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PREFACE TO THE 9TH EDITION

With the publication of this edition, we seek to keep the work up to date by incorporating significant case-law developments over the past three years, as well as, for example, covering the statutory changes concerning in particular the registration of company charges, further reduction of the accounting and audit requirements for smaller companies and the impact of the Financial Services Act 2012. As far as cases are concerned, the most significant are clearly the Supreme Court decisions in *Prest v Petrodel Resources Ltd* and *VTB Capital Plc v Nutritek International Corp* and these have necessitated a substantial rewrite of chapter 3 by Bryan Clark, ably assisted by Mark Leiser, PhD candidate and part time lecturer in the Law School at the University of Strathclyde, who was principal co-author of the rewritten chapter 3 and assisted with the updating of chapters 7, 8 and 18.

There have also been editorial changes for this edition. Tony Boyle has now ceased to have any active involvement, although naturally the title still reflects his vital contributions over the years. Their other commitments meant that Iain MacNeil and Christian Twigg-Flesner were unable to contribute to this edition, but we are delighted to have been joined by colleagues of theirs – Matteo Solinas from Glasgow and Mike Varney from Hull.

It is hoped that this book continues to be a reliable and comprehensive guide to this difficult subject.

Responsibilities for this edition have been as follows: John Birds (chapters 1, 4, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 17 and overall editorial responsibility), Bryan Clark (chapters 3, 7, 8 and 18), Iain MacNeil (chapters 19 and 20), Gerard McCormack (chapter 21), Matteo Solinas (chapters 9, 19 and 20), Mike Varney (chapters 2, 5, 6 and 10) and Charlotte Villiers (chapters 11 and 14).

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