COMPANY NUMBER: 536880

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PROVINCIAL PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY LIMITED

31 AUGUST 1996

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Hodge & Co Accountants 50/52 Station Road, Llanishen CARDIFF



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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE DIRECTORS OF PROVINCIAL PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY LIMITED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 6 together with the full financial statements of Provincial Printing and Publishing Company Limited for the year ended 31 August 1996. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that the company is entitled to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 3 and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from the full financial statements.

In our opinion the company is entitled under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companys Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Pt.III of Schedule 8 to that Act in respect of the year ended 31 Augusty 1996 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

On 8 November 1996, we reported, as auditors of Provincial Printing and Publishing Company Limited to the members on the full financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 August 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited, the financial statements on pages 5 to 12, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set on on page 8.

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.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the 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.

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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 casued 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.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's affairs at 31 August 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies."

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PROVINCIAL PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 1996

	Note 1996 £	1995 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	5 459,973	492,130
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock Debtors Cash in hand	$ \begin{array}{r} 31,800 \\ 2 & 109,521 \\ & 278 \\ \hline 141,599 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 36,150 \\ 97,314 \\ \underline{105} \\ 133,569 \end{array} $
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year	3 168,381	181,892
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	(26,782)	(48,323)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	433,191	443,807
CREDITORS - amounts falling due over more than one year NET ASSETS	4 <u>127,864</u> £ 305,327	185,616 £ 258,191 ======
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		•
Called up share capital Revaluation reserve Profit and loss account	6 5,000 7 91,573 208,754	5,000 61,568 191,623

In preparing these abbreviated financial statements, we have relied on the exemptions conferred by Section A of part III of schedule 8, made under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.

Director

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Date approved by the Board £ £ 305,327 £ 258,191 NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1996.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention. modified to included the revaluation of freehold property in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(b) Depreciation

Fixed assets are written off on the following basis:-

Freehold property - 2% per annum straight line.

Plant and equipment - 10% per annum on written down values

Motor vehicles - 25% per annum on written down values

(c) Stocks and work-in-progress

Stocks and work-in-progress are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value by the directors.

(d) Hire Purchase and leasing commitments.

Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives. The interest element is charged to profit and loss account over the period of the agreement on a straight line basis.

(e) Pension Scheme

The Pension Scheme of the company is funded by contributions partly from the employees and partly from the company at rates determined by independant actuaries in light of regular valuations. Such contributions are held in trustee-administered funds completely independant of the company's finances. The contributions made by the company are charged against profits on an accruals basis.

2.	DEBTORS - amounts falling due within one year	1996 £	1995 £
Tra	de debtors	63,126	71,728
Oth	er debtors	46,395	25,586
		109,521	97,314

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1996

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3. CREDITORS - amounts for under one	alling due year	1996 £	1995 £
Trade creditors Other creditors Social Security and other Bank current account Bank loan accounts Directors current accounts HP creditors		46,024 2,517 8,363 31,418 17,388 21,616 41,055 168,381	58,210 2,383 5,950 38,091 25,675 12,947 38,636 181,892
4. CREDITORS - amounts fa			
Bank loan accounts HP creditors		$91,602 \\ 36,262 \\ \hline 127,864$	133,462 52,154 185,616
5. TANGIBLE ASSETS	TOTAL £		
Cost/valuation			•
As at 31 August 1995 Additions Disposals Revaluation surplus As at 31 August 1996	888,474 34,044 (93,723) 15,000 843,795		
Depreciation			
As at 31 August 1995 Charge for year Relating to disposals Relating to valuation	396,344 32,895 (30,412) (15,005)		
As at 31 August 1996	383,822		
Net book value			
As at 31 August 1996	£ 459,973		
As at 31 August 1995	£ 492,130		-

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1996

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Comparable historical cost for the freehold land and buildings included in valuation:

Cost At 31 August 1995 Disposals At 31 August 1996	(144,315 (<u>50,883</u>) <u>93,432</u>
Depreciation based on cost		
At 31 August 1995 Charge for year Relating to disposal At 31 August 1996		3,354 467 (1,018) 2,803
Net book value At 31 August 1996	£	90,629
Net book value At 31 August 1995	£	140,961

The freehold business premises were professionally valued in February 1995 by Roger North, Long & Partners (Chartered Surveyors).

The bank holds a charge and debenture over the companies assets to secure company borrowing.

6. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	1996 £	1995 £
Authorised 5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
Issued and fully paid		
5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000

7. REVALUATION RESERVE

The revaluation reserve relates to a surplus on revaluations of freehold land and buildings. No deferred tax has been provided in respect of this reserve as in the opinion of the directors sufficient roll-over relief and other allowances will be available in the forseeable future.