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R D & P E SHEPHARD LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
30 JUNE 1998

HEDLEY DUNK
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
DARTFORD



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30 June 1998

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COMPANY INFORMATION

30 June 1998

DIRECTORS M E Clark

J V Pryse C M Raymond J O Lyman

T J Holden (Resigned 31 March 1998)

SECRETARY J V Pryse

REGISTERED OFFICE 29 London Road

Bromley

Kent BR1 1DH

BANKERS Lloyds Bank Plc

Pall Mall

8/10 Waterloo Place

London SW1Y 4BE

SOLICITORS Nutt & Oliver

London

AUDITORS Hedley Dunk

Chartered Accountants

Trinity House 3 Bullace Lane

Dartford DA1 1BB

DIRECTORS' REPORT

30 June 1998

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1998.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of a service company for its own subsidiary which operates as a general and financial sevices broker.

Business review

The company's balance sheet as detailed on page 6 shows a satisfactory position, shareholders' funds amounting to £638,300.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 5. An ordinary dividend amounting to £59,900 was paid in the year.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the shares of the company as recorded in the register of directors' interests were as

TOTIOWS	30 June 1998 Ordinary shares	1 July 1997 Ordinary shares
M E Clark	_	-
J V Pryse	-	-
C M Raymond	-	.
J O Lyman	-	-
T J Holden (Resigned 31 March 1998)	-	-

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

30 June 1998

Auditors

The Company has elected to dispense with the annual appointment of auditors. In the absence of a specific resolution to the contrary Hedley Dunk will continue in office.

on behalf of the board

J V Pryse
Secretary

29 London Road Bromley BR1 1DH Kent

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

We are required under company law 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 we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records;
- safeguarding the company's assets;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

On behalf of the board

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Director

AUDITORS' REPORT

Auditors' report to the members of

R D & P E Shephard Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 8.

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 error or other irregularity. 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 30 June 1998 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

HEDLEY DUNK

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS and Registered Auditors

DARTFORD

7 October 1998

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 30 June 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
Investment income	2	60,000	60,000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		60,000	60,000
Taxation	3	<u> </u>	
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		60,000	60,000
Dividends	4	(59,900)	(60,000)
Retained profit for the year	11	100	_

Movements in reserves are shown in the notes to the financial statements.

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

There are no recognised gains and losses in 1998 or 1997 other than the profit for the year.

BALANCE SHEET

at 30 June 1998

	Note	£	1998 £	£	1997
	Note	T.	æ	æ	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		623,061		623,061
			623,061		623,061
Current assets					
Debtors	6	15,239		59,702	
		15,239		59,702	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	_		(44,563)	
Net current assets			15,239		15,139
Total assets less current liability	ies		638,300		638,200
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account	9 10 11		2,051 636,195 54		2,051 636,195 (46)
Total shareholders' funds	8		638,300	:	638,200

The financial statements on pages 5 to 11 were approved by the board of directors on and signed on its behalf by:

M E Clark Director

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 30 June 1998

		1998		1997	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Net cash outflow from operating activities	12		(100)		-
Returns on investments and servi of finance Other returns	cing	60,000		60,000	
			60,000		60,000
Equity dividends paid			59,900 (59,900)		60,000 (60,000)
			-		

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 June 1998

1 Accounting policies

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Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Consolidation

Consolidated accounts have not been prepared because the company has taken advantage of Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985, in that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Shephard Holdings Limited which is incorporated in England and prepares the group accounts.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that tax liabilities are likely to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

2	Investment income	1998 £	1997 £
	Dividends received	60,000	60,000
		60,000	60,000
3	Taxation		
	The company has no liability for taxation.		
4	Dividends	1998 £	1997 £
	Interim	59,900	60,000

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5 Fixed asset investments

					Investments other than loans £
	Cost				
	1 July 1997 and at 30 June 1998				623,061
	Details of the company	's subsidiary at	the 30 Jun	e 1998 were	as follows -
	Name	Country of incorporation/ operation	Principal activity	Class of shares	Percentage held by company
	Shephard Herriot Ltd	England	Insurance broking	Ordinary	100%
6	Debtors			1998 £	1997 £
	Amounts falling due wi	thin one year			
	Amounts owed by group	undertakings		15,239	59.702
			==	15,239	59,702
7	Creditors: amounts fal within one year	ling due		1998	1997
				£	£
	Amounts owed to group	undertakings		<u></u>	44,563
			_	-	44,563 ———

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 June 1998

8	Reconciliation of movements in	n shareholders'	funds	1998 £		1997 £
	Profit for the financial year		60	0,000		60,000
	Dividends		(59	9,900)		(60,000)
	Net addition to shareholders' funds			100		-
	Opening shareholders' funds		638	3,200		638,200
	Closing shareholders' funds		638	3,300		638,200
9	Called up share capital	1998 Number of		Niii	199 mber of	7
		shares	£		shares	£
	Authorised					
	Ordinary shares	2,051	2,051	_	2,051	2,051
	Allotted called up and fully paid					
	Ordinary shares	2,051	2,051		2,051	2,051
10	Share premium account					1998 £
	1 July 1997 and 30 June 1998					636,195
11	Profit and loss account					1998 £
	1 July 1997 Retained profit for the year					(46) 100
	30 June 1998					<u>54</u>

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30 June 1998

12 Notes to the cash flow statement

Reconciliation of operating profit to operating cash flows

• •	1998 £	1997 £
Decrease in debtors	(44,463)	-
Decrease in creditors	44,563	<u>-</u>
Net cash outflow		
from operating activities	100	-

13 Ultimate parent undertaking

At the 30 June 1998 the company was a subsidiary undertaking of Shephard Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England. The company's ultimate parent undertaking at that date was Ascott Investments Limited, a company incorporated in the Isle of Man.