DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1994

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994.

BUSINESS REVIEW

On 1st January, 1994 the ownership of certain subsidiary undertakings was transferred to the Company from FMC plc, a fellow subsidiary undertaking of Hillsdown Holdings plc. The profit for the year includes dividends from those subsidiaries. The Company's own trading profits were down in a very difficult year.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company continues to be meat processing. At the beginning of the financial year the Company's imported meat operations were transferred to one of its subsidiary undertakings. The Company also took over the activities of another subsidiary together with all its assets and undertakings.

RESULTS

Summarised results of the Company for the year are:

	1994 £	1993 £
Turnover	90,008,311	63,501,072
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on ordinary activities	9,173,569 406,665	2,128,346 (589,000)
Profit for the financial year	9,580,234	1,539,346
Dividend paid	(2,500,000)	(1,750,000)
	7,080,234	(210,654)

DIVIDEND

During the year a dividend of £2,500,000 was paid for 1994 (1993: £1,750,000). The directors recommend that no further dividend be paid and that the balance of £7,080,234 be carried forward to reserves.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

DIRECTORS

Details of the directors who served during the year are:

M N Buswell
A P Daniels
D J Gray
A J Hewitt
C E Jay
W D Life

(resigned 20.12.94)
(resigned 20.12.94)

No director had any interest in the shares of the Company.

The declarable share interests of other directors who held office at 31st December, 1994, are as follows:

		wn Holdings plc ordinary Shares
	31.12.94	31.12.93 or date of appointment
A P Daniels	-	-
A J Hewitt	_	_
C E Jay	63,331	73,331
W D Life	7,004	6,658
D J Gray	6,131	6,131

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN MATERIAL CONTRACTS

No director was or is materially interested in any contract, subsisting during or at the end of the financial year which was significant in relation to the Company's business.

FIXED ASSETS

Movements in tangible fixed assets are shown in Note 11 to the accounts.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

EMPLOYEES

The maintenance of a loyal and highly skilled workforce is a key to the future of the business, and the Company recognises that, where appropriate, employees should be informed of the progress of the business.

It is the Company's policy to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by disabled persons having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities and to ensure that any disabled person who is in employment with the Company receives, so far as is practicable, the same opportunities for training, career development and promotion as other employees.

AUDITORS

At the Company's last Annual General Meeting, KPMG Peat Marwick were reappointed as auditors of the Company. On 6th February, 1995 the auditors changed the name under which they practise to KPMG and, accordingly have signed their report in their new name. In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the reappointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

O S SHAW

Secretary

28 March, 1995

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 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.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, KPMG,

TO THE MEMBERS OF C.& T. HARRIS (CALNE) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 22.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 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 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 as at 31st December, 1994 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985

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KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
Swindon

29 March, 1995

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December, 1994

Total 1993 £	63,501,072 (58,597,085)	4,903,987 (3,625,710)	1,278,277	1,686,227 (836,158)	2,128,346 (589,000)	1,539,346 (1,750,000)	(210,654)
Total 1994 £	90,008,311 (82,092,959)	7,915,352 (7,987,385)	(72,033)	169,681 (627,367)	9,173,569 406,665	9,580,234 (2,500,000)	7,080,234
Acquisitions 1994 £	42,028,799 (39,054,217)	2,974,582 (3,095,329)	(120,747)				
Continuing operations 1994	47,979,512 (43,038,742)	4,940,770 (4,892,056)	48,714				
Note	ĸ	4	2	9	10		
	Turnover Cost of sales	Gross profit Net operating expenses	Operating (loss)/profit	Income trom shares in group undertakings Interest receivable Interest payable	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities	Profit on ordinary activities after taxation Dividend paid	Retained profit for the financial year

The directors consider that the result shown above and the result on an unmodified historical cost basis are not materially different.

The analysis of continuing and discontinued operations for 1993 is given in note 4

The attached notes form part of these accounts

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

for the year ended 31st December, 1994

	1994 £	1993 £
Profit for the financial year	9,580,234	1,539,346
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of investment in subsidiary undertakings	8,318,480	_
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	17,898,714 =======	1,539,346 ========

BALANCE SHEET

at 31st December, 1994

	Note	1994 £	1993 £
FIXED ASSETS		2	2
Tangible assets	11	20,433,395	11,583,217
Investments	12	8,318,489	_
	•	28,751,884	11,583,217
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	13	3,427,878	2,050,476
Debtors	14	25,552,493	23,216,637
Cash at bank and in hand		5,575	4,865
		28,985,946	25,271,978
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(34,558,100)	(31,821,343)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(5,572,154)	(6,549,365)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABIL	ITIES	23,179,730	5,033,852
CREDITORS:			
amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(741,494)	(219,330)
NET ASSETS		22,438,236	4,814,522
		========	=======
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	18	4,182,785	1,957,785
Revaluation reserve	19	, ,	550,230
Other reserves	19	1,614,218	1,614,218
Profit and loss account	19	7,773,523	692,289
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		22,438,236	4,814,522

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors who approved the accounts on 2814 March, 1995

C E JAY) Director

A P DANIELS

The attached notes form part of these accounts

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

BASIS OF PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS

The parent company, Hillsdown Holdings plc, has agreed to provide support to the Company so that liabilities to third party creditors are met as and when they fall due.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered to be material in relation to the Company's accounts.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts are prepared in accordance with relevant accounting standards, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain properties.

Cash Flow Statement

The Company is exempt from Financial Reporting Standard No 1, "Cash Flow Statement", being a wholly owned subsidiary of Hillsdown Holdings plc which prepares a Consolidated Cash Flow Statement dealing with Cash Flows of the Group.

Investment in Subsidiary Undertakings

The investment in each subsidiary undertaking, which has net assets at the balance sheet date, is stated at net asset value. For each investment which has a deficiency of net assets any debt due to the Company has been written off. Any surplus arising on revaluation is taken to revaluation reserve. Deficiencies on revaluation are taken to revaluation reserve and offset against previous revaluation surpluses; any excess deficiency is charged to profit and loss account.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amount invoiced, exclusive of value added tax for processed meat products and other goods supplied and services rendered.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Grants receivable in respect of fixed assets are credited to a deferral account and are released to revenue over the expected useful lives of the relevant assets by equal annual amounts. Interest costs incurred on the funding of major capital projects are capitalised in so far as they relate to the period of construction. The charge for depreciation (other than land and buildings) is calculated in general on a straight line basis by reference to net cost and the expected useful lives of the assets concerned.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Fixed Assets and Depreciation continued

Plant and machinery	10-20%
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	10%
Motor vehicles	25%

Freehold buildings are depreciated at 1% per annum based upon valuation and subsequent costs.

Leasehold properties are amortised over the period of the lease. A long lease is regarded as being a lease in excess of 50 years.

Revaluation surpluses/deficits realised on the disposal of land and buildings are included in the profit and loss account.

Research and Development

Research and development expenditure and advertising and promotional expenditure is charged against revenue in the year in which it is incurred.

Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes an appropriate proportion of overheads incurred in the normal course of business in bringing the product to its present location and condition.

Deferred Tax

Provision is calculated on the liability method for deferred tax resulting from short term timing differences between profits computed for taxation purposes and profits as stated in the accounts. Provision is not made for other timing differences where liability is not expected to arise in the foreseeable future.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

Foreign Currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Balances in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

Pension Costs

The Company is a member of two schemes, the HF Meat and Foods Processing Pension Scheme and the FMC Pension and Life Assurance Scheme. The scheme funds are administered by trustees and are independent of the Company's finances. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Company.

Leasing

Finance leases relating to significant items of plant, machinery and vehicles have been capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the Company's depreciation policy. The capital element of future lease payments is included in other creditors.

Payments under operating leases are charged wholly to the profit and loss account in the year in which they are incurred.

3. TURNOVER

The analysis of turnover (originating and marketed wholly in the United Kingdom) is as follows:

	1994 £	1993 £
Third parties Group undertakings	84,141,761 5,866,550	59,445,034 4,056,038
	90,008,311	63,501,072

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

4. NET OPERATING EXPENSES

With analysis of Turnover and Cost of sales for 1993

Total £	63,501,072	(58,597,085)	(2,207,129) (1,418,581)	(3,625,710)	1,278,277
1993 Discontinued £	6,341,112	(5,924,269)	(127,618) (41,600)	(169,218)	247,625
Continuing £	57,159,960	(52,672,816)	(2,079,511) (1,376,981)	(3,456,492)	1,030,652
Total ₤			(4,089,240) (3,898,145)	(7,987,385)	
1994 Acquisitions £			(1,902,057) (1,193,272)	(3,095,329)	
Continuing £			(2,187,183) (2,704,873)	(4,892,056)	
	Turnover	Cost of Sales	Net Operating expenses Distribution costs Administrative expenses		Operating Profit

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

5. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit derives entirely from the Company's activity of meat processing and originates wholly in the United Kingdom.

The operating profit is arrived at after crediting:

	1994	1993
	£	£
Government grants relating to fixed assets	45,811	8,914
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and after charging:		
Exceptional reorganisation and		
redundancy costs	900,000	-
Directors' emoluments (including pension		
contributions) See note 9	288,433	272,426
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,362,871	717,127
Operating lease payments:		
Plant and machinery	1,598,031	835,716
Land and buildings	474,089	17,500
Auditors' remuneration	19,940	(see note)
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Note: Auditors' remuneration for 1993 was charged on a group basis. No remuneration has been paid to the auditors for non-audit work during 1994 or 1993.

6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

IIVIEREST RESERVIBLE	1994 £	1993 £
From group undertakings	159,435	1,686,227
From bank deposit accounts and short term loans	10,246	_
	169,681 ======	1,686,227 =======

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

7. INTEREST PAYABLE

	627,367 =====	836,158 ======
repayable within 5 years	272,189 	46,145
To group undertakings On bank loans, overdrafts and other loans	355,178	790,013
INTEREST PATABLE	1994 £	1993 £

8. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	1994	1993
	Number	Number
Management	23	18
Administration	70	44
Production and Distribution	995	506
	1,088	568
	=====	===

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	1994	1993
	£	£
Wages and salaries	12,368,420	6,020,836
Social security costs	1,081,557	518,311
Other pension costs	125,307	5,000
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	13,575,284	6,544,147
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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

9. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (excluding pension contributions)

	1994	1993
	£	£
Chairman's Emoluments	_	_
Highest paid director	129,000	139,000

The emoluments of the directors (including the chairman and the highest paid director) were within the following ranges.

		Number	Number
	£0 – £5,000	3	2
•	£50,001 - £55,000	1	1
	£80,001 - £85,000	1	1
	£125,001 - £130,000	1	-
	£135,001 - £140,000	-	1
10.	TAX ON PROFIT ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		

	1994 £	1993 £
Corporation tax credit/(charge) at 33% based on profit for year Adjustment in respect of prior years	69,064 337,601	(589,000) -
	406,665 ======	(589,000)

The taxation credit for the year has been increased by an excess of capital allowances over depreciation of £524,000 (1993: charge reduced by £385,000).

If deferred taxation were provided for all reversing timing differences the stated tax charge would be increased by £188,000 (1993: increased by £121,000)

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings £	Plant machinery & vehicles £	Total £
Cost/valuation			
At 01.01.94 Additions Acquired from group undertakings Disposals Transfers to group undertakings	7,952,302 251,746 5,188,695 - -	8,010,959 1,994,029 6,492,797 (83,185) (8,374)	15,963,261 2,245,775 11,681,492 (83,185) (8,374)
At 31.12.94	13,392,743	16,406,226	29,798,969
Being:	========	===	
Cost Valuation 1990	6,762,743 6,630,000	16,406,226	23,168,969 6,630,000
	13,392,743	, ,	29,798,969
Depreciation:	==========	=======================================	======================================
At 01.01.94 Charged in year Acquired from group undertakings Disposals Transfers to group undertakings	159,493 146,754 288,169	4,220,551 1,216,117 3,395,618 (60,371) (757)	
At 31.12.94	594,416 ======	8,771,158	9,365,574
Net book value At 31.12.94	12,798,327	7,635,068	20,433,395
At 31.12.93	7,792,809	3,790,408	11,583,217

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS continued

The directors have considered the value of the fixed assets of the Company, without revaluing all assets, and they are satisfied that the aggregate value of those assets at 31st December, 1994, is not less than the aggregate amount at which they are stated in the Company's accounts.

The depreciable amount of freehold land and buildings at 31st December, 1994, was £11,361,656 (1993: £6,155,907)

The amount of land and buildings (included above at a valuation) determined according to the historical cost accounting rules is as follows:

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		1994 £	1993 £
	Cost Depreciation	5,405,134 (595,551)	5,405,134 (543,673)
	Net Book Value	4,809,583 === == ==	4,861,461 =======
12.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	Shares	in subsidiary undertakings £
	Acquired during the year Surplus on revaluation		9 8,318,480
	Valuation at 31.12.94		8,318,489 =======

During the year the Company acquired 9 subsidiaries from F.M.C. plc., another Hillsdown group company, for £1 each. Subsequently some of these subsidiaries paid dividends to the Company. At the year end the carrying value of the subsidiaries was revalued to reflect the underlying net assets. The book and fair values at acquisition of the subsidiaries acquired were as follows:

		Book/fair value
		£
Fixed assets		24,718,900
Investments		200,000
Stocks		4,167,256
Debtors		77,047,932
Cash		517,228
Overdrafts		(5,396,166)
Creditors and provisions		(85,959,311)
		15,295,839
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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

13.	STOCKS	1994 £	1993 £
	Raw materials and consumables Work in progress Finished goods and goods for resale	931,454 1,699,015 797,409	533,780 851,569 665,127
	- -	3,427,878 =======	2,050,476 =======
14.	DEBTORS amounts falling due within one year	nr: 1994 £	1993 £
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by fellow	6,648,397	5,871,487
¥	subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings Corporation tax recoverable Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	1,326,650 16,664,829 139,249 463,859 309,509	16,857,410 - 74,775 283,355 124,610
		25,552,493	23,211,637
	Amounts falling due after more than one year: Other debtors	_	5,000
		25,552,493 ========	23,216,637
15.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one	year 1994	1993
		£	£
	Bank overdraft Trade creditors	2,876,485 15,258,254	1,178,329 7,909,746
	Amounts owed to parent undertaking and fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings Corporation tax Other taxes and social security Accruals and deferred income	7,767,517 5,359,100 589,000 635,314 2,072,430	20,971,152 - 782,090 578,420 401,606
		34,558,100	31,821,343

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

16. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

219,330	741,494	Accruals and deferred income
£	£	
1993	1994	

17. DEFERRED TAXATION

The full potential liability, calculated on the liability method, is set out below:

	=========	========
	2,369,978	1,223,000
Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences	2,386,478 (16,500)	1,258,000 (35,000)
	1994 £	1993 £

No deferred taxation has been provided in the accounts as the timing differences referred to above are expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

The full potential liability has been calculated at the rates of taxation which would be appropriate if the timing differences were to reverse

18. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised:	1994 £	1993 £
5,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000,000 ======	5,000,000 ======
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
4,182,785 ordinary shares of £1 each	4,182,785	1,957,785
	========	==== = ===

On 30th December, 1994 the company allotted ordinary 2,225,000 shares of £1 each for a consideration of £2,225,000 in order to increase the capital base of the Company.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

19. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Revaluation reserve
8,318,480
8,317,480
8,867,710

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

20. COMMITMENTS

Capital commitments for which no provision has been made in these accounts, were as follows:

Authorised but not contracted for	_	_
Contracted	-	166,495
	1994 £	1993 £

The minimum annual lease payments to which the Company was committed under non-cancellable operating leases at 31st December 1994, were as follows:

	Property £	Plant Machinery & Vehicles £
On leases expiring: Within one year Between two and five years Over five years	- - 475,825	150,920 1,036,374 75,299
	475,825 ======	1,262,593 =======

21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Under the terms of an agreement with Midland Bank plc the Company is liable under an unlimited cross-guarantee for the total liabilities of its subsidiary F.M.C. (Meat) Limited with the bank. The contingent liabilities under this arrangement amount to approximately £1,703,000 at 31st December, 1994 (1993: £2,035,000)

22. PENSIONS

The Company is a member of a group scheme, the HF Meat and Foods Processing Pension Scheme which is of the funded defined benefit type. An actuarial review of the Scheme was made at April 1994, further details of the scheme can be found in the accounts of Hillsdown Ambient Foods Group Limited. The Company's share of pension costs in respect of the group scheme for 1994 was £125,307 (1993: £5,000)

The Company operates a defined benefit pension scheme, the FMC Pension and Life Assurance Scheme. The Scheme's funds are administered by trustees and are independent of the Company's finances.

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1994

22. PENSIONS continued

Contributions have been assessed in accordance with the advice of a qualified actuary using the Projected Unit Method with the pension cost for 1994 being £Nil (1993 £Nil). An actuarial review of the Scheme was made at December 1994 with the principal actuarial assumptions being that salaries would increase at 2.5% more than price inflation and that dividends would increase at 1.5% less than the rate of salary growth. Full allowance was made for pensions in payment to increase as required by statute and in accordance with the rules of the scheme and also to reflect the past established practice within the Company.

At the date of the latest actuarial review, the market value of the assets was £3,889,000 and the actuarial value of the assets was sufficient to cover 778% of the benefits that had accrued to members after fully allowing for future salary increases. The surplus is being amortized over the expected remaining service lives of current employees.

23. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is Hillsdown Holdings plc a company limited by shares, incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Copies of the group accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Hillsdown Holdings plc, 32 Hampstead High Street, London, NW3 1QD

24. PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

The Company held 100% of the ordinary share capital of the following operating companies at 31st December, 1994.

Farm Kitchen Foods Limited F.M.C. (Meat) Limited FMC (North Devon) Limited

These companies are registered in England and Wales and operate in the United Kingdom.

The Company also holds all the issued share capital of 6 non-trading subsidiaries.

In accordance with section 228 of the Companies Act 1985, consolidated accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries have not been prepared since the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hillsdown Holdings plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain, in whose consolidated accounts results of the Company are included.