Directors' report and financial statements

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the 52 week period ended 16 September 1995.

Principal activities

In the course of the period the principal activities of the company was that of a holding company. The company's subsidiaries were engaged in the purchase and sale of tea and coffee.

Business review and future development

During the period the main activities of the company remained unchanged, and the directors anticipate that any future developments would be related to these activities.

Trading results and transfer to reserves.

The profit and loss account for the period is set out on page 5. The profit on ordinary activities after payment of group relief was £4,460,000 (1994: loss £129,000) which was added to reserves. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

GH Weston (Chairman)
BJ Evans (Managing)
SHG Twining
Guy H Weston
IWK Dewar
TA Hinch (resigned 15 September 1995)
JE Leeder

Notification of an interest in the shares in this company and shares in or debentures of other group companies by GH Weston was not required because at the end of the period he was also a director of a company of which this company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking.

Directors' report (continued)

Directors and directors' interests (continued)

The other directors notified the following interests in the ordinary shares of 5p each of Associated British Foods plc.

	Interest at end of period	Interest at beginning of period
BJ Evans	16,400	19,500
HG Twining	9,206	9,206
IWK Dewar	1,735	1,735
JE Leeder	30,385	10,385
Guy H Weston	180,763	180,763

Mr Guy H Weston notified at the end of the period that he had a non beneficial interest as a trustee of a trust which held 683,073 ordinary shares of 50p in Wittington Investments Limited.

According to the register of directors' interests, no rights to subscribe for the shares in this company or shares in or debentures of any group company were granted to any of the directors or their immediate families during the financial period except as detailed below:

Associated British Foods plc	Interest at beginning of period	Granted	Interest at end of period
J Leeder	-	20,000	20,000

Auditors

On 6 March 1995 Baker Tilly resigned as auditors of the company and KPMG were appointed. Pursuant to a shareholders' resolution, the company is not obliged to reappoint its auditors annually and KPMG will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

WB Wright lead Wind
MR Gore
Joint Secretaries Like he

Weston Centre Bowater House 68 Knightsbridge London SW1X 7LR 14 October 1995

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the preparation of financial statements

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:
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



Auditors' report to the members of Twining Crosfield & Co Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards 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 also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 16 September 1995 and of its profit for the 52 week period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

HMG

KPMG

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 19 October

1995

Profit and loss account for the period ended 16 September 1995

	Note	52 week period ended 16 September 1995 £000	52 week period ended 17 September 1994 £000
Income from shares in group undertakings		2	10
Interest receivable from group undertakings		60	27
Release of provision against investment in subsidiary	5	4,471	-
Provision against loan to subsidiary and subsidiary closure costs		-	(170)
Currency fluctuations:			
Unrealised (loss)/profit		(5)	23
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		4,528	(110)
Taxation	4	(68)	(19)
Profit/(loss) for the financial period		4,460	(129)
Retained profit brought forward		904	1,033
Retained profit carried forward	9	5,364	904

The above results comprise the company's continuing operations.

A statement of movements on reserves is given in note 9.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the period and for the previous period.

There is no material difference between the company's results as reported and on an historical cost basis. Accordingly no note of historical cost profits and losses has been prepared.

Balance sheet at 16 September 1995

	Note	16 Sept 199		_	otember 1994
Tours I .		£000	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets Investments	5	-	12,084		7,613
Current assets			12,084		7,613
Debtors	6	27,688		22.110	
Creditors: amounts falling	U	27,000		23,110	
due within one year	7	(33,563)		(28,974)	
Net current liabilities		(5,875)		(5,864)	
Net assets		=	6,209		1,749
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	8		610		610
Share premium account	9		107		107
Capital redemption reserve	9		128		128
Profit and loss account	9	_	5,364		904
Total equity shareholders' funds			6,209	=	1,749

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 19 october 1995 and were signed on its behalf by:

BJ Evans Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting reference date

The accounting reference date of the company is the Saturday nearest to 15 September. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared for the 52 week period ended 16 September 1995.

2 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The company is exempt by virtue of Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking. A group cash flow statement is included in the financial statements of Associated British Foods plc.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

3 Directors and employees

The average number of persons employed by the company (excluding directors) during the period was Nil (1994:Nil). The directors received remuneration of £Nil (1994:£Nil).

Notes (continued)

4 Taxation on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities

	52 week period ended 16 September 1995 £000	52 week Period ended 17 September 1994 £000
UK corporation tax at 33% (1994: 33%) on the profit for the period on ordinary activities	_	
Adjustment relating to an earlier period	8	_
Group relief payments	60	19
	68	19

The charge to taxation for the period results principally from the disallowance of certain income and expenses.

Group relief represents 100% of taxable profits.

5 Fixed assets investment - Shares

	Unlisted subsidiary undertakings £000
Cost	
At beginning and end of period	12,084
Provisions	
At beginning of period	4,471
Provided in period	-,,,,,
For diminution in value no longer required	(4,471)
At end of period	-
Total shares net book value	
At 16 September 1995	12,084
At 17 September 1994	7,613

Notes (continued)

5 Fixed assets investments (continued)

The principal companies in which the company's interest is more than 10% are as follows:

Country of registration or incorporation			_	entage
s				
England	Tea & coffee merchants	Ord.		£1
Scotland	Tea & coffee merchants	Ord.		£1
Northern Ireland	Tea & coffee merchants	Ord.		£1
France	Tea merchants	Ord.	FFr.	150
Netherlands	Holding company	Ord.	DF1.	1,000
R of Ireland	Non trading	Ord. Pref.	Ir£. Ir£	1 10
England	Non trading	Ord. Pref.		£1 'A' £1 £1
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Group financial statements have not been prepared as the company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Associated British Foods plc. Associated British Foods plc prepares group financial statements which include the company. In the opinion of the directors, the investments in and amounts due from the company's subsidiary undertakings are worth at least the amounts at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

6 Debtors

	16 September 1995 £000	17 September 1994 £000
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	27,688	23,110

Notes (continued)

7	Creditors: amounts falling due wit	hin one year	16 Ser	tember 13	7 September
			10 00	1995	1994
				£000	£000
	Amounts owed to group undertaking				
	Parent and fellow subsidiary unde	rtakings		24,767	20,971
	Subsidiary undertakings			8,796	8,003
				33,563	28,974
0	Called up share equital				
8	Called up share capital		otember 1995	-	otember 194
		Number	£000	Number	£000
	Authorised Ordinary shares of 25p each	3,000,000	750	3,000,000	750
	4.55% cumulative/redeemable preference shares of £1 each	150,000	150	150,000	150
					000
			900		900
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary shares of 25p each	2,440,000	610	2,440,000	610
	4.55% cumulative/redeemable preference shares of £1 each	-	_	· · · · · ·	-
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			610		610
9	Reserves				
			Share	Capital	Profit and
			premium	reserves	loss
			account		account
			£000	£000	£000
	At beginning of period		107	128	904
	Profit for the period				4,460
	At end of period		107	128	5,364
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Notes (continued)

10 Contingent liabilities

The company, together with Associated British Foods plc and certain fellow UK subsidiary undertakings, is party to a set-off arrangement in respect of its bank accounts with certain of the group's bankers.

11 Holding company

The ultimate holding company is Wittington Investments Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Wittington Investments Limited. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by ABF Investments pic, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England.

SUBSIDIARIES OF TWINING CROSFIELD & CO. LIMITED AS AT 16 SEPTEMBER 1995

Arranged as follows:

- Col. (1) Name of subsidiary
- Col. (2) Class of shares held (proportion held is 100% unless otherwise stated)

Shares in the subsidiaries are held by, or by nominees for, the company. Shares in other subsidiaries marked* are held by, or by nominees for, subsidiaries of the company.

Subsidiaries not incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England have, in brackets after name, country in which registered, if Scotland, or in which incorporated if outside Great Britain.

(1)	(2)
FOODS INTERNATIONAL S.A. (France) FOODS INTERNATIONAL HOLDING B.V. (Netherlands) FOODS INTERNATIONAL SALES & MARKETING LIMITED (Republic	Ord. Ord.
of Ireland) FOODS INTERNATIONAL SALES EN MARKETING N.V. (Belgium) FOODS INTERNATIONAL VERKOOP EN MARKETING HOLLAND B.V.	Ord. Ord.
(Netherlands) FOODS INTERNATIONAL VERTRIEBS UND MARKETING GmbH (Germany) GROSVENOR MARKETING S.A. (France)	Ord. Undefined Ord.
*G.W.H. INVESTMENTS INC. (Delaware - U.S.A.) *GROSVENOR MARKETING INC. (Delaware - U.S.A.) ROBERT JACKSON & COMPANY LIMITED	Ord. Ord. Ord.
JULA B.V. (Netherlands) *JACKSONS OF PICCADILLY LIMITED *JACKSONS BLENDING & PACKING CO. LIMITED	Ord. Ord. Ord.
*JACKSONS OF PICCADILLY (COFFEE) LIMITED (in members voluntary liq.) MATHESON McLAREN & COMPANY LIMITED (Scotland)	Ord. Ord.
H. & E. MUSGRAVE (DUBLIN) LIMITED (Republic of Ireland) NAMOSA LIMITED (Northern Ireland) *THOMAS OAKLEY & CO. LIMITED (in members voluntary liquidation)	Pref.Ord. Ord. Ord.
*PETER J. OSBORN LIMITED (in liquidation) *P.J. OSBORN (PACKING) LIMITED SEED SYSTEMS Inc (California U.S.A.)	Ord. Ord. Ord.
TUKE SHIPPING LIMITED R. TWINING AND COMPANY LIMITED *R. TWINING & CO. LIMITED (North Carolina - U.S.A.)	Ord. 'B' Ord. Ord. Ord.
TWININGS OF IRELAND LIMITED (Republic of Ireland) FRITZ WALTHER A.G. (Switzerland) WALTER WILLIAMS & CO. (LONDON) LIMITED	Pref.Ord. Ord. Def.Ord.
LA TISANIERE S.A. (France) AC HUMKO (U.S.A.) ABITEC CORPORATION (U.S.A.)	Ord. Ord. Ord.