BRODERICK STRUCTURES LIMITED

Registered number 452935

Directors' report and financial statements

For the year ended

31 December 1996



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Directors' report

The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Principal activity and business review

The principal activity of the company is the manufacture and installation of metal roofing and wall cladding. Future developments will be in the same area.

The beneficial interest in certain of the business, assets and liabilities of the metal business of Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited was transferred to the company with effect from 1 July 1996, following the reorganisation of the business of Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited.

On 31 December 1996 the Company transferred its investment in Briggs Roofing and Cladding (Scotland) Limited (formerly Ives Cladding Limited) to its parent company Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited at net book value.

Share Capital

On 31 December 1996 the Company issued 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each to Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited, a fellow subsidiary undertaking of Ruberoid PLC, in consideration for the sale of certain of the business, assets and liabilities of Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited to the Company.

By a Special Resolution dated 22 June 1997 and confirmed by an Order of the High Court on 30 July 1997 registered by the Registrar of Companies on 31 July 1997 the company's issued share capital was reduced from £1,190,000 to £758,000 by the cancellation of 432,000 ordinary shares of one pound each.

Immediate parent company

During February 1997 Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited, a fellow subsidiary undertaking of Ruberoid PLC became the company's immediate parent company.

Results and dividends

The profit and loss account is shown on page 7.

The loss for the year after taxation amounted to £804,000 (1995: £398,000). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1995: £Nil).

Research and development

The Company's policy is to enhance the performance of its products through continuous improvements and quality control in order to meet evolving building design criteria and expected European building standards.

Directors and Directors' interests

The Directors who served during the year and subsequently were:

M A Clough
F T Fuller
E B McCann
B Stock (appointed 7 February 1997)
D T Watson (resigned 7 February 1997)
(resigned 31 March 1997)

The interests of Messrs E B McCann and D T Watson in the share capital of the Company's ultimate parent company, Ruberoid PLC, are disclosed in the report and financial statements of that company.

The declarable interests in the share capital of Ruberoid PLC of the remaining Directors who held office at 31 December 1996 were as follows:

	At 31 December 1996		At 31 December 1995		Share option movements in the year	
	Fully paid	Share options	Fully paid	Share options	Granted	Exercised
M A Clough	-	28,000	-	28,000‡	_	•

[‡] Granted on 25 November 1993 under the Ruberoid PLC Executive Option Scheme and normally exercisable, subject to the achievement of performance targets, between November 1996 and November 2003 at 150 pence per share.

None of the Directors had any beneficial interest in the share or loan capital of any subsidiary undertaking of Ruberoid PLC during the year.

Employees

The Directors recognise the benefits which accrue from keeping employees informed on the progress of their Company. It is the Company's policy to give fair consideration to the employment needs of disabled people.

Payment Practice

It is the Group's general policy to abide by the terms of payment agreed with its suppliers.

Auditors

KPMG resigned as the Company's Auditors on 12 November 1996. KPMG Audit Plc was appointed as the Company's Auditor on 13 November 1996 in order to fill a casual vacancy.

This report was approved by the board on 2 September 1997 and signed on its behalf by:

M L Kippen Secretary

197 Knightsbridge London SW7 1RB

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 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.

Auditors' report to the members of Broderick Structures Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 21.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditors

As described on page 5 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 loss for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

The financial statements include a proforma balance sheet on page 8 prepared to illustrate the effects of the events referred to in note 20 on the state of affairs of the company if these events had taken place on 31 December 1996. In our opinion, the proforma balance sheet has, so far as the calculations are concerned, been properly compiled on the bases set out in note 20.

KPMG Audit Plc Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

2 September 1997 2 Cornwall Street Birmingham B3 2DL

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 December 1996

	Note	1996 £'000	1996 £'000	1995 £'000	1995 £'000
Turnover					
Continuing operations		4,804		7,332	
Acquisitions		<u>1,786</u>	-	-	
	2		6,590		7,332
Cost of sales	3		(6,747)		(6,245)
Gross (loss)/profit			(157)		1,087
Other expenses	4		(990)		(1,457)
Operating loss					
Continuing operations		(764)		(370)	
Acquisitions		(383)			
•			(1,147)		(370)
Interest payable	5		(173)		(214)
Loss on ordinary activities					
before taxation	8		(1,320)		(584)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	9		516		186
Retained loss for the financial					
year transferred from reserves	18		<u>(804)</u>		(398)

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

Movements in reserves are set out in note 18 on page 18.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those disclosed in the profit and loss account.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 1996

	Note	Proforma (note21)	Actual	Actual
		1996	1996	1995
		£'000	£'000	£'000
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	10	1,329	1,329	1,341
Current assets				
Stocks	12	884	884	337
Debtors	13	5,472	5,472	2,738
Cash			2	
		6,358	6,358	3,076
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(4,949)	(4,949)	(1,758)
Net current assets		1,409	1,409	1,318
Total assets less current liabilities		2,738	2,738	2,659
Creditors: amounts falling due				
after more than one year Provisions for liabilities and	15	(1,441)	(2,746)	(3,135)
charges	16	(39)	(39)	-
Net assets/(liabilities)		1,258	(47)	(476)
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital	17	758	1,190	1,090
Share premium	18	-	1,133	-
Revaluation reserve	18	500	500	500
Profit and loss account	18	-	(2,870)	(2,066)
Equity shareholders' funds		1,258	(47)	(476)
			*	

These financial statements were approved by the board of Directors on 2 September 1997 and were signed on its behalf by:

B Stock 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 preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards using the historic cost accounting rules adjusted for the revaluation of certain tangible assets. The application of the going concern concept is based on the support given by other Group undertakings.

Consolidated financial statements

These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual Company and not about its Group. The Company is exempt under section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the obligation to prepare group financial statements and to deliver them to the Registrar of Companies as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of another body corporate.

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are shown at cost less amounts written off. In the opinion of the Directors, the valuation of investments at 31 December 1996 is not less than the amount at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

Turnover

Turnover represents the net amount receivable, excluding value added tax, for goods and services supplied to external customers, and, in respect of contracting activities, the value of contracts completed during the year.

Depreciation

Freehold land is not depreciated. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of tangible assets less their estimated residual values, by equal annual instalments, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Freehold buildings

- 50 years

Plant, machinery and vehicles

- 3 to 15 years

Leased assets

Where the Company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. The asset is recorded in the Balance Sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included in creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the Profit and Loss Account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments. All other leases are accounted for as operating leases and the rental charges are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes appropriate overheads.

Long term contracts

Amounts recoverable on contracts, which are included in debtors, are stated at cost plus attributable profit less any foreseeable losses. The profit on each individual contract is the lower of profit earned to date and that forecast at completion. Payments received on account are deducted from amounts recoverable on contracts. Such amounts which have been received and exceed amounts recoverable are included in creditors.

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.

Pensions

The Group operates both money purchase and final salary pension schemes. The amount charged against profit in respect of the money purchase schemes represents the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting period. Contributions to the final salary schemes are charged to the Profit and Loss Account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Company.

2 Turnover

Turnover arose from one class of business and in the United Kingdom, the Company's sole market.

3 Cost of sales and net operating expenses

		Continui 1996 £'000	ng operations Acquisitions 1996 £'000	Total 1996 £'000	Total 1995 £'000
	Cost of sales	4,646	2,101	6,747	6,245
4	Other expenses				
		Continui	ng operations		
		4000	Acquisitions	Total	Total
		1996 £'000	1996 £'000	1996 £'000	1995
		T OOO	£ 000	x.000	£'000
	Distribution costs	70	-	70	53
	Administrative expenses	852	68	920	1,404
		922	68	990	1,457
5	Interest payable			-	
				1996	1995
				£'000	£,000
	On bank loans and overdrafts			57	2
	Payable to group undertakings			100	186
	Finance lease charges			16	26
			_	173	214
			_		

6 Employees

The average number of employees (including Directors) of the Company during the year comprised:

Production	1996 Number 57	1995 Number 55
Selling and administration	9	6
Administration	45	31
	111	92
		

6 Employees (continued)

	The aggregate employment costs were as follows:		
		1996 £'000	1995 £'000
	Wages and salaries	1,885	1,651
	Social security costs	146	130
	Other pension costs	114	80
		2,145	1,861
7	Directors' emoluments		·
		1996	1995
	Directors' emoluments comprised:	£'000	£'000
	Remuneration	67	60
	Pension contributions	7	8
		74	68
	The emoluments of the Directors included:		
		1996	1995
	TT-L., (118)	£'000	£'000
	Highest paid Director Remuneration	(7	4.5
	Pension contribution	67 7	45 6
		74	51
	Chairman		-
	Excluding pension contributions, the emoluments of the Di following ranges:	rectors were wit	hin the
		1996	1995
		Number	Number
	£0 -£5,000	3	3
	£10,001 - £15,000	-	1
	£45,001 - £50,000 £65,001 - £70,000	-	1
	±05,001 - π/0,000	1	-

8 Loss on ordinary activities before taxation

	1996	1995
The loss on ordinary activities before taxation	£'000	£'000
has been arrived at after charging:		
Operating leases:		
Plant and machinery	304	219
Depreciation on tangible assets (note 10)	116	112
Auditors' remuneration - audit	<u>15</u>	15

9 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

Taxation based on the loss for the year comprises:

	1996 £'000	1995 £'000
Group relief receivable at 33%	579	80
Group relief receivable at 33% - prior year adjustment	70	-
Deferred taxation at 33% (note 16)	(150)	106
Deferred taxation at 33% - prior year adjustment (note 16)	17	
	<u>516</u>	186

10 Tangible assets

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	Freehold land and buildings	Plant, machinery & vehicles	Total
Cost or valuation	£'000	£'000	£'000
At beginning of year	1,119	863	1,982
Additions	10	55	65
Disposals	~	(64)	(64)
Group Transfers	80	6	86
At end of year	1,209	<u>860</u>	2,069
Gross book value of depreciable assets	503	<u>860</u>	<u>1,363</u>
Depreciation			
At beginning of year	71	570	641
Charge for the year	19	97	116
Disposals	· 	(61)	(61)
Group Transfers	30	14	44
At end of year	120	<u>620</u>	740
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 1996	1,089	240	1,329
At 31 December 1995	1,048	293	1,341
Land and buildings determined according follows:	to the historic co	st accounting r	ules are as
		1996 £'000	1995 £2000

	1996 £'000	1995 £'000
At cost Accumulated depreciation	843 (254)	753 (205)
Net book value	<u>589</u>	548

Included in plant, machinery and vehicles above are assets held under finance leases with a net book value of £159,000 (1995:£231,000). Depreciation charged on these assets during the year amounted to £72,000 (1995: £56,000).

11 Investments

	Shares in subsidiary undertaking
Cost	£'000
At beginning of year	51
Group transfer At end of year	(51)
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Provision At beginning of year	51
Group transfer At end of year	(51)
Net book value At beginning and end of year	

The investment comprised 9% of the issued ordinary share capital of Briggs Roofing and Cladding (Scotland) Limited (formerly Ives Cladding Limited), a company incorporated in Great Britain. The principal activity of Briggs Roofing and Cladding (Scotland) Limited from 1 July 1996 was that of roofing and cladding contracting. Prior to this the company was dormant. On 31 December 1996 the investment was transferred to Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited at net book value.

12 Stocks

	1996 £'000	1995 £'000
Raw materials and consumables	241	281
Work in progress	11,565	2,720
Finished goods & goods for resale	-	6
Payments received on account	11,806 (10,922)	3,007 (2,670)
	884	337

13 Debtors

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	1996 £'000	1995
Amounts falling due within one year:	£ 000	£'000
Trade debtors	3,513	2,400
Amounts recoverable on contracts	554	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	162	121
Other debtors	19	2
Prepayments and accrued income	67	29
Group relief receivable	579	92
	4,894	2,644
Amounts falling due after more than one year:		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	578	_
Deferred taxation (see note 16)	-	94
	5,472	2,738
. 19		
reditors: amounts falling due within one year		
reditors: amounts falling due within one year	1996	1995
	£,000	£'000
Finance leases	£'000 83	£'000 72
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15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	1996 £'000	1995 £'000
Finance leases due between 1 and 2 years	76	73
Finance leases due between 2 and 5 years	-	86
Amounts owed to group undertakings	2,670	2,976
	2,746	3,135

16 Provisions for liabilities and charges

The movement in deferred taxation during the year was as follows:

	£'000
At beginning of year	(94)
Current year charge	150
Prior year adjustment	(17)
At end of year	39

The deferred tax asset in 1995 is included in debtors (see note 13) and is calculated at 33%.

The (assets)/liabilities provided for deferred taxation are as follows:	1996 £'000	1995 £'000
Accelerated capital allowances	18	20
Other timing differences	21	(114)
	39	(94)

There was no unprovided deferred tax liability at 31 December 1996 (31 December 1995: £Nil).

17 Share capital

Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid	Number	£'000
As at 31 December 1996	1,190,000	1,190
As at 31 December 1995	1,090,000	1,090

Included in the above are 1,000,000 ordinary shares with a nominal value of £1 per share which are fully paid up. The balance of 90,000 ordinary shares with a nominal value of £1 each were issued at a price of £100 each and were paid up at £1 per share as at 31 December 1996.

On 31 December 1996 the Company issued 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each to Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Ruberoid PLC, in consideration for the transfer to it on 1 July 1996 of the Briggs Metal business, assets and liabilities.

18 Reserves

	Share Premium £000	Revaluation reserve £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
At beginning of year	-	500	(2,066)	(1,566)
Share premium subscribed	1,133	, -	_	1,133
Retained loss	-	~	(804)	(804)
At end of year	1,133	<u>500</u>	(2,870)	(1,237)
Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds				

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	1996 £'000	1995 £'000
Share capital subscribed	1,233	-
Loss for the financial year	(804)	(398)
Equity shareholders' funds at beginning of year	(476)	(78)
Equity shareholders' funds at end of year	<u>(47)</u>	(476)

20 Post balance sheet event

On 19 June 1997:

- (i) £1,305,000 of intercompany debt owed by the company to its parent, Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited was applied towards satisfaction of that company's outstanding liability in respect of the £99 premium per share unpaid on 90,000 ordinary shares of £1 in the capital of the company (see note 17), thereby increasing the amount standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account to £2,438,000;
- (ii) the deficit on the profit and loss account of the company as at 31 December 1996 of £2,870,000 was extinguished;
- (iii) the balance of £2,438,000 standing to the credit of the share premium account was written off;
- (iv) 432,000 of the company's 1,190,000 issued ordinary shares of one pound each were cancelled, thereby reducing the company's issued share capital to £758,000.

Items (ii) (iii) and (iv) were achieved by a Special Resolution of the sole member dated 19 June 1997, and confirmed by an Order of the High Court on 30 July 1997 registered by the Registrar of Companies on 31 July 1997, and thus effective from this date.

21 Proforma balance sheet

The proforma balance sheet reflects the impact on the company's net assets and reserves of the post balance sheet event set out in note 20 as if the transactions had taken place on 31 December 1996.

22 Contingent Liabilities

Performance bonds have been entered into in the normal course of business. The Company has guaranteed bank overdrafts and loans in respect of its parent company and fellow subsidiary undertakings. At 31 December 1995 these guarantees amounted to £18,242,865 (1995: £16,938,006).

23 Commitments

The Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases which expire as follows:

	1996 Other £'000	1995 Other £'000
Within one year		11
In second to fifth year	14	36
	14	47

There were no capital commitments as at 31 December 1996 (1995: £100,000).

24 Acquisitions

On 1 July 1996 the Briggs Metal business, assets and liabilities of Briggs Roofing and Cladding Limited were transferred to the Company.

	£,000
Book value of assets acquired	
Stock	726
Debtors	2,909
Cash	(500)
Creditors due within one year	(1,902)
Consideration	1,233
Nominal value of shares issued	. 100
Share premium arising	1,133
:	
	1,233

25 Pensions

All monthly staff are entitled to contribute to a group final salary scheme. Operatives are entitled to contribute to a group money purchase scheme. Full disclosure is contained in the financial statements of the ultimate parent company, Ruberoid PLC.

26 Ultimate Parent Company

The ultimate parent company is Ruberoid PLC, a company incorporated in Great Britain. Copies of the consolidated financial statements are available from the Secretary, Ruberoid PLC, 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB.

The financial statements of Ruberoid PLC are the only consolidated financial statements to incorporate Broderick Structures Limited.