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REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st DECEMBER, 1995



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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors hereby submit their report, together with the financial statements of the company for the vear ended 31st December, 1995.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company continued to be the hiring out of plant and machinery, renting out of property and providing filling and distribution services for advertising literature.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year before taxation amounted to £1,973,629. After providing for taxation, a retained profit of £1,195,608 is to be transferred to reserves.

FIXED ASSETS

The changes in tangible fixed assets are set out in note 7 to the financial statements.

The directors are of the opinion that the market value of all land and buildings does not differ significantly from the balance sheet values at 31st December 1995.

One property with a net book value of £1,403,299 was revalued by Knight Frank at 31.12.95 at a value of £1,100,000. Knight Frank are independent Chartered Surveyors and the basis of their valuation is open market value for existing use.

All these assets are held for use in operating leases to other group businesses.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

The company has no employees.

CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The company made no charitable or political contributions during the year.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS

The directors who held office during the year were:

Mr. M.J.B. Hogarth Mr. J.C. Thwaite Mrs. M. Green

The director retiring by rotation is Mr. J.C. Thwaite, who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

There are no interests of directors which are within the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act 1985 in relation to the company, in shares of the company, its holding company or subsidiaries of the holding company.

During the year no remuneration or benefits of any kind were received by any director from the company.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the auditors' statement of their responsibilities set out on page 5, is made with a view to distinguishing for shareholders the respective responsibilities of the directors and of the auditors in relation to the financial statements.

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss for the financial year.

The directors consider that, in preparing the financial statements on pages 6 to 18, the company has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, and that all accounting standards which they consider to be applicable have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors have responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The directors 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.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

J.B. Hogarth Secretary

LIVERPOOL - 22 /3/96

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

LITTLEWOODS OF LIVERPOOL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 18.

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 affairs of the company at 31st December, 1995 and of the profit and total recognised gains of the company for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Coopers & Lybrand

Chartered Accountants and

Registered Auditors

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

| | Notes | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 |
|---|-------|--------------|--------------|
| TURNOVER including value added tax | | | |
| Continuing operations | | 8,215 | 7,945 |
| Value added tax | | (982) | (970) |
| TURNOVER excluding value added tax | | 7,233 | 6,975 |
| Cost of sales | | (4,191) | (5,415) |
| Exceptional cost of sales | 4 | (1,030) | (2,347) |
| GROSS PROFIT/(LOSS) | | 2,012 | (787) |
| Net operating expenses | | (38) | (169) |
| PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE | | 1,974 | (956) |
| INTEREST | | | |
| Net Interest | | - | 4 |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION | 1 | 1,974 | (952) |
| Taxation | 6 | (778) | (706) |
| RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR YEAR | 11b | 1,196 | (1,658) |

The company has no other recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the financial year shown above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

| | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| REPORTED PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION | 1,974 | (952) |
| Realisation of property revaluation gains of previous years | - | 385 |
| Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge for the year calculated on the revalued amount | (7) | 707 |
| HISTORICAL COST PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION | 1,967 | 140 |
| HISTORICAL COST PROFIT FOR THE YEAR RETAINED AFTER TAXATION | 1,189 | (566) |

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1995

| | Notes | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets | 7 | 15,880 | 16,137 |
| CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Amounts falling due within one year | 8 | 2,897 | 2,824 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | 9 | 3,178 | 4,210 |
| NET CURRENT LIABILITIES | | (281) | (1,386) |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 15,599 | 14,751 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year | 9 | 546 | 546 |
| PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES | 10 | 1,508 | 1,856 |
| | | 13,545 | 12,349 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Revaluation reserve Profit and loss account | 11a 11b 11b | 2,000 - 11,545 | 2,000 12 10,337 |
| EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS | | 13,545 | 12,349 |

The financial statements on pages 6 to 18 were approved by the Board of Directors on 22/3/96

J.C. Thwaite
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Directors
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M. Green

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important group accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting modified to include the revaluation of certain land and buildings.

TURNOVER

Turnover represents the value of goods and services sold to external customers. Value added tax has been separately disclosed.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

Freehold and long leasehold land and buildings with infrequent rent reviews are revalued at intervals not exceeding four years by revaluing approximately one quarter of the properties each year and such values are incorporated into the financial statements. The only properties that are not revalued are those specifically adapted for the company's particular activities, short leaseholds, long leaseholds subject to frequent rent reviews and those currently available for disposal.

It is the company's policy to maintain its properties in a state of good repair, and in the case of freehold properties, the directors consider that the lives of these properties and their residual values are such that their depreciation is not significant. Accordingly, no depreciation is provided on freehold properties.

LEASED ASSETS

Assets held under finance leases are capitalised and the resulting future net obligations recorded as creditors. Depreciation on the relevant assets is provided on the straight line basis to write off the assets over the shorter of their useful lives and the lease terms. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease terms.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on the straight line basis to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets over their anticipated useful lives at the following annual rates:

| Freehold land and buildings | NIL |
|--|---|
| Leasehold land and buildings | The lesser of the remaining lease term or 100 years |
| Buildings fixtures and fittings | 4.0% |
| Plant, equipment and other fixtures and fittings | 10.0 - 20.0% |
| Computers | 16.7 - 33.3% |
| Motor vehicles | 25.0% |

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation is provided under the liability method, unless it can reasonably be demonstrated that no liability will arise within the foreseeable future.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Profits and losses on foreign exchange transactions, relating to the supply of merchandise are taken through the profit and loss account when realised.

CASH FLOW

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Littlewoods Organisation PLC and its cash flows are included in the consolidated cash flow statement of that company. Consequently, the company is exempt from the requirement of FRS1 to prepare a separate cash flow statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

| 1 | PROFIT ON ORDINARY | ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION |
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
|---|--------------------|----------------------------|

| Profit on ordinary activi- after charging: | ties before taxation is stated | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Depreciation | - owned assets | 3,227 | 4,433 |
| | - assets held under finance leases | 3 | 7 |
| Hire of plant and machinery | - operating leases | - | - |
| Hire of other assets | - operating leases | 433 | 444 |
| Auditors' remuneration | for audit | 4 | 4 |

Remuneration of the company's auditors for provision of non-audit services to the company was £nil (1994 - £nil)

2. INCOME FROM OPERATING LEASES

| Total income from operating leases | 6,562 | 6,299 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Other | 4,808 | 4,865 |
| Rental of land and buildings | 1,754 | 1,434 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| | 1995 | 1994 |

3. **DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES**

The company has no employees

The remuneration of the directors for the year was £nil (1994, £nil)

4. EXCEPTIONAL COST OF SALES

| | 1995 | 1994 |
|---|---------|---------|
| | £000 | £000 |
| Insurance proceeds in respect of building destroyed by fire | - | 53 |
| Revaluation deficit (see note 7). | (232) | (2,400) |
| VAT written off on Building Fixtures and Fittings (see note 7.) | (798) | - |
| | (1,030) | (2,347) |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

| 5. | INTEREST | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 |
|----|---|--------------|--------------|
| | Receivable | - | 4 |
| 6. | TAXATION | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 |
| | Corporation tax based on the results for the year | | |
| | Current tax at 33% | 1,149 | 1,131 |
| | Deferred tax at 33% | (400) | (372) |
| | Group relief | | 22 |
| | | 749 | 781 |
| | Adjustments in respect of prior years | | |
| | Corporation tax | (263) | 1 |
| | Deferred tax | 52 | 88 |
| | Group relief | 240 | (164) |
| | | 778 | 706 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

| 7. | TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS | Total £000 | Land and buildings £000 | Fixtures, fittings and equipment £000 | Assets in course of construction £000 |
|----|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | COST OR VALUATION | | | | |
| | At 1st January, 1995 | 28,340 | 10,347 | 16,624 | 1,369 |
| | Additions | 4,253 | 893 | 450 | 2,910 |
| | Disposals | (1,888) | (787) | (1,101) | - |
| | Reclassification of assets | - | 2,427 | 345 | (2,772) |
| | | 30,705 | 12,880 | 16,318 | 1,507 |
| | Revaluation | (232) | (232) | - | - |
| | At 31st December, 1995 | 30,473 | 12,648 | 16,318 | 1,507 |
| | DEPRECIATION | | | | |
| | At 1st January, 1995 | 12,203 | 2,545 | 9,658 | - |
| | Amounts written off (note 4) | 798 | 798 | - | - |
| | Charge for the year | 3,230 | 469 | 2,761 | - |
| | Disposals | (1,638) | (677) | (961) | - |
| | At 31st December, 1995 | 14,593 | 3,135 | 11,458 | - |
| | NET BOOK VALUE | | | | |
| | 31st December, 1995 | 15,880 | 9,513 | 4,860 | 1,507 |
| | 31st December, 1994 | 16,137 | 7,802 | 6,966 | 1,369 |
| | Jist December, 1777 | 10,101 | 7,002 | | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (Cont'd.)

i) At 31st December, 1995, one property having a net book value of £1,403,299 was revalued by Knight Frank an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors, at £1,100,000. This valuation was on the basis of open market value for existing use. An adjustment, amounting to £71,226, has also been made to a revaluation deficit charged in 1994 following the finalisation of construction cost of the building concerned with the contractor.

The cost or valuation at 31st December, 1995 is comprised as follows:

| | Total £000 | Land and buildings £000 | Fixtures, fittings and equipment £000 | Assets in course of construction £000 |
|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| At valuation | | | | |
| by Knight Frank | | | | |
| at 31st December, 1991 | 1,277 | 1,277 | - | - |
| at 31st December, 1994 | 3,000 | 3,000 | - | - |
| at 31st December, 1995 | 1,100 | 1,100 | - | • |
| At cost | 25,096 | 6,473 | 17,116 | 1,507 |
| | 30,473 | 11,850 | 17,116 | 1,507 |

ii) If land and buildings had not been revalued they would have been included at the following amounts:

| | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cost | 15,328 | 12,796 |
| Aggregate depreciation based on cost | (2,373) | (2,574) |
| | 12,955 | 10,222 |

iii) Land and buildings including their related building fixtures and fittings at net book value comprise:

| | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 |
|---|--|--|
| Freehold Freehold and long leasehold Long leasehold Short leasehold | 3,030 4,414 46 2,023 9,513 | 3,000 2,322 50 2,430 7,802 |

iv) The net book value of fixtures, fittings and equipment includes an amount of £nil (1994 - £2,978) in respect of assets held under finance leases.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

| 1995 1994 £000 | 8. | DEBTORS | | |
|---|----|--|-------|-------|
| Amounts falling due within one year 218 134 Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings 2,560 2,590 Other debtors - 1 19 99 2,897 2,824 | ٠. | | 1995 | 1994 |
| Trade debtors | | | £000 | £000 |
| Trade debtors | | Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Other debtors - 1 Prepayments and accrued income 119 99 2,897 2,824 9. CREDITORS 1995 1994 4,000 £000 £000 Amounts falling due within one year - 1 Obligations under finance leases - 1 Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings 1,691 2,104 Corporation tax 887 1,131 Other taxation 403 488 3,178 4,210 Amounts falling due after more than one year 546 546 Accruals and deferred income - grants 546 546 Obligations under finance leases - 1995 1994 £000 £0000 £0000 Within one year - 1 Between one and two years - 1 - - 1 Between one and two years - - - | | Trade debtors | 218 | 134 |
| Prepayments and accrued income 119 99 2,897 2,824 9. CREDITORS 1995 1994 Amounts falling due within one year 1995 1994 Obligations under finance leases - 1 Trade creditors 197 486 Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings 1,691 2,104 Corporation tax 887 1,131 Other taxation 403 488 3,178 4,210 Amounts falling due after more than one year Accruals and deferred income - grants Separations and the finance leases Net obligations under finance leases Net obligations under finance leases are payable as follows: 1995 1994 £000 £000 £000 Within one year - 1 Between one and two years - 1 Between one and two years - - | | Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings | 2,560 | 2,590 |
| 9. CREDITORS 1995 1994 £000 £000 | | Other debtors | - | 1 |
| 9. CREDITORS 1995 1994 £000 £000 | | Prepayments and accrued income | 119 | 99 |
| 1995 1994 £000 £000 | | | 2,897 | 2,824 |
| 1995 1994 £000 £000 | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year Obligations under finance leases - 1 Trade creditors 197 486 Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings 1,691 2,104 Corporation tax 887 1,131 Other taxation 403 488 3,178 4,210 | 9. | CREDITORS | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year - 1 Obligations under finance leases - 1 Trade creditors 197 486 Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings 1,691 2,104 Corporation tax 887 1,131 Other taxation 403 488 3,178 4,210 Amounts falling due after more than one year Accruals and deferred income - grants 546 546 546 546 546 546 546 54 | | | 1995 | 1994 |
| Obligations under finance leases - 1 Trade creditors 197 486 Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings 1,691 2,104 Corporation tax 887 1,131 Other taxation 403 488 3,178 4,210 Amounts falling due after more than one year Accruals and deferred income - grants 546 546 546 546 546 546 546 54 | | | £000 | £000 |
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| Corporation tax Other taxation 887 1,131 403 488 $3,178$ 4,210 Amounts falling due after more than one year Accruals and deferred income - grants 546 546 Obligations under finance leases Net obligations under finance leases are payable as follows: | | | 197 | |
| Other taxation $0.00000000000000000000000000000000000$ | | Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings | 1,691 | 2,104 |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year Accruals and deferred income - grants 546 546 546 Obligations under finance leases Net obligations under finance leases are payable as follows: 1995 £000 Within one year Between one and two years - 1 Between one and two years | | Corporation tax | | |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year Accruals and deferred income - grants 546 546 Obligations under finance leases Net obligations under finance leases are payable as follows: 1995 £000 Within one year Between one and two years - 1 Between one and two years | | Other taxation | | |
| Accruals and deferred income - grants | | | 3,178 | 4,210 |
| Accruals and deferred income - grants | | Amounts falling due after more than one year | | |
| Obligations under finance leases Net obligations under finance leases are payable as follows: 1995 1994 £000 £000 Within one year Between one and two years - 1 Between one and two years | | | 546 | 546 |
| Net obligations under finance leases are payable as follows: | | U | 546 | 546 |
| | | Obligations under finance leases | | |
| Within one year Between one and two years £000 £000 1 - 1 | | Net obligations under finance leases are payable as follows: | | |
| Within one year Between one and two years £000 £000 1 - 1 | | | 1005 | 1004 |
| Within one year - 1 Between one and two years | | | | |
| Between one and two years | | | £000 | £000 |
| Between one and two years | | Within one year | - | 1 |
| · | | | - | - |
| - 1 | | Between two and five years | - | |
| | | | _ | 1 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

| 10. | PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES | 1995 | 1994 | | | |
|-----|--|------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Provision for deferred taxation Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation | £000 1,508 | £000 1,856 | | | |
| | There are no potential liabilities to deferred taxation for which provis | ions have not be | en made. | | | |
| | The movements on the provisions in the year are as follows: | | | | | |
| | | | Deferred taxation £000 | | | |
| | As at 1st January, 1995 Transferred to profit and loss account As at 31st December, 1995 | | 1,856 348 1,508 | | | |
| 11. | CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | | | |
| a) | CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL | | | | | |
| | Authorised | 1995 £000 | 1994 £000 | | | |
| | 2,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each | 2,000 | 2,000 | | | |
| | Allotted, called up and fully paid | | | | | |

2,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each

2,000

2,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

b) RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

| | Share capital | Revaluation reserve | Profit and loss account | 1995 Total | 1994 Total |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Total recognised gains and losses | | | 1,196 | 1,196 | (1,658) |
| for the year | | | | | |
| Transfer | | (12) | 12 | - | - |
| At 1st January, 1995 | 2,000 | 12 | 10,337 | 12,349 | 14,007 |
| At 31st December, 1995 | 2,000 | | 11,545 | 13,545 | 12,349 |

The transfer from the revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account represents that element of a revaluation deficit charged in the year covered by a previous revaluation surplus.

12. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

| | 1994 |
|--|-------|
| | £000 |
| Contracts for capital expenditure not provided for in the financial statements | 89 |
| Capital expenditure approved by the directors but not contracted | 5,671 |

13. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31st December, the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

| | 1995 | | 1994 | |
|---|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| | Land and | | Land and | |
| | buildings | Other | buildings | Other |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Expiring within one year | 220 | - | 1 | 31 |
| Expiring between two and five years inclusive | 7 | - | 227 | - |
| Expiring after five years | 285 | - | 285 | - |
| | 512 | <u>-</u> | 513 | 31 |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1995

14. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The immediate holding company is Littlewoods Leisure Limited, which is registered in England & Wales.

The ultimate holding company is The Littlewoods Organisation PLC which is registered in England & Wales.