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Hi Ben further to your email last week please find attached additional details provided by the applicant in relation to the business as requested. Should you have any queries or wish to discuss further then please do not hesitate to contact me.

The business has been successful over many years trading as Vecthom Sporthorses & Vecthom Dressage horses LTD from the previous property owned in black shaw moor. The business has long standing excellent trading business accounts which supported my effort to be able to get a business mortgage on the purchase of cheadle equestrian centre. The business accounts were highly scrutinised for profitability and sustainability in order to get the business mortgage and of course it was deemed that my businesses were not only extremely profitable but showed longevity allowing the lending.

Upon owning cheadle equestrian centre I didn't take a wage as such I'm self employed and I use the account for day to day living but did not allocate myself a wage as most business owners do not in order to get a new venture off the ground and to save money for the rebuild and development of the site.

As I have explained more than once and demonstrated the business has lots of different branches from it. In the equine industry it is common that not only do equestrians do a sport ie showjumping or dressage they then sell horses and breed horses and train people and the list goes on. Vecthom sporthorses is a IMPORTATION business on importing and SELLING top quality sport horses to very influential competitors such as Olympic gold medalists. The horses are often not in my yard for long and there is no fixed number which maybe in my yard at one time. It depends on when I have fresh stock in if I have sold stock and if there is stock to buy. I may have 17 horses in I may have 5 in stock Varys throughout the year. Breeding I have done sparsely as my previous site in black shaw moor could not accommodate a breeding stud at the level I needed so I would AT THE OTHER DWELLING maybe 1 or 2 a year. I purchased cheadle as this gave me the opportunity with more facilities and land to further develop the stud side of the business however due to the losses of the foals due to not having the accommodation on site (in the vets report) we have not had the sales off the foals as much as we liked as up to now we have lost HALF the stock due to not making the births in time and problematic foaling ie foals suffocating in the bags from not having us on site to assist with delivery. The selling of the imported horses, Livery, training and teaching of clients has always continued to be a lucrative and long standing business. Whilst we still own stallions, breeding mares, foals and youngstock for the stud I have had to make the decision to send my mares away to a stud where they are onsite 24/7 to foal my mares as I cannot take physically, emotionally and financially any more losses to my stock This has however impacted massively on costs as I am having to pay a substantial fee for someone else to deliver my foals and as it's not safe for young foals to be transported for 2 months this is very expensive as I have to pay someone else now a foaling fee as well as livery for the mare and foal until it can come home.

There is NOT 17 stables on site. This has already been discussed multiple times. When we had to remove the previous stables due to health and safety and suitability we made the development smaller. We have 13 stables. We did this because we made the stables bigger as the previous stables were too small for horses they were pony sizes so by making them bigger we lost 4 stables but we needed to do that for healthy and safety aspects. Some of the horses live out with a field shelter (breeding stock) the stables are occupied for my own showjumpers (sport), importing sales horses as well as students boarding their horses whilst having one to one tuition and instruction from myself. We have stallions on site and have a stallion stall but we also use outside stallions depending on the suitability of the breeding mares as one stallion will not suit all mares and we are unable to purchase more stallions with me not living on site!

I have funded the development so far by savings from sales of top competition horses as well as the steady stream of importing sales which has been the profitable business for over 8 years. The loan is easily covered by the Vecthom Sporthorses and VSH dressage horses as well as wages and living allowances. Everything is

accounted for in the accounts, I don't have any other income I have not needed to my business has always thrived and been full time and very successful. It pays for all aspects of the outgoings and everything is accounted for within the business including use of outside stallions, completions, feed, bedding, insurance, wages, ect ect.

Kind Regards

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