

Registered Number: 465783

COAL PENSION PROPERTIES LIMITED
(Formerly CIN Properties Limited)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996



DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The Company, which is limited by guarantee and is jointly controlled by Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme Trustees Limited and Mineworkers' Pension Scheme Trustees Limited as members, continued to act as a nominee company and agent for the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme and the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Mr P Beasley

Mr D N Beevor (resigned 11 July 1996)

Mr G A Bruce (appointed 11 July 1996)

Mr B Ellinthorpe

Mr B R Fossett

Mr P M Manley (appointed 11 July 1996)

Mr P C Mason

Mr B J Southcott (resigned 12 April 1996)

Mr P Trickett (appointed 11 July 1996)

Mr A R Walker (resigned 2 April 1997)

Mr J C Wood

Mr I Yeatman

No director who held office during the year had any interest in the share capital of the Company.

RESULTS

There were no transactions on revenue account during the year and the Company does not hold any assets, nor has any liabilities, on its own account at 31 December 1996. The administration expenses of the Company were borne by the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme and the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (Cont'd)

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the auditors' report set out on page 3, is made with a view to distinguishing for shareholders the respective responsibilities of the directors and of the auditors in relation to the accounts.

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare accounts 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 year. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The directors consider that applicable accounting standards have been followed, appropriate accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made.

The directors have responsibility for ensuring that the Company keeps proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the accounts 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 OF DIRECTORS

SECRETARY



Registered Office

33 Cavendish Square
London
W1A 2NF

18 September 1997

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

TO THE MEMBERS OF COAL PENSION PROPERTIES LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on page 4 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on that page.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes an examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Company as at 31 December 1996 and been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.


Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

Reading

22 September 1997

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT


FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

There were no transactions on revenue account during the year. The expenses of administration were borne by the British Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme and the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme.

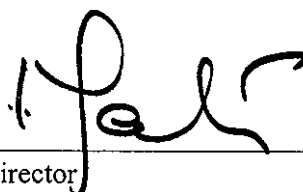
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

The Company has no share capital but is limited by guarantee. It had neither assets nor liabilities at 31 December 1996.


ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Director



Director



NOTES FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

1. Members' liability

The liability of each member to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up is limited to £1.

2. Status

The Company, which is registered in England, is jointly and equally owned and controlled by Coal Staff Superannuation Scheme Trustees Limited and Mineworkers' Pension Scheme Trustees Limited, both of which are also registered in England.

3. Approval of accounts

The Directors approved the accounts on 18 September 1997.