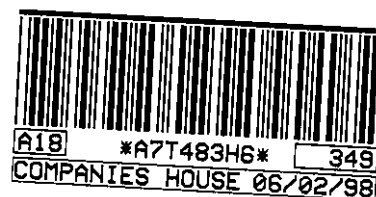


COMPANY NUMBER: 536880

PROVINCIAL PRINTING AND PUBLISHING
COMPANY LIMITED

31 AUGUST 1997

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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

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Accountants

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO PROVINCIAL PRINTING
AND PUBLISHING COMPANY LIMITED
UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 August 1997 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and 246(6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

HODGE & CO:

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Registered Auditors

4 February 1998

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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 1997

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	5	432,762	459,973
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		27,500	31,800
Debtors	2	80,475	109,521
Cash in hand		266	278
		<u>108,241</u>	<u>141,599</u>
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year	3	<u>155,299</u>	<u>168,381</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(47,058)	(26,782)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		385,704	433,191
CREDITORS - amounts falling due over more than one year	4	<u>97,294</u>	<u>127,864</u>
NET ASSETS		£ <u>288,410</u> =====	£ <u>305,327</u> =====
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	6	5,000	5,000
Revaluation reserve	7	91,573	91,573
Profit and loss account		191,837	208,754

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

.....¹⁴ February 1998.....Date approved
by the Board

£ 288,410
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£ 305,327
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1997.

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	1997 £	1996 £
Trade debtors	60,940	63,126
Other debtors	19,535	46,395
	<u>80,475</u>	<u>109,521</u>

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1997

3. CREDITORS - amounts falling due under one year	1997 £	1996 £
Trade creditors	45,992	46,024
Other creditors	3,039	2,517
Social Security and other taxes	3,989	8,363
Bank current account	35,876	31,418
Bank loan accounts	17,813	17,388
Directors current accounts	16,763	21,616
HP creditors	31,827	41,055
	<u>155,299</u>	<u>168,381</u>

4. CREDITORS - amounts falling due
over more than one year

Bank loan accounts	87,142	91,602
HP creditors	10,152	36,262
	<u>97,294</u>	<u>127,864</u>

5. TANGIBLE ASSETS

TOTAL
£

Cost/valuation

As at 31 August 1996	843,795
Additions	6,600
Disposals	(10,995)
Revaluation surplus	-
As at 31 August 1997	<u>839,400</u>

Depreciation

As at 31 August 1996	383,822
Charge for year	31,854
Relating to disposals	(9,038)
Relating to valuation	(-)
As at 31 August 1997	<u>406,638</u>

Net book value

As at 31 August 1997	£ 432,762 =====
As at 31 August 1996	£ 459,973 =====

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1997

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

Cost	
At 31 August 1996	93,432
Disposals	(-)
At 31 August 1997	<u>93,432</u>

Depreciation based on cost

At 31 August 1996	2,803
Charge for year	467
Relating to disposal	(-)
At 31 August 1997	<u>3,270</u>

Net book value	
At 31 August 1997	£ 90,162
	=====

Net book value	
At 31 August 1996	£ 90,629
	=====

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	1997 £	1996 £
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 foreseeable future.