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AUDITORS REPORT TO PORTER & MAKINS LTD UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the Abbreviated Financial Statements on Pages 2 to 6 together with the Financial Statements of Porter & Makins Ltd prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 5th April, 1999.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors:

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Abbreviated Financial Statements 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 Financial Statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the Financial Statements 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 Financial Statements and that the Abbreviated Financial Statements 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 Financial Statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 and the Abbreviated Financial Statements on Pages 2 to 6 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

WHITING & PARTNERS

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor 12/13 The Crescent, Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 1EP

24th January, 2000



ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 5th April, 1999

		<u> 1999</u>		<u>1998</u>	
	Notes	£	<u>£</u>	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:	_				
Tangible Assets	2		37,445		30,015
Investments			20		20
			37,465		30,035
CURRENT ASSETS :			•		,
Stocks		15,290		20,984	
Debtors	3	100,503		86,516	
Cash in Hand		500		500	
		116,293		108,000	
CREDITORS : amounts falling due		,		*	
within one year		<u>175,555</u>		<u>138,562</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(59,262)		(30,562)
NET CONCENT DIABILITIES			(<u>57,202</u>)		(<u>50,502</u>)
			(21,797)		(527)
CREDITORS : amounts falling due					
after more than one year:					
Obligations under Hire Purchase					
Contracts			10,640		
NET LIABILITIES			£(32,437)		£(527)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					=
Called Up Share Capital	4		220,000		220,000
Capital Reserve			138,275		138,275
Profit and Loss Account (Debit)			(390,712)		(<u>358,802</u>)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS					
(including Non-Equity Interests)			£(32,437)		£ (527)
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The Abbreviated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small Companies.

Approved by the Board and signed on their behalf on 24th January, 2000

W.M. MAKINS

DIRECTOR

The Notes on Pages 3 to 6 form part of these Abbreviated Financial Statements

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As at 5th April, 1999

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Accounting:

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost convention.

Cash Flow Statement:

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions provided by Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised 1996) and has not prepared a Cash Flow Statement for the year on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 for small Companies.

Going Concern Basis:

The Company has incurred a loss in the year of £31,910 and at the Balance Sheet date current liabilities exceed current assets by £59,262. The Financial Statements, have been prepared on the going concern basis on the premise that the Company's Bankers will continue to support the Company and that the Company's Director W.M. Makins Esq. will continue his support with personal resources held outside the Company.

Currently the Directors are seeking to dispose of assets to ultimately allow a solvent winding up. If this is not in due course successful or should the Company cease to trade, this basis would be inappropriate and adjustments may be required to state assets at their recoverable amounts, liabilities at their full amounts payable, make provision for any costs of asset realisation, debt clearance and provision for future losses which may be incurred.

Depreciation:

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Plant and Machinery - 15%-25% of written down value per annum

Tenants Improvements to Property - 10% per annum

Leasing and Hire Purchase Commitments:

Assets obtained under Finance Leases and Hire Purchase Contracts, are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives.

The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to Profit and Loss Account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Stocks:

Stocks are professionally valued and are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value, a basis consistent with previous years.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to disposal.

E.C. Subsidies:

E.C. Subsidies of a revenue nature are credited to income in the period to which they relate. Amounts received in advance are carried forward as deferred income.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

As at 5th April, 1999

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

Deferred Taxation:

Deferred Taxation is provided at the current tax rate on differences arising from the inclusion of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the Financial Statements.

2.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS:	<u>Total</u>
	Cost:	<u>=</u>
	At 5 th April, 1998	131,767
	Additions in year	21,495
	Disposals	(13,480)
	At 5 th April, 1999	£139,782
	Depreciation:	
	At 5 th April, 1998	101,752
	Provided during year	6,490
	Disposals	<u>(5,905)</u>
	At 5 th April, 1999	£102,337
	Net Book Value	
	At 5 th April, 1999	£37,445
	Net Book Value	
	At 5 th April, 1998	£30,015

Included in the amounts for Plant and Machinery above are the following amounts relating to leased assets and assets acquired under Hire Purchase Contracts:

•	Hire Purchase Contracts
Cost: At 5 th April, 1998	£ <u>13,480</u>
At 5 th April, 1999	£ <u>21,495</u>
Accumulated Depreciation: At 5 th April, 1998	£ <u>5,905</u>
At 5 th April, 1999	£ <u>3,585</u>
Depreciation provided during the year	£ <u>3,585</u>

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

As at 5th April, 1999

3. **DEBTORS**:

Debtors include an amount of £64,268 (1998 £65,438) which represents advances to and payments made to Pensthorpe Waterfowl Trust which whilst included as a Current Asset is deemed to be long term interest free with no fixed date for payments. The Directors are of the opinion that the debt is recoverable. Also included within Debtors is advances on Loan Account of £17,785 (1998 £NIL) to W.M. Makins Esq. a Director. The maximum amount outstanding during the year was £17,785.

4.	SHARE CAPITAL:	Authorised		Allotted, Called Up and Fully Paid	
		1999	1998	1999	<u>1998</u>
	Ordinary Shares of £1 each 4.5% (now 3.285% plus tax credit)	<u>No.</u> 15,000	<u>No.</u> 15,000	<u>£</u> 10,200	<u>£</u> 10,200
	Preference Shares of £1 each Redeemable Ordinary Shares of	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000
	£1 each	199,800	199,800	<u>199,800</u>	199,800
				£220,000	£220,000

The Redeemable Ordinary Shares are redeemable at par in whole or in part at any date by and at the discretion of the Company.

In all other respects the rights attaching to the Redeemable Ordinary Shares shall be identical to the rights attaching to the Ordinary Shares.

The Preference Shares carry no voting rights, unless the Preferential Dividend shall remain unpaid for six months after any date fixed for the payment thereof. If the Company shall be wound up the assets remaining after payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company and the costs of liquidation shall firstly be applied in repaying the Preference Shares together with all arrears and accruals of the Preference Dividend whether earned or declared or not to the date of such repayment.

The Directors interest in the share capital of the Company (all beneficially held) were as follows:-

	5 th April, 1999		5 th April, 1998	
	W.M. Makins	Mrs E. Makins	W.M. Makins	Mrs E. Makins
Ordinary Shares	10,199	-	10,199	-
Preference Shares	9,990	10	9,990	10
Redeemable Ordinary Shares	199,800	_	199,800	_

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)

As at 5th April, 1999

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS:

During the year no Director was materially interested in any contract with the Company other than as follows:-

1. Rent of land let to the Company:-

W.M. Makins Esq.

£2,242 per annum (1998 £2,242 per annum)

2. Advances on Loan Account to W.M. Makins Esq.

Amount outstanding at end of year
Amount outstanding at beginning of year
Maximum outstanding during the year
£17,785

No taxation provisions have been made in respect thereof.