differences are explained below

	Year ended 31 December 2012 £000	9 months ended 31 December 2011 £000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(412)	(9,497)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24 5% (2011 - 26 0%)	(101)	(2,469)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	12	290
Capital allowances for year/period in excess of/(less than) depreciation	46	(87)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(484)	•
Utilisation of previously unrecognised tax losses	-	2,266
Current tax credit for the year/period (see note above)	(527)	<u>.</u>

### Factors that may affect future tax charges

During 2012 the Chancellor announced that the UK Corporation Tax rate applicable from 1 April 2013 would be 23%, and that the UK Corporation Tax rate applicable from 1 April 2014 would be 21%

On 20 March 2013 the Chancellor made a further announcement that the UK Corporation Tax rate applicable from 1 April 2015 would be 20%

#### 9. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Trade Mark £000
Cost	
At 1 January 2012 and 31 December 2012	6
Accumulated amortisation	-
At 1 January 2012 Charge for the year	1 1
At 31 December 2012	2
Net book value	
At 31 December 2012	4
At 31 December 2011	5
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# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Leasehold property £000	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles £000	Fixtures and fittings £000	Heavy maintenance £000
Cost				
At 1 January 2012 Additions	288	380	146	1,643 2,180
At 31 December 2012	288	380	146	3,823
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2012 Charge for the year	165 48	308 72	47 15	318 594
At 31 December 2012	213	380	62	912
Net book value				
At 31 December 2012	75	_	84	2,911
At 31 December 2011	123	72	99	1,325
				Tota £000
Cost				
At 1 January 2012 Additions				2,457 2,180
At 31 December 2012				4,637
Accumulated depreciation				
At 1 January 2012 Charge for the year				838 729
At 31 December 2012				1,567
Net book value				
At 31 December 2012				3,070

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

11.	STOCKS		
		2012	2011
		£000	£000
	Rolling stock spare parts	147	147
	Catering supplies	21	21
		168	168
12.	DEBTORS		
		2012	2011
		000£	£000
	Trade debtors	315	387
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	3,141	-
	Group relief receivable	43	•
	VAT recoverable	744	406
	Other debtors	747	4,485
	Prepayments and accrued income		1,311
		5,066	6,589
13.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year  Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Social security and other taxes Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	2012 £000 2,113 46,220 150 - 1,820	2011 £000 2,058 46,852 250 721 1,838
14.	DEFERRED TAXATION  At beginning and end of year/period	2012 £000	2011 £000

At 31 December 2012 the company had an unprovided deferred tax asset, calculated at 23% of gross amounts, of approximately £8,048,000 (2011 - £9,593,000 calculated at 25%) comprising mainly surplus tax losses. It is not considered prudent to recognise the asset at the period end

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

15.	PROVISIONS		
			Other provisions £000
	At 1 January 2012 Charged to profit and loss account in the year		1,714 641
	At 31 December 2012		2,355
	Other provisions		
	An onerous lease provision has been increased during the year to £2,355,000 (2 represents the cost of the lease to the end of the contract in 2016 for a train w requirements		
16.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
		2012 £000	2011 £000
	Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid	2000	2000
	210,000 Ordinary shares of £0 10 each (2011 210,000)	21	21
	790,000 B Ordinary shares of £0 10 each (2011 790,000)	79	79
		100	100
17.	RESERVES		
		Share premium account £000	account
	At 1 January 2012 Profit for the financial year	premium account	account £000 (44,865)
		premium account £000	account £000 (44,865) 115
18.	Profit for the financial year	premium account £000 304	account £000 (44,865) 115
18.	Profit for the financial year  At 31 December 2012	premium account £000 304 304 2012	account £000 (44,865) 115 (44,750)
18.	Profit for the financial year  At 31 December 2012	premium account £000 304	Profit and loss account £000 (44,865) 115 (44,750) 2011 £000 (34,964)

Closing shareholders' deficit

(44,461)

(44,346)

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012

#### 19. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2012 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	Land and buildings			Other
	2012	2011	2012	2011
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Expiry date.				
Within I year	16	-	-	-
Between 2 and 5 years	67	109	6,312	7,560

#### 20 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Deutsche Bahn AG, a company registered in Germany, which has prepared group financial statements incorporating the results of Grand Central Railway Company Limited Copies of these financial statements can be obtained from Potsdamer Platz 2, 10785 Berlin

Deutsche Bahn AG is the largest group to consolidate the financial statements and DB Mobility Logistics AG is the smallest

Information on Grand Central Railway Company Limited can be obtained from their registered address Admiral Way, Doxford International Business Park, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, SR3 3XP

Transactions with other companies in the Deutsche Bahn Group are not specifically disclosed as the company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 8 'Related party disclosures' for wholly-owned subsidiaries