

The Ninth Forestry Investment Plan
Public Limited Company

Reports and Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 May 2010

THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010**

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THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

Paul Brosnan MA BSc.
Trevor McHugh BA B.S.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Paul Brosnan MA BSc.

REGISTERED OFFICE

Eblana House
Eblana Avenue
Dun Laoghaire
Co. Dublin

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche
Chartered Accountants
Deloitte & Touche House
Earlsfort Terrace
Dublin 2

BANKERS

Ulster Bank Ireland Limited
Dun Laoghaire
Co. Dublin

SOLICITORS

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Sandymount
Dublin 4

THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2010.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The Ninth Forestry Investment Plan Public Limited Company, launched in 2004, is a ten year investment fund. The main activity of the company is to manage and maintain the woodlands and forestry assets of the company. All lands have been planted in accordance with the Plan's forestry management plan.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Irish forestry sector is facing some new opportunities with the emergence of bio-fuels. The directors continue to monitor and research any suitable opportunities in this area for the benefit of the company.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

	2010 €
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(45,178)
Taxation	(1,903)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation	<u>(47,081)</u>

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

As the company's performance is primarily dependent on the value attributable to the biological growth of the forestry assets, the key performance indicator is largely dependent on the independent valuation placed on this forest growth. Forest growth is not recognised in the financial statements but an independent valuation showed the forest growth was €283,551 for the year (2009: €366,890) and has been calculated in accordance with standard forestry valuation procedures.

PREMIUM INCOME

As a result of the mid-year budget of 2009 the Forest Service at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food reduced annual premia by 8%. This affected all forest owners in receipt of premia equally. The Directors are continuing to actively engage with the Department at the highest level to minimise the effect of this change and to protect the company from any further reductions.

DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 May 2010.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year end.

DIRECTORS AND SECRETARY

The directors and secretary who held office during the year are listed on page 2. Under the Articles of Association the directors are not required to retire by rotation.

THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

To ensure that proper books and accounting records are kept in accordance with Section 202, Companies' Act, 1990, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The books of account are located at the company's premises at Eblana House, Eblana Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.

RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The main risks associated with forestry investment include fire, wind damage, public liability, disease, the future market price of timber and adverse changes to existing tax advantages or grants. The directors continue to mitigate and where appropriate under expert advice, insure against the risks faced by the company.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Deloitte & Touche, Chartered Accountants, continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 160(2) of the Companies Act, 1963.

Signed on behalf of the Board:

Paul Brosnan
Director

Trevor McHugh
Director

22 November 2010

THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- 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 proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and comply with Irish statute comprising the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2009. 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

We have audited the financial statements of The Ninth Forestry Investment Plan Public Limited Company for the year ended 31 May 2010 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Statement of Accounting Policies and the related notes 1 to 16. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 193 of the Companies Act, 1990. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements, as set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, in accordance with applicable law and accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

Our responsibility, as independent auditor, is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, and are properly prepared in accordance with Irish statute comprising the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2009. We also report to you whether in our opinion: proper books of account have been kept by the company; whether, at the balance sheet date, there exists a financial situation requiring the convening of an extraordinary general meeting of the company; and whether the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purpose of our audit and whether the company's balance sheet and profit and loss account are in agreement with the books of account.

We also report to you if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not disclosed and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY**

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of the affairs of the company as at 31 May 2010 and of its loss for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2009.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by the company. The company's balance sheet and its profit and loss account are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

The net assets of the company, as stated in the balance sheet are more than half the amount of its called up share capital and, in our opinion, on that basis there did not exist at 31 May 2010 a financial situation which under Section 40(1) of the Companies (Amendment) Act 1983, would require the convening of an extraordinary general meeting of the company.

Deloitte & Touche
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Dublin

22 November 2010

THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and Irish statute comprising the Companies Acts, 1963 to 2009.

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Premia income and other revenue grants receivable under Irish Government grant schemes is credited to the profit and loss account when receivable.

TANGIBLE ASSETS

Tangible assets represent land and forestry costs. Land costs comprise land purchase price, stamp duty, legal and professional costs, together with forest management consultancy fees incurred in the twelve month period from the date of purchase of individual sites. Forestry costs comprise afforestation costs which are fully grant aided, together with enhancement costs where appropriate.

GRANTS

Capital grants receivable under Irish Government grant schemes are recognised when received or when their receipt can be foreseen with virtual certainty.

Grants in respect of afforestation costs which have been capitalised, are treated as deferred income and will be released to the profit and loss account when the related forests are clearfelled.

FOREST GROWTH

Forest growth is not recognised in the financial statements.

TAXATION

The charge for taxation is based on the loss for the year.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date, where transactions or events have occurred at the balance sheet date that might result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less tax in the future. Deferred tax assets are recognised if it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered.

THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010

	Notes	2010 €	2009 €
INCOME	2	44,798	49,906
Administrative expenses		(90,399)	(78,222)
OPERATING LOSS		(45,601)	(28,316)
(Loss)/Profit on disposal of land		(150)	2,565
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST		(45,751)	(25,751)
Interest receivable and other income	3	573	934
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	4	(45,178)	(24,817)
Taxation charge	6	(1,903)	(905)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	13	(47,081)	(25,722)

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss arising from continuing operations disclosed in the profit and loss account. There are no movements in shareholders' funds other than the loss after taxation disclosed above.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 22 November 2010 and signed on its behalf by:

Paul Brosnan
Director

Trevor McHugh
Director

THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2010

	<i>Notes</i>	2010 €	2009 €
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	4,009,553	3,838,545
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	13,506	14,713
Cash at bank and in hand		42,237	51,590
		<u>55,743</u>	<u>66,303</u>
CREDITORS: (Amounts falling due within one year)	10	(118,465)	(64,999)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		<u>(62,722)</u>	<u>1,304</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>3,946,831</u>	<u>3,839,849</u>
DEFERRED CREDITS	11	(507,199)	(353,136)
NET ASSETS		<u><u>3,439,632</u></u>	<u><u>3,486,713</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	12	15,000	15,000
Share premium account	13	3,446,053	3,446,053
Profit and loss account	13	(21,421)	25,660
		<u>3,429,632</u>	<u>3,476,713</u>
Equity	12	3,429,632	3,476,713
Non-equity	12	10,000	10,000
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	14	<u><u>3,439,632</u></u>	<u><u>3,486,713</u></u>

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010

	2010 €	2009 €
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash inflow from operating activities		
Operating loss	(45,601)	(28,316)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,381)	2,017
Increase in creditors	53,466	34,556
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>6,484</u>	<u>8,257</u>
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Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest and other income received	573	934
Taxation		
Corporation tax paid	(282)	(2,826)
Corporation tax refunded	967	62
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Capital grants	154,063	14,835
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(171,008)	(23,630)
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets	(150)	11,713
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	<u>(9,353)</u>	<u>9,345</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds		
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	(9,353)	9,345
Net funds at 1 June 2009	51,590	42,245
Net funds at 31 May 2010	<u>42,237</u>	<u>51,590</u>

THE NINTH FORESTRY INVESTMENT PLAN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2010

1. GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The company reported a loss for the year amounting to €47,081 (2009: €25,722) and had net current liabilities at the balance sheet date of €62,722 (2009: net current assets €1,304). The company's largest creditor, I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited, has indicated that they have always recognised that, due to the nature of the company's activities, revenues are periodic, and therefore, they will not require payment of outstanding debts until such time as the company is in a position to do so. I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited recognises and accepts that this period may be in excess of 12 months. This will enable the company to meet its other financial obligations as they fall due. The directors are, therefore, satisfied as to the appropriateness of the going concern basis.

The financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amount or classification of assets and liabilities, which would result if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

2. INCOME

	2010 €	2009 €
Premia income	35,408	49,606
Management plan contribution income	-	300
Thinning income	3,532	-
Thinning grant	5,858	-
	<u>44,798</u>	<u>49,906</u>

Premia income is receivable on an annual basis for the first fifteen years, from date of planting, based on the land category and species planted.

3. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND OTHER INCOME

	2010 €	2009 €
Deposit interest receivable	573	934
	<u>573</u>	<u>934</u>

4. LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

	2010 €	2009 €
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:		
Management expenses for ongoing administration/management	68,924	67,876
Harvesting costs	9,047	-
Directors' remuneration	-	-
Auditor's remuneration	2,955	2,885
	<u>70,926</u>	<u>70,761</u>

5. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

There were no employees during the year.

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6.	TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2010	2009
		€	€
	(a) Analysis of the tax charge for the year:		
	The tax charge on the loss on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:		
	Corporation tax on the loss for the year	143	1,360
	Adjustment in respect of previous years	1,760	(455)
		<u>1,903</u>	<u>905</u>
	(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year:		
	The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in Ireland (12.5%). The differences are explained below:		
		2010	2009
		€	€
	Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(45,178)	(24,817)
	Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of tax in Ireland of 12.5%	(5,647)	(3,102)
	Effects of:		
	Operation of woodlands not subject to corporation tax	5,719	3,540
	Surcharge on undistributed investment and other income	-	485
	Interest and other income subject to a rate of tax higher than the standard rate of tax	71	437
	Adjustment to tax charge in respect of previous years	1,760	(455)
	Tax charge for the year	<u>1,903</u>	<u>905</u>
	(c) Factors that may affect future tax charges		
	Based on current taxation legislation no corporation tax or deferred tax arises on the operating loss, because of the exemption of profits from the occupation of woodlands from corporation tax.		
7.	TANGIBLE ASSETS		
			Land and Forestry
			€
	Cost		
	At 1 June 2009		3,838,545
	Additions		171,008
	Disposals		
	At 31 May 2010		<u>4,009,553</u>
	Net book value		
	At 31 May 2010		<u>4,009,553</u>
	At 31 May 2009		<u>3,838,545</u>

At 31 May 2010, land and forestry comprise land costs €3,502,354 (2009: €3,485,409) and afforestation costs €507,199 (2009: €353,136).

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8. FOREST GROWTH

Forest growth during the year has been valued by an independent valuer at €283,551 (2009: €366,890) in accordance with standard forestry valuation procedures. Total forest growth at balance sheet date is valued at €1,651,378 (2009: €1,367,827). Forest growth is not included in the financial statements, which are prepared under the historical cost convention.

9. DEBTORS: (Amounts falling due within one year)	2010	2009
	€	€
Trade debtors - premia income	2,381	3,717
Other debtors and prepayments	10,985	8,268
Corporation tax	140	2,728
	<u>13,506</u>	<u>14,713</u>
	<u><u>13,506</u></u>	<u><u>14,713</u></u>
10. CREDITORS: (Amounts falling due within one year)	2010	2009
	€	€
Other creditors and accruals	118,465	64,999
	<u>118,465</u>	<u>64,999</u>
	<u><u>118,465</u></u>	<u><u>64,999</u></u>
11. DEFERRED CREDITS	2010	2009
	€	€
Capital (Forestry) grant:		
At 1 June 2009	353,136	338,301
Increase in year	154,063	14,835
At 31 May 2010	<u>507,199</u>	<u>353,136</u>
	<u><u>507,199</u></u>	<u><u>353,136</u></u>

Forestry grants in respect of afforestation costs have been capitalised and treated as deferred credits. They will be released to the profit and loss account when the related forests are clearfelled.

Capital (Forestry) and Revenue grants may be refundable in certain circumstances set out in the grant agreements.

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12. SHARE CAPITAL	2010 €	2009 €
Authorised:		
40,000 Ordinary shares of €1 each	40,000	40,000
5,000 Redeemable preference shares of €1 each	5,000	5,000
	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Allotted, called-up and paid:		
40,000 Ordinary shares of €1 each, (€0.25 paid)	10,000	10,000
5,000 Redeemable preference shares of €1 each fully paid	5,000	5,000
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Unpaid:		
40,000 Ordinary shares of €1 each, (€0.75 unpaid)	30,000	30,000

Equity:

The redeemable preference shareholders do not have any right to attend or vote at Annual General Meetings.

The redeemable preference shares are the only shares entitled to participate in the growth of the forest investment and, as such, will be the only shares to rank for dividend and to participate in the distribution of any surplus arising when the forests are sold.

The company shall redeem the redeemable preference shares when the directors consider that it is in the best interest of the redeemable preference shareholders to do so. It is the intention of the company that the forests will be sold and all dividends paid ten years after the establishment of the Fund at which time the redeemable share capital will be repaid.

Non-Equity:

Only ordinary shareholders have any voting rights and are entitled to attend and vote at Annual General Meetings.

Ordinary shares do not rank for dividend and will not participate in the final distribution of any surplus arising when the forests are sold.

Ordinary share capital is repayable at par when the forests are sold and the preference share capital is repaid.

13. RESERVES	Share premium €	Profit and loss €	Total €
At 1 June 2009	3,446,053	25,660	3,471,713
Loss for the financial year, attributable to equity shareholders	-	(47,081)	(47,081)
At 31 May 2010	<u>3,446,053</u>	<u>(21,421)</u>	<u>3,424,632</u>

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14. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2010 €	2009 €
Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds:		
Loss for the year	(47,081)	(25,722)
Opening shareholders' funds	3,486,713	3,512,435
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>3,439,632</u>	<u>3,486,713</u>

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The directors of the company are also directors of I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited, with which the company had the following transactions during the year.

1. €55,132 was charged to the company by I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited as forest management charges (2009: €53,564).
2. €86,481 is due to I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited at 31 May 2010 for forestry management services (2009: €49,122).
3. €2,320 was charged by I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited as reimbursement for design, print, postage and stationery costs (2009: €1,710). €2,000 is due to I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited at 31 May 2010 as reimbursement (2009: €1,680).

16. INTEREST IN SHARE CAPITAL

The directors and secretary held no direct beneficial interest in the share capital of the company at the beginning and end of the year.

The ordinary share capital of the company is held by I.F.S. Asset Managers Limited, which is controlled by the directors of the company.

