Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 1996

Registered number 284505



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Results and dividends

The profit for the financial year amounted to £272,000 (1995: £1,105,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1995: £Nil).

Principal activities and business review

The company has not undertaken any new contracts during the year but retains ongoing obligations in respect of its previously completed contracts and its properties.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who served during the year and subsequently were:

AC Smith	(appointed 1 January 1996)
CMH Kemp	(appointed 1 January 1996)
GA Cooper	(resigned 1 January 1996)
JJ McCormack	(resigned 1 January 1996)
B Pellard	(resigned 1 January 1996)
BJ Sharples	(resigned 1 January 1996)

The interests of AC Smith and CMH Kemp in the share and loan capital of Tarmac plc are disclosed in the directors' report and financial statements of Tarmac Industrial Products Limited, the company's intermediate parent undertaking.

Neither director had any beneficial interest in the share or loan capital of any subsidiary undertaking of Tarmac plc.



Directors' report (continued)

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

This report was approved by the board on 8 April 1997 and signed on its behalf by:

HW Goss

Secretary

Hilton Hall Essington Wolverhampton WV11 2BQ

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 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.





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Auditor's report to the members of Briggs Amasco Curtainwall Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 12.

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 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 31 December 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG Audit Plc

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

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8 April 1997



Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 1996

	Note	1996 £000	1995 £000
Turnover Cost of sales	2	2 637	551 1,406
Gross profit		639	1,957
Administrative expenses		(232)	(484)
Operating profit		407	1,473
Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets		_	108
Profit on ordinary activities before interest		407	1,581
Interest receivable		1	1
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	408	1,582
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(136)	(477)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation Profit and loss account brought forward	12	272 (22,635)	1,105 (23,740)
Profit and loss account carried forward		(22,363)	(22,635)

A statement of movements in shareholders' funds is given in note 12 to the financial statements.

Turnover and results reported above all relate to discontinued activities.

There is no difference between the result as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the results calculated on an unmodified historical cost basis.

Statement of recognised gains and losses

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the results reported above.



Balance sheet at 31 December 1996

	Note 1996 1995		1996		95
Current assets		£000	£000	£000	£000
Debtors	7	8,557		8,907	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(759)		(1,451)	
Net current assets			7,798		7,456
Creditors: Amounts falling due					
after more than one year	9		(29,341)		(28,775)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	10	-	(812)		(1,308)
Net liabilities		-	(22,355)		(22,627)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	11		8		8
Profit and loss account	12		(22,363)		(22,635)
Equity shareholders' funds		<u>, </u>	(22,355)		(22,627)

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 8 April 1997 and were signed on its behalf by:

CMH Kemp Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 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 accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards. The application of the going concern concept is based on the support given by other group undertakings.

Turnover

Turnover consists of external sales of manufactured goods and the value of work on contracts completed during the year. Turnover also includes the settlement of claims arising on contracts completed in prior years.

Operating leases

Rental payments under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as they are incurred.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation calculated using the liability method is included only where the effects of timing differences between results as stated in the financial statements and as computed for taxation purposes are likely to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Related party transactions

Under Financial Reporting Standard 8, the company is exempt from the disclosure of transactions with other group undertakings on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tarmac plc and its results are included in Tarmac plc's consolidated financial statements.

2 Turnover

The analysis of turnover by geographical area is as follows:

	1996 £000	1995 £000
United Kingdom	2	551



Notes (continued)

3 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

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	1996	1995
	£000	£000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated		
after charging		
Operating leases:		
Hire of other assets	18	242
Auditor's remuneration	-	5
(after crediting)		
Release of provisions for remedial works on contracts	(254)	(813)
Insurance claim proceeds	(150)	-

4 Staff numbers and costs

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

	Number of employees	
	1996	1995
Administration	1	3
	<u></u>	
The aggregate payroll costs during the year amounted to:		
	000£	£000
Wages and salaries	27	72
Social security costs	3	3
Other pension costs	3	9
	33	84



Notes (continued)

5 Directors' emoluments

None of the directors received any remuneration from the company during the year (1995: £Nil).

6 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The tax charge based on the profit for the year comprises:

1996	1995
£000	£000
-	298
191	270
191	568
(55)	(91)
136	477
1996	1995
£000	£000
229	394
-	10
8,112	8,356
213	-
3	147
8,557	8,907
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Notes (continued)

8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within or	ае уеаг
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		1996	1995
		000£	£000
	Trade creditors	226	352
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	2	-
	Other taxes and social security costs	14	65
	Corporation tax	_	298
	Accruals and deferred income	517	736
		759	1,451
9	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
		1 99 6	1995
		£000	£000
	Amount owed to group undertakings	29,341	28,775

The amount owed to group undertakings is unsecured, is interest free and has no fixed repayment terms. The intermediate parent company has confirmed that it will continue to support the company by not requesting repayment of or charging interest on the amount owed whilst the company remains a subsidiary undertaking of Tarmac plc, or until such time as the company has sufficient funds.

10 Provisions for liabilities and charges

ŭ	Deferred taxation £000	Other provisions £000	Total £000
At beginning of year	(356)	1,664	1,308
Utilised in the year	-	(433)	(433)
Transfer from/(to) profit and loss account	191	(254)	(63)
At end of year	(165)	977	812

Other provisions relate to losses on discontinuance of the business.

Deferred taxation relates to provisions for losses on discontinuance of the business. There is no unprovided deferred taxation.



Notes (continued)

11 Share capital

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		1996	1995
	Authorised:	£	£
		4.000	4 000
	4,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	4,000	4,000
	4,000 deferred shares of £1 each	4,000	4,000
	10,500 3.5% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	10,500	10,500
	10,500 4.2% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	10,500	10,500
		29,000	29,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	4,000 ordinary shares of £l each	4,000	4,000
	4,000 deferred shares of £1 each	4,000	4,000
		8,000	8,000
12	Movement in shareholders' funds		
		1996	1995
		£000	000£
	Profit for the financial year	272	1,105
	Opening shareholders' funds	(22,627)	(23,732)
	Closing shareholders' funds	(22,355)	(22,627)
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Notes (continued)

13 Financial commitments

The company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

Land and buildings	
1996	1995
£000	£000
249	249
	1996 £000

No provision has been made for the future lease commitments in respect of vacant property on the basis that provision has been made for these costs by the ultimate parent undertaking which has undertaken to support the company.

14 Pensions

The pension schemes to which the company contributes are of the defined benefit type and are for the benefit of all relevant employees of Tarmac plc and its UK subsidiary and associated undertakings ("the group"). The assets of the schemes are held in trustee administered funds separate from those of the group. Details of the latest actuarial valuation of the principal schemes are given in the group's Annual Report and Accounts. The contributions to the schemes made by the company represent the regular cost of providing the benefits without any recognition of fund surpluses or deficits which are dealt with by Tarmac plc.

15 Performance bonds

Performance bonds have been entered into in the normal course of business.

16 Ultimate parent undertaking

Tarmac plc is the company's ultimate parent undertaking and is registered in England and Wales.

Copies of its annual report and financial statements are available from Hilton Hall, Essington, Wolverhampton, WV11 2BQ.

