

## **Albion Prime VCT PLC (formerly Albion Protected VCT PLC)**

### **Interim Management Statement**

#### **Introduction**

I am pleased to present your Company's interim management statement for the period from 1 April to 5 August 2010 as required by the UK Listing Authority's Disclosure and Transparency Rule 4.3.

#### **Financial position and dividends**

The Company's unaudited net asset value (NAV), based on management accounts, as at 30 June 2010 was £14.6 million (31 March 2010: £14.5 million) or 71.0 pence per share (excluding treasury shares) (31 March 2010: 70.3 pence per share).

The current NAV and comparative figures are calculated after accounting for the first dividend for the year to 31 March 2011 of 1.5 pence per share (total cost: £300,000) which was paid on 9 July 2010 to shareholders on the register as at 11 June 2010.

The net asset value has risen approximately 1 per cent. since 31 March 2010.

Total cash on deposit, or short term money market, and other liquid instruments amounted to approximately £1.9 million as at 30 June 2010 (31 March 2010: £1.8 million).

#### **Portfolio**

In the period from 1 April 2010 to 5 August 2010, the Company made a further investment in The Stanwell Hotel Limited of £73,000 and a new investment of £24,000 in TEG Biogas (Perth) Limited, a food waste anaerobic digestion plant.

#### **Disposals**

During the period from 1 April 2010 to 5 August 2010, Kew Green VCT (Stansted) Limited repaid loan stock of £120,000 to the Company.

#### **Top ten holdings as at 30 June 2010**

The table below details the top ten investments by valuation as at 30 June 2010:

<u>Investee Company</u>	<u>Carrying/fair value</u> £000's
Kew Green VCT (Stansted) Limited	3,825
The Stanwell Hotel Limited	1,668
The Crown Hotel Harrogate Limited	1,165
The Charnwood Pub Company Limited	985
The Weybridge Club Limited	863
The Place Sandwich VCT Limited	819
The Bear Hungerford Limited	794
Kensington Health Clubs Limited	665
CS (Greenwich) Limited	435
City Screen (Liverpool) Limited	230

#### **Material Events and Transactions**

##### **Dividends**

As mentioned above, a dividend of 1.5 pence per share was paid on 9 July 2010 to shareholders on the register as at 11 June 2010.

##### **Dividend Reinvestment Scheme**

The Company continues to offer a Dividend Reinvestment Scheme to existing shareholders. Details of this Scheme can be found at [www.albion-ventures.co.uk/Our Funds/Albion Prime VCT PLC](http://www.albion-ventures.co.uk/Our_Funds/Albion_Prime_VCT_PLC) in the Circular issued to shareholders on 11 July 2008. The Company allotted 12,564 Ordinary shares of 50p each in the capital of the Company on 9 July 2010 at an issue price of 70.3 pence per share representing 3 per cent. of the dividends paid.

**Share buy-backs and share price discount**

As disclosed by the Chairman in the Annual Report and Financial Statements announced on 1 June 2010, the Company has restricted the cash available for share buy-backs to up to £200,000 for the six months to 30 September 2010.

In the period from 1 April 2010 to 5 August 2010, the Company re-purchased 164,881 shares at an average price of 56.7 pence per share. The shares re-purchased represent 0.8 per cent. of the total number of voting rights in the Company as at 5 August 2010. Following the buybacks mentioned above, the Company now has approximately £106,000 allocated for buy-backs until 30 September 2010, at which point the Board will review the policy on buy-backs.

All the shares bought back in the period were cancelled.

The closing mid market price for the shares as at 30 June 2010 was 60.0 pence per share, resulting in a 16 per cent. discount to the net asset value of 71.0 pence per share. The narrowing of the discount to net asset value is in line with the Board's longer term target to achieve a discount of between 10 to 15 per cent. to net asset value.

**Name change and reduction of share capital and cancellation of capital redemption reserve**

Following shareholder approval at the Annual General Meeting held on 28 June 2010, the name of the Company has changed from Albion Protected VCT PLC to Albion Prime VCT PLC.

At the same meeting shareholders approved the reduction of the share capital in the Company by reducing the nominal value of Ordinary shares from 50 pence to 1 penny per Ordinary share and the cancellation of the Company's capital redemption reserve. This reduction of share capital and cancellation of the capital redemption reserve is to enable the Company to increase reserves for the payment of dividends, share buy backs and other corporate details. The Court confirmed the cancellation on 28 July 2010, and the cancellation was registered at Companies House on 29 July 2010. With effect from 29 July 2010, the nominal of value of all shares in the Company is 1 penny per share. New share certificates will not be issued following the reduction in share capital and the change of name, and existing certificates will remain valid.

Details of the name change, reduction of share capital and cancellation of capital redemption reserve are disclosed in the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2010 on pages 5, 20 and 21.

There have been no further significant events or transactions that the Board is aware of which would have a material impact on the financial position of the Company between 1 April 2010 and 5 August 2010.

Further information regarding historic and current financial performance and other useful shareholder information can be found on the Fund's website under [www.albion-ventures.co.uk/Our Funds/Albion Prime VCT PLC](http://www.albion-ventures.co.uk/Our_Funds/Albion_Prime_VCT_PLC).

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