

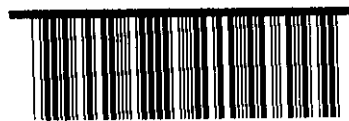
THE E J COOK SCD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED

REGISTERED NUMBER: 472901

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2003



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James Worley & Sons
Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor
KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES

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THE E J COOK SCD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
For the year ended 31 December 2003

BUSINESS REVIEW

The company has ceased all trading activities. It continues to administer its leasehold property.

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 4

DIRECTORS AND SHARE INTERESTS

Directors who held office during the year and their disclosable interests in shares, according to the register of directors interests were as follows

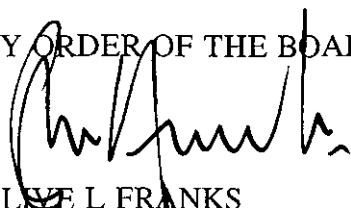
		At 01.01.03	At 31.12.03
M D Hunter	a	779	779
	b	137,257	137,257
	c	82,125	82,125
C L Franks	a	393	393
	b	149,031	149,031

a - Costain Group PLC ordinary shares of 10p each.

b - Options granted on 11 October 2003 to acquire Costain Group PLC ordinary shares under the 2003 Long Term Incentive Plan.

c - Options granted on 22 October 2003 to acquire Costain Group PLC ordinary shares under the 2003 Save As You Earn Share Option Scheme.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



CLIVE L FRANKS
SECRETARY
16 March 2004

REGISTERED OFFICE

Costain House, Nicholsons Walk
Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1LN

THE E J COOK SCD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE PREPARATION OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2003

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 the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in financial statements; and
- 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.

THE E J COOK SCD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS
For the year ended 31 December 2003

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 8.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

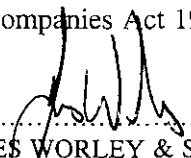
Basis of audit opinion

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 2003 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.


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JAMES WORLEY & SONS
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
Kingston-Upon-Thames
SURREY

16th March 2004
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Date

THE E J COOK SCD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Cost of sales		(500)	(515)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	2	(500)	(515)
Taxation	4	-	-
Loss for the financial year		(500)	(515)

Movements on reserves are set out in note 7.


There were no recognised gains nor losses other than the loss for the year and the loss for the preceding year.

THE NOTES ON PAGES 6 TO 8 FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE E J COOK SCD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Current assets			
Debtors		-	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(376,719)	(376,219)
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Net liabilities		(376,719)	(376,219)
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Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	6	100	100
Profit and loss account	7	(376,819)	(376,319)
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Equity shareholders' deficit	8	(376,719)	(376,219)
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These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 16 March 2004 and were signed on its behalf by:


..... Director
M D Hunter

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THE E J COOK SCD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2003

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 accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, and due to the decision by the company to cease its trading activities, on a break-up basis.

ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In all material respects these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised), the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the ultimate parent company includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

2. Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	2003	2002
	£	£
Loss on ordinary activities is after charging:		
Auditors remuneration	500	500
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3. Staff costs and remuneration of directors		
There were no emoluments paid to directors in 2003 (2002: £nil).		
There were no staff employed during the year (2002: nil).		
4. Taxation	2003	2002
	£	£
Tax reconciliation:		
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(500)	(515)
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Tax at 30%	150	155
Group relief surrendered free of charge	(150)	(155)
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Total current tax	-	-
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THE E J COOK SCD PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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5.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2003 £	2002 £
	Accruals - deferred income	500	500
	Amounts owing to group undertakings	376,219	375,719
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		376,719	376,219
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6.	Share capital	2003 and 2002 Authorised £	Issued and fully paid £
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
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7.	Profit and loss account	£	
	At 1 January 2003	(376,319)	
	Loss for the financial year	(500)	
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	At 31 December 2003	(376,819)	
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8.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2003 £	2002 £
	Loss for the financial year	(500)	(515)
	Opening shareholders' deficit	(376,219)	(375,704)
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	Closing shareholders' deficit	(376,719)	(376,219)
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9.	Other financial commitments		
	Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases of land and buildings expiring after five years amounted to £14,250 (2002: £14,250).		

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10. Contingent liabilities

The company has entered into cross guarantees together with the ultimate parent company and certain fellow group undertakings for overdraft facilities made available to the group.

At 31 December 2003 these liabilities amounted to £nil (2002: £0.2m) and are included in the group accounts of the ultimate parent company.

There are also contingent liabilities in respect of performance bonds and other undertakings entered into in the ordinary course of business.

11. Ultimate parent company

The company's ultimate parent company is Costain Group PLC, a company registered in England and Wales. A copy of the consolidated financial statements of Costain Group PLC may be obtained from the registered office of Costain Group PLC, Costain House, Nicholson's Walk, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 1LN.

12. Related parties transactions

The company is exempt under Financial Reporting Standard 8 from the requirements to disclose related party transactions on the basis that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of the ultimate parent company, Costain Group PLC.