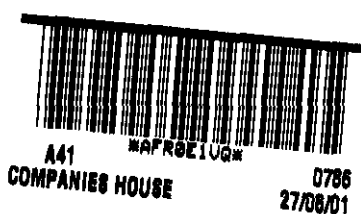


Company Registration No. 357208 (England and Wales)

GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED
ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000



GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of importers and exporters of chemicals.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2000:

M A Hofman
J Shorts
D Hofman

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Class A of £ 1 each	
	31 December 2000	1 January 2000
M A Hofman	8,770	8,770
D Hofman	-	-
J Shorts	1,210	1,210

	Class B of £ 1 each	
	31 December 2000	1 January 2000
M A Hofman	12,412	12,412
D Hofman	-	-
J Shorts	1,712	1,712

Charitable contributions

During the year the company made charitable donations of £16,306 (1999: £16,832).

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that SPW be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

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.

On behalf of the board



M A Hofman

Director

10 June 2001

GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED

AUDITORS' REPORT TO GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 13, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2000 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246A 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 section 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered 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 section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 13 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

SPW

SPW

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

10 June 2001

Gable House
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London
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GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Gross profit		1,875,092	1,725,425
Distribution costs		(157,943)	(88,205)
Administrative expenses		(1,449,426)	(1,062,524)
Other operating income		28,303	2,494
Operating profit	2	296,026	577,190
Other interest receivable and similar income		29,687	29,432
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(5,338)	(12,023)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		320,375	594,599
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(68,172)	(157,800)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		252,203	436,799
Dividends	5	(90,000)	(293,100)
Retained profit for the year	12	162,203	143,699

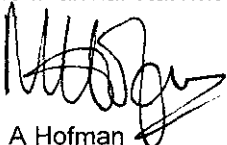
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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

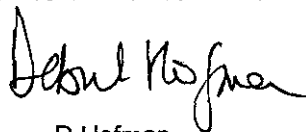
	Notes	2000 £	£	1999 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		82,354		113,564
Investments			-		21,422
			<u>82,354</u>		<u>134,986</u>
Current assets					
Stocks	7	643,418		322,352	
Debtors	8	1,002,324		1,112,263	
Cash at bank and in hand		997,213		676,054	
		<u>2,642,955</u>		<u>2,110,669</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,669,808)		(1,352,975)	
Net current assets			<u>973,147</u>		<u>757,694</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,055,501</u>		<u>892,680</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	11		24,104		24,104
Profit and loss account	12		1,031,397		868,576
Shareholders' funds	13		<u>1,055,501</u>		<u>892,680</u>

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 10 June 2001



M A Hofman
Director



D Hofman
Director

GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	2000 £	1999 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	450,860	217,484
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	29,687	29,432
Interest paid	(201)	(12,023)
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	29,486	17,409
Taxation	(157,752)	(132,485)
Capital expenditure		
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(30,338)	(37,219)
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	27,250	840
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure	(3,088)	(36,379)
Net cash inflow before management of liquid resources and financing	319,506	66,029
Increase in cash in the year	319,506	66,029

GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1	Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities	2000	1999
		£	£
	Operating profit	296,026	577,190
	Depreciation of tangible assets	13,636	23,872
	Loss on disposal of tangible assets	20,663	116
	Increase in stocks	(321,066)	(27,830)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors	108,147	(176,590)
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors within one year	333,454	(179,274)
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	450,860	217,484

2	Analysis of net funds	1 January 2000	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes	31 December 2000
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:				
	Cash at bank and in hand	676,054	321,159	-	997,213
	Bank overdrafts	(2,310)	(1,653)	-	(3,963)
		673,744	319,506	-	993,250
	Net funds	673,744	319,506	-	993,250

3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	2000	1999
		£	£
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	319,506	(280,704)
	Cash inflow from increase in debt	-	-
	Movement in net funds in the year	319,506	(280,704)
	Opening net funds	673,744	954,448
	Closing net funds	993,250	673,744

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings Freehold	1% on a Reducing Balance basis
Plant and machinery	25% on a Reducing Balance basis.
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% on a Reducing Balance basis.
Motor vehicles	25% on a Reducing Balance basis.

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

1.7 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences 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 foreseeable future.

1.8 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to profit and loss account.

2 Operating profit	2000 £	1999 £
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	13,636	23,872
Auditors' remuneration	7,665	6,770

GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

3	Interest payable	2000	1999
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	201	-
	Other interest	5,137	12,023
		<u>5,338</u>	<u>12,023</u>
4	Taxation	2000	1999
		£	£
	U.K. current year taxation		
	U.K. corporation tax at 20% (1999- 30%)	63,337	157,800
	Prior years		
	U.K. corporation tax	4,835	-
		<u>68,172</u>	<u>157,800</u>
5	Dividends	2000	1999
		£	£
	Ordinary final proposed	90,000	293,100
		<u>90,000</u>	<u>293,100</u>

GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Freehold	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
At 1 January 2000	51,950	56,020	57,250	77,684	242,904
Additions	-	30,188	150	-	30,338
Disposals	-	(31,301)	-	(77,684)	(108,985)
At 31 December 2000	51,950	54,907	57,400	-	164,257
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2000	8,501	25,000	53,587	42,252	129,340
On disposals	-	(18,820)	-	(42,252)	(61,072)
Charge for the year	500	12,182	953	-	13,635
At 31 December 2000	9,001	18,362	54,540	-	81,903
Net book value					
At 31 December 2000	42,949	36,545	2,860	-	82,354
At 31 December 1999	43,449	31,020	3,663	35,432	113,564

7 Stocks

	2000 £	1999 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	643,418	322,352

8 Debtors

	2000 £	1999 £
Trade debtors	873,199	1,086,222
Other debtors	106,145	16,011
Prepayments and accrued income	22,980	10,030
	1,002,324	1,112,263

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000 £	1999 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	3,963	2,310
Trade creditors	978,445	551,231
Corporation tax	68,761	159,106
Other taxes and social security costs	25,180	67,081
Directors' current accounts	7,138	31,983
Accruals and deferred income	496,321	248,164
Proposed dividend	90,000	293,100
	<u>1,669,808</u>	<u>1,352,975</u>

10 Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

11 Share capital	2000 £	1999 £
Authorised		
25,000 Class A of £ 1 each	25,000	25,000
25,000 Class B of £ 1 each	25,000	25,000
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
9,980 Class A of £ 1 each	9,980	9,980
14,124 Class B of £ 1 each	14,124	14,124
	<u>24,104</u>	<u>24,104</u>

12 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

	Profit and loss account £
Balance at 1 January 2000	869,194
Retained profit for the year	162,203
Balance at 31 December 2000	<u>1,031,397</u>

GEE LAWSON CHEMICALS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

13 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2000	1999
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	252,203	436,799
Dividends	(90,000)	(293,100)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	162,203	143,699
Opening shareholders' funds	892,680	748,981
Closing shareholders' funds	1,055,501	892,680
14 Directors' emoluments	2000	1999
	£	£
Emoluments for qualifying services	614,713	366,777
Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	78,000	89,000
	692,713	455,777
Emoluments disclosed above include the following amounts paid to the highest paid director:		
Emoluments for qualifying services	283,663	60,732
Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	27,000	54,000

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

15 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was:

	2000 Number	1999 Number
Office	11	4
Management	5	5
	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>

Employment costs

	£	£
Wages and salaries	941,250	653,245
Social security costs	106,009	75,117
Other pension costs	88,608	98,968
	<u>1,135,867</u>	<u>827,330</u>