Registered number: 215444

BOYS & BODEN LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001

WHITTINGHAM RIDDELL CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS 15 BELMONT, SHREWSBURY



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COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

H W Boden

D Hammond

SECRETARY

H W Boden

COMPANY NUMBER

215444

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DIRECTORS' REPORT For the year ended 31 March 2001

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2001.

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;
- 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.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The company's principal activities during the year were that of timber and builders merchants, joinery and staircase manufacturers and timber fabricators. The company has been branded in five separate divisions, which are, Boys & Boden (Builders merchants), The Plumbline (Plumbing merchants), Boden Timber Frames (Providers of timber frame kits to builders), Kingfisher Kitchens (Kitchen suppliers) and Pear Stairs (suppliers of first class flights).

Subsequent to the year end Boden Timber Frames division ceased to operate as a separate division of the company.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year after taxation, amounted to £11,702 (2000 - £61,754).

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year and their beneficial interests in the company's issued share capital were:

Ordinary shares of £0.05 each <u>1/4/00</u>

H W Boden 483,950 483,950

AUDITORS

D Hammond

The auditors, Whittingham Riddell, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report was approved by the board on 3 July 2001 and signed on its behalf.

D Hammond Director

AUDITORS' REPORT TO BOYS & BODEN LIMITED Under section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 - 13, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2001 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

Whitingha Riddell

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246A and 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246A and 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 - 13 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Whittingham Riddell

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 15 Belmont Shrewsbury Shropshire SY1 1TE

7 September 2001

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 March 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
GROSS PROFIT		1,883,544	1,690,537
Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses		(204,610) (1,621,248)	(162,112) (1,450,214)
OPERATING PROFIT	4	57,686	78,211
Interest payable	7	(45,310)	(17,450)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		12,376	60,761
TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	8	(674)	993
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		11,702	61,754
RETAINED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWARD		1,184,085	1,122,331
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		£ 1,195,787	£ 1,184,085

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2001 or 2000 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 6 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2001

		2001		200	00
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	9		710,834		654,429
Investments	10		65,000		65,000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	1,081,683		967,741	
Debtors	12	1,125,527		996,365	
Cash at bank and in hand		54,630		436	
		2,261,840		1,964,542	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one					
year	13	(1,421,305)		(1,187,524)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			840,535		777,018
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIE	ES		1,616,369		1,496,447
CREDITORS : amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(381,783)		(273,563)
NET ASSETS			£ 1,234,586		£ 1,222,884
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	15		35,000		35,000
Other reserves			3,799		3,799
Profit and loss account			1,195,787		1,184,085
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS - All Equity	16		£ 1,234,586		£ 1,222,884
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium sized companies.

The abbreviated accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to medium-sized companies, were approved by the board on 3 July 2001 and signed on its behalf.

D Hammond Director

The notes on pages 6 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

ABBREVIATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT For the year ended 31 March 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	17	275,954	(20,410)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	18	(45,310)	(17,450)
Taxation		26	(7,507)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	18	(97,181)	(166,806)
CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) BEFORE FINANCING		133,489	
Financing	18	56,961	66,473
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH IN THE PERIOD		£ 190,450	£ (145,700)

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT (NOTE 19) For the year ended 31 March 2001

	2001 £	2000 £
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the period	190,450	(145,700)
Cash outflow from increase in debt and financing leasing	(56,961)	(66,473)
CHANGE IN NET DEBT RESULTING FROM CASH FLOWS	133,489	(212,173)
New finance lease	(56,758)	(212,963)
MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT IN THE PERIOD	76,731	(425,136)
Net debt at 1 April 2000	(443,403)	(18,267)
NET DEBT AT 31 MARCH 2001	£ (366,672)	£ (443,403)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The full financial statements, from which these abbreviated accounts have been extracted, have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold buildings - 2% pa on cost
Plant and equipment - 20-25% pa on cost
Motor vehicles - 25% pa on cost
Leasehold buildings - 10% pa on cost

1.4 Leasing and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

1.5 Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

1.6 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.7 Deferred taxation

Provision is made for taxation deferred as a result of material timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounts purposes, using the liability method, only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the near future.

1.8 Government grants

The company received government grants in the period. These are included in creditors and released to the profit and loss account on the same basis as the fixed assets to which they relate.

1.9 Employee share ownership trust

The company operates an employee share ownership trust, as described in note 9. Contributions to the trust have been accounted for in accordance with UITF 13.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2001

2. TURNOVER

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the principal activities of the company being: Boys and Boden, The Plumbline, Kingfisher Kitchens, Boden Timber Frame, Pear Stairs and Joinery Division.

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom.

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2001 £ 39,608	2000 £ 37,054
39,608	37.05
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	4,000
74	6
39,682	£ 41,12
2001	2000
£	£
48,961	28,70
61,588	59,42
10,000	9,01
5,144	7,39
2001	2000
£	£
,461,257	1,267,64
123,226	104,07
19,018	16,29
,603,501	£ 1,388,01
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2001	2000
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2001

6.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION		
		2001 £	2000 £
	Emoluments	£ 35,453	£ 33,867
	Company pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	£ -	£ 500
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE		
		2001 £	2000 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts On other loans	30,488 14,822	9,476 7,974
		£ 45,310	£ 17,450
8.	TAXATION		
		2001 £	2000 £
	UK corporation tax		
	Current tax on income for the period Adjustments in respect of prior periods - corporation tax	700 (26)	- (993)
		£ 674	£ (993)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2001

9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
		Freehold land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 April 2000	434,288	755,011	201,515	1,390,814
	Additions	55,631	35,413 (10,600)	87,875 (25,285)	178,919 (35,885)
	Disposals		(10,000)		(35,865)
	At 31 March 2001	489,919	779,824	264,105	1,533,848
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2000	144,672	436,805	154,908	736,385
	Charge for the year	3,480	85,973	21,096	110,549
	On disposals	-	(10,600)	(13,320)	(23,920)
	At 31 March 2001	148,152	512,178	162,684	823,014
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2001	£ 341,767	£ 267,646	£ 101,421	£ 710,834
	At 31 March 2000	£ 289,616	£ 318,206	£ 46,607	£ 654,429
	The net book value of assets held under finance leas	ses or hire pu	rchase contra	cts, included	above, are as
	follows:		2	204	2000
			20	001 £	2000 £
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	Plant and machinery			2,319	159,042
	Motor vehicles		5	0,868	18,975
			£ 17	3,187	£ 178,017
10.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS				
					Employee share ownership trust £
	Cost				
	At 1 April 2000 and 31 March 2001				65,000

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2001

OWN SHARES - EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP TRUST

By deed dated 24 September 1997, the Company created an employee share ownership trust.

On 30 December 1997 the trust acquired 104,170 ordinary 5p shares at 60p each. The purchase was funded by a contribution by the Company of £65,000. The trust is administered on a separate basis from the Company and at 31 March 2001, 104,170 ordinary 5p shares with a market value of £65,000 were held by the trust pending distribution to the employees under the terms of the trust deed.

11. STOCKS

		2001 £		2000 £
	Raw materials Finished goods and goods for resale	134,689 946,994		110,847 856,894
		£ 1,081,683	£	967,741
12.	DEBTORS			
		2001 £		2000 £
	Due within one year	4.004.000		205 577
	Trade debtors Other debtors	1,084,508 41,019		965,577 30,788
		£ 1,125,527	£	996,365
13.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
		2001		2000
		£		£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	16,743		152,999
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	70,576		53,377
	Trade creditors Corporation tax	1,094,493 700		798,284
	Social security and other taxes	104,224		65,165
	Other creditors	62,500		62,500
	Accruals and deferred income	72,069		55,199
		£ 1,421,305	£	1,187,524
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2001

The bank borrowing is secured by a fixed charge dated 10 January 2001 and a fixed and floating charge dated 23 November 2000 over certain company's assets.

The director's loan is secured by a fixed and floating charge over all the company's assets and undertakings, present and future.

The director's loan made on the 30 September 1997 is repayable quarterly at the rate of £7,812 excluding interest which is charged at 2% per annum above the bank base rate (note 20), subject to waiver at the director's discretion.

14. CREDITORS:

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Amounts falling due after more than one year

		2001 £		2000 £
Bank loans Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts Government grants received		216,603 117,380 47,800		91,999 145,464 36,100
	£	381,783	£	273,563
Included within the above are amounts falling due as follows:	_			_
		2001		2000
		£		£
Between one and two years				50.000
Finance lease and hire purchase Bank loans		61,493 18,123		50,830 7,215
Between two and five years	=		==	-
Finance lease and hire purchase Bank loans		55,887 63,839		94,634 25,895
Over five years			=	
Bank loans		134,641		58,889
Creditors include loans not wholly repayable within 5 years as follows:	-		1	=
		2001 £		2000 £
Repayable by instalments	£	134,641	£	58,889
CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL				
		2001 £		2000 £
Authorised	-	<i>د</i>		T.
1,000,000 Ordinary shares of 5p each	£	50,000	£	50,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid	=		=	<u>~</u>
700,000 Ordinary shares of 5p each	£	35,000	£	35,000

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2001

16.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
		2001	2000
		£	£
	Profit for the year	11,702	61,754
		11,702	61,754
	Opening shareholders' funds	1,222,884	1,161,130
	Closing shareholders' funds	£ 1,234,586	£ 1,222,884
17.	NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
		2001 £	2000 £
	Operating profit Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets Government grants	57,686 110,549 (1,315) -	78,211 88,133 (6,219) (4,000)
	Increase in stocks Increase in debtors Increase in creditors	(113,942) (129,162) 352,138	(117,074) (168,960) 109,499
	NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATIONS	£ 275,954	£ (20,410)
18.	ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CA	SH FLOW STATEN	IENT
		2001	2000
		£	£
	RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		
	Interest paid	£ (45,310)	£ (17,450)
		2001 £	2000 £
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	~	~
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets Government grants received	(122,161) 13,280 11,700	(215,770) 8,864 40,100
	NET CASH OUTFLOW FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	£ (97,181)	£ (166,806)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 March 2001

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2001	2000
	£	£
FINANCING		
New secured loans	239,000	91,999
Repayment of loans	(114,396)	· -
Principal payment under finance lease	(67,643)	(25,526)
Increase in debt	56,961	66,473
NET CASH INFLOW FROM FINANCING	£ 56,961	£ 66,473
MET CASH IMPLOVA FROM FINANCING		

19. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

		Other non-cash	
1 April 2000	Cash flow	changes	31 March 2001
£	£	£	£
436	54,194	-	54,630
(152,999)	136,256	-	(16,743)
(152,563)	190,450		37,887
(400.044)	40.00=		(407.050)
, , ,	•	-	(187,956)
(91,999)	(124,604)	-	(216,603)
£ (443,403)	£ 76,731	£ -	£ (366,672)
	2000 £ 436 (152,999) (152,563) (198,841) (91,999)	2000 £ £ 436 54,194 (152,999) 136,256 (152,563) 190,450 (198,841) 10,885 (91,999) (124,604)	1 April Cash flow changes 2000 £ £ £ £ 436 54,194 - (152,999) 136,256 - (152,563) 190,450 - (198,841) 10,885 - (91,999) (124,604) -

20. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension charge for the year was £19,018 (2000 - £16,293).

21. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2001 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Other	
	2001	2000
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within 1 year	352	1,786
Between 2 and 5 years	907	1,259

22. CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company is under the control of H W Boden, who owns 69% of the ordinary share capital of the Company.