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Company Registration No. 550374 (England and Wales)

AIRFLOW DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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Secretary W H Beglow

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000.

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the manufacture and distribution of air measuring equipment, fans, domestic ventilation and small electric motors.

Turnover for the company has been maintained, despite the depressed market and the impact of the strengthening pound.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 April 1999:

A N Blond

KR Burroughs

P M Downing

In accordance with the company's Articles of Association, P M Downing retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

,	Ordinary shares of £ 1 each		
	31 March 2000	1 April 1999	
A N Blond	-	-	
KR Burroughs	-	-	
P M Downing	· -	-	

Charitable contributions

During the year the company made charitable donations of £27,300 (1999: £26,500).

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that BKR Haines Watts be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

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 of the company 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Date

By order of the board

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF AIRFLOW DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 16 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 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 March 2000 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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BKR Haines Watts

31 August 2000

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

Sterling House, 5 Buckingham Place, Bellfield Road High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP13 5HQ



PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

		2000	1999
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	2	10,326,532	11,328,705
Cost of sales		(4,438,943)	(5,546,763)
Gross profit		5,887,589	5,781,942
Administrative expenses		(6,963,163)	(5,861,306)
Other operating income		134,868	126,853
Operating (loss)/profit	3	(940,706)	47,489
Exceptional Items			
Branch closures			(59,010)
Buy out of long service pay holiday			(147,448)
Redundancy costs	_	<u>-</u>	(86,222)
		-	(292,680)
		<u> </u>	
Loss on ordinary activities before			
interest		(940,706)	(245,191)
Investment income	4	86,787	114,235
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(28,550)	(17,687)
			
Loss on ordinary activities before			
taxation		(882,469)	(148,643)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	6	109,966	105,000
Loss on ordinary activities after		·	
taxation	15	(772,503)	(43,643)

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2000

		20	100	19	99
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		4,449,128		4,943,761
Investments	8		579,138		665,622
			5,028,266		5,609,383
Current assets					
Stocks	9	2,451,154		2,241,806	
Debtors	10	2,380,117		2,599,964	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,721,354		2,244,242	
		6,552,625	•	7,086,012	
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year	11	(1,487,926)		(1,637,855)	
Net current assets			5,064,699	-,	5,448,157
Total assets less current liabilities			10,092,965		11,057,540
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(208,265)		(285,728)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	13		(70,219)		(184,828)
			9,814,481		10,586,984
Capital and reserves		•			
Called up share capital	14		52,380		52,380
Profit and loss account	15		9,762,101		10,534,604
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	s 16		9,814,481		10,586,984

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 24-Avg-2000

Director

Director



CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

		2000 £		1999 £
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(827,162)		645,712
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest received	86,787		114,235	
Interest paid	(28,550)		(17,687)	
Net cash inflow for returns on investments				
and servicing of finance		58,237		96,548
Taxation		(18,463)		(8,115)
Capital expenditure				
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(246,061)		(201,361)	
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	645,536		57,156	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) for capital	·			
expenditure		399,475		(144,205)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before management of liquid resources and financing		(387,913)		589,940
Financing				
Capital element of hire purchase contracts	(77,463)		(22,424)	
Net cash outflow from financing		(77,463)		(22,424)
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year		(465,376)		567,516



NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

1	Reconciliation of operating (loss)/profit to net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities			2000	1999
				£	£
	Operating (loss)/profit			(940,706)	47,489
	Depreciation of tangible assets			183,116	410,194
	(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible assets			(87,956)	5,371
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks			(209,348)	299,794
	Decrease in debtors			306,331	377,857
	Decrease in creditors within one year			(80,419)	(199,852)
	Exceptional items			-	(292,680)
	Increase/(decrease) in warranty provision			1,820	(2,461)
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating a	ctivities		(827,162)	645,712
2	Analysis of net funds	1 April 1999	Cash flow	Other non- 3′ cash changes	March 2000
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:				
	Cash at bank and in hand	2,244,242	(522,888)		1,721,354
	Bank overdrafts	(73,294)	57,512		(15,782)
		2,170,948	(465,376)		1,705,572
	Debt:				<u></u>
	Finance leases	(363,191)	77,463	-	(285,728)
	Net funds	1,807,757	(387,913)		1,419,844
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movem	nent in net funds		2000	1999
				£	£
	(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	·		(465,376)	567,516
	Cash outflow/(inflow) from decrease/(increa	se) in debt and leas	se financing	77,463	(363,191)
	Movement in net funds in the year		5	(387,913)	204,325
	Opening net funds			1,807,757	1,603,432
	Closing net funds			1,419,844	1,807,757

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings Freehold

2% Straight line

Plant and machinery

10% Straight line or Over the life of the asset

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

10% / 12.5% / 20% Straight line or Over the life of the asset

Motor vehicles

25% Straight line Vans & Iorries / Cost less residual value over 3 years Motor Vehicles or Over the life of the asset

During the year the depreciation policy used has changed from reducing balance and straight line to only straight line using the rates shown above.

1.4 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.5 Stock and work in progress

Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

1.7 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

1.8 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. Consolidated accounts are prepared by the ultimate holding company, The Airflow Community Limited.

2 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

3	Operating (loss)/profit	2000	1999
		£	£
	Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging: Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	400 446	440 404
	Auditors' remuneration	183,116	410,194
	Auditors remuneration	11,279	11,500
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4	Income from investments	2000	1999
		£	£
	Other investment income	86,787	114,235
5	Interest payable	2000	1999
		£	£
	Bank and HP interest and charges	28,550	17,687
			
6	Taxation	2000	1999
		£	£
	U.K. current year taxation		
	U.K. corporation tax at 30% (1999 - 31%)	•	(105,000)
	Overseas tax	6,463	-
	Transfer from deferred taxation	(116,429)	-
		(109,966)	(105,000)



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

7	Tangible fixed assets					
		Land and buildings Freehold	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	Cost					
	At 1 April 1999	4,241,157	1,030,230	2,907,430	339,404	8,518,221
	Additions	-	20,747	117,490	107,824	246,061
	Disposals	(535,036)	(20,310)	(62,089)	(218,146)	(835,581)
	Transfers		3,111	(3,111)		-
	At 31 March 2000	3,706,121	1,033,778	2,959,720	229,082	7,928,701
	Depreciation					
	At 1 April 1999	531,044	597,787	2,228,511	217,118	3,574,460
	On disposals	(61,056)	(20,310)	(57,450)	(139,185)	(278,001)
	Charge for the year	36,743	22,402	96,427	27,544	183,115
	At 31 March 2000	506,731	599,879	2,267,487	105,477	3,479,574
	Net book value				-	
	At 31 March 2000	3,199,390	433,899	692,233	123,605	4,449,128
	At 31 March 1999	3,710,113	432,443	678,919	122,286	4,943,761
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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

	Plant and machinery £
Net book values	_
At 31 March 2000	334,316
At 31 March 1999	347,247
Depreciation charge for the year	
31 March 2000	12,931
31 March 1999	38,008



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

F	ixed asset investments	2000	1999
		£	£
Α	Airflow Lufttechnik Gmbh		
C	Ordinary shares at cost	70,892	70,892
L	oan account	58,304	106,012
		129,196	176,904
S	Stemshire Motors and Drives		
C	Ordinary shares at cost	5,000	5,000
,	Airflow Properties Inc		
	Ordinary shares at cost	609	609
L	Loan account	155,001	177,032
		155,610	177,641
,	Airflow Technical Products Inc		
	Ordinary shares at cost	` 1	1
	Loan account	289,331	306,076
		289,332	306,077

Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or	Shares held	
	incorporation	Class	%
Subsidiary undertakings		•	
Airflow Lufttechnik Gmbh	Germany		100
Stemshire Motors and Drives	UK	•	100
Airflow Properties Inc.	USA		100
Airflow Technical Products Inc.	USA		100

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

	Capital and	Profit for the
	reserves	year
Airflow Lufttechnik Gmbh	277,432	(4,555)
Stemshire Motors and Drives	523,149	(41,577)
Airflow Properties Inc.	(10,191)	1,155
Airflow Technical Products Inc.	(207,145)	(13,150)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

9	Stocks and work in progress	2000	1999
		£	£
	Raw materials and consumables	1,289,037	1,231,126
	Work in progress	81,784	97,509
	Finished goods and goods for resale	1,080,333	913,171
		2,451,154	2,241,806
			
10	Debtors	2000	1999
		£	£
	Trade debtors	1,874,077	2,096,434
	Amounts owed by parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	320,699	382,757
	Other debtors	100,563	93,573
	Prepayments and accrued income	84,778	27,200
		2,380,117	2,599,964
44		2000	1999
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£	1999 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts	15,782	73,294
	Other creditors	219,335	358,387
	Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	77,463	77,463
	Trade creditors	746,490	627,285
	Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	149,620	216,674
	Corporation tax	21,877	33,877
	Other taxes and social security costs	257,359	250,875
		1,487,926	1,637,855
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Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are secured by fixed charges on the assets concerned.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

12	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2000	1999
	•	£	£
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	208,265	285,728
			
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		
	Repayable within one year	77,463	77,463
	Repayable between one and five years	208,265	285,728
		285,728	363,191
	Included in liabilities falling due within one year	(77,463)	(77,463)
		208,265	285,728

Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are secured by fixed charges on the assets concerned.

13 Provisions for liabilities and charges

· ·	Warranty Provisions	Deferred taxation	Total	
	£	£	£	
Balance at 1 April 1999	68,399	116,429	184,828	
Movement during the year	1,820		1,820	
Released during the year	•	(116,429)	(116,429)	
Balance at 31 March 2000	70,219	-	70,219	
,	<u> </u>		 	

Deferred tax is provided at 31% (1999 - 31%) analysed over the following timing differences:

	Fully provided	
	2000	1999
	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	-	116,429



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

14	Share capital	2000 £	1999
	Authorised	L	£
	80,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	80,000	80,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	52,380 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	52,380	52,380
			
15	Statement of movements on profit and loss account		
			Profit and loss account
	Balance at 1 April 1999		10,534,604
	Loss for the year		(772,503)
	Balance at 31 March 2000		9,762,101
16	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2000 £	1999 £
	Loss for the financial year	(772,503)	(43,643)
	Opening shareholders' funds	10,586,984	10,630,627
	Closing shareholders' funds	9,814,481	10,586,984

17 Contingent liabilities

At 31 March 2000 and 31 March 1999.

The company has guaranteed an overdraft facility for Airflow Lufttechnik Gmbh up to a maximum of DM 100,000.

The company has also granted a £10,000 guarantee in favour of H M Customs & Excise.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

18 Financial commitments

At 31 March 2000 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

		Land and buildings			Other
		2000	1999	2000	1999
		£	£	£	£
	Expiry date:				
	Within one year	-	-	12,390	39,321
	Between two and five years	-	-	86,416	47,478
	In over five years	9,478	9,478	-	-
		9,478	9,478	98,806	86,799
19	Directors' emoluments			2000	1999
				£	£
	Emoluments for qualifying services			448,654	301,494
	Pensions to former directors			23,225	22,670
				471,879	324,164
20	Employees				
	Employment costs			2000	1999
				£	£
	Wages and salaries			4,847,469	3,615,983
	Other pension costs			814,075	425,693
				5,661,544	4,041,676

21 Control

The ultimate parent company is The Airflow Community Limited, which is registered in England and Wales.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

22 Related party transactions

Airflow Developments Limited made charitable donations of £27,300 (1999 : £24,956) to Airflow Charity Limited.

Donations of £nil (1999: £1,544) were paid to The Airflow Community under a deed of covenant.

Airflow Developments Limited made sales of £11,917 (1999: £24,551) to Stemshire Motors and Drives, £745,152 (1999: £693,688) to Airflow Lufttechnik Gmbh and £237,798 (1999: £286,407) to Airflow Technical Products Inc.

Airflow Devlopments Limited also made purchases of £403,101 (1999; £441,941) from Stemshire Motors and Drives, £14,420 (1999: £8,042) from Airflow Lufttechnik Gmbh and £22,120 (1999: £30,103) from Airflow Technical Products Inc.