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COMPANY NUMBER 561 211

NEAL'S NURSERIES LIMITED

Abbreviated Accounts

Year ended 31 December 1998

Abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies

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Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1998

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Directors

K.P. Forrester

R.E. Forrester

Secretary and Registered Office

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Company Number

561211

Auditors

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

Auditors' report to Neal's Nurseries Limited under Schedule 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 4 together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 1998 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 (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts to be 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 does 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 4 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

BDO STOY HAYWARD

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

RICHMOND UPON THAMES

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Date: 25 MUGUET INGG

BALANCE SHEET 31 December 1998

FIXED ASSETS	Note	1998		1997	
		£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	2		61,359		65,445
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		48,698		42,564	
Debtors		14,106		15,632	
Cash at bank and in hand		749,410		772,337	
		812,214		830,533	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		589,439		564,889	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			222,715		265,644
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			284,134		331,089
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
Deferred tax			(7,215)		(6,457)
			276,919		324,632
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	3		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account			275,919		323,632
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			276,919		324,632

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

These financial statements were approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

K.P. FORRESTER

Director

Date: August 25th 1999,

The notes on pages 3 and 4 form part of these accounts

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS 31 December 1998

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The following accounting policies have been applied:

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets on the reducing basis which is estimated to write them off over their useful lives at the following rates:

Plant and equipment etc.

Rates between 10% and 33%

Turnover

Turnover represents the total amount receivable in the ordinary course of business for goods sold, excluding value added tax and arises wholly within the UK.

Deferred tax

Provision is made for timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS (continued) 31 December 1998

2	TANGIBLE ASSETS		
		Plant and	
		machinery	
		etc £	
	Cost	L	
		242.226	
	At 1 January 1998	249,236	
	Additions	19,017	
	Disposals	(26,540)	
	At 31 December 1998	241,713	
	Accumulated Depreciation		
	At 1 January 1998	183,791	
	Charge for the year	12,479	
	Disposals	(15,916)	
	At 31 December 1998	180,354	
	Net book value:		
	At 31 December 1998	61,359	
	At 31 December 1997	65,445	
3	SHARE CAPITAL		
		1998 £	1997 £
	Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
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4 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate holding company is Neal's Nurseries Holdings Limited.

5 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the company incurred management charges from its parent company of £188,000 (1997:£188,000). Mr K.P. Forrester and Mr R.E. Forrester are directors of the parent company.