AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANY

Company Number 607717

ANNUAL REPORT AND

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended
31ST AUGUST 1996



Paul Da Costa & Co., 13/17 High Beech Road, Loughton, Essex.

IG10 4BN

DIRECTORS

E. E. Dossett, Esq.
A. E. Woodley, Esq.
B. Dossett, Esq.
A. Howard, Esq.

SECRETARY

B. Dossett, Esq.

REGISTERED OFFICE

855/857 High Road, Tottenham, London. N17

AUDITORS

Paul Da Costa & Co., 13/17 High Beech Road, Loughton, Essex. IG10 4BN

BANKERS

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Group for the year ended 31st August 1996.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is that of wood machinists, wood moulders and general timber merchants.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

A summary of the Company's results during the trading period is set out in the financial statements.

Group turnover has decreased during the year by 11% to £2039356. The Directors consider the profit achieved on ordinary activities before taxation to be satisfactory, particularly in the light of current trading conditions.

PROPOSED DIVIDEND

The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

EVENTS SINCE THE END OF YEAR

No events have occurred since the date of the Balance Sheet that are of such significance that they require disclosure.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Company does not envisage any future developments outside the normal course of business.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Company does not carry out a research and development programme.

FIXED ASSETS

All movements in Fixed Assets are disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The Directors who held office at the accounting date and their interests in the shares of the Company as shown in the Register of Directors' Interests were as stated below.

	Class of Share	Number <u>1996</u>	Held <u>1995</u>
E. E. Dossett, Esq.	Ordinary	5416	5416
E. E. Dossett, Esq. (Joint Trustee Grandchildrens Settlement)	Ordinary	3984	3984
A. E. Woodley, Esq.	Ordinary	90	90
B. Dossett, Esq. and Family	Ordinary	16859	16859
	Ordinary	13559	13559
A. Howard, Esq. and Family			Contd.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

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DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

Company Law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each 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 the period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- c) Follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) 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.

AUDITORS

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Messrs. Paul Da Costa & Co., Accountants as Auditors to the Company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

855/857 High Road, Tottenham, London. N17

Secretary - B. Dossett, Esq.

This Report was approved by the Board on .6.December.1996.....

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

D. W. GENERAL WOOD MACHINISTS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements annexed hereto which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies as set out in Note 1, in accordance with Auditing Standards.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the Report of the Directors, 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 financial 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 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 mis-statement, 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 31st August 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

Date

13/17 High Beech Road,

Loughton, Essex.

Paul Da Costa & Co.,
Accountants and

Registered Auditors.

D. W. GENERAL WOOD MACHINISTS LIMITED AND ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANY CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1996

			<u>1996</u>	-	1995
	NOTES	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER COST OF SALES GROSS PROFIT	2		2039356 1646233 ———————————————————————————————————		2293300 1768385 ———————————————————————————————————
OVERHEADS Administrative Expenses Other Operating Charges		205678 232848 ———	438526	220005 210590	430595
OPERATING LOSS	3		(45403)		94320
OTHER INCOME Interest Receivable Rent Received		29162 22946 ———	52108	18365 22620	40985
PROFIT on Ordinary Activities before taxation TAXATION	4		6705 1866		135305
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR			£ 4839		£100583

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those passing through the Profit and Loss Account.

D. W. GENERAL WOOD MACHINISTS LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1996

•		- -	<u>1996</u>	Ţ	<u>1995</u>
	NOTES	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER COST OF SALES	2 .		937061 718039		1157202 850139
GROSS PROFIT			219022		307063
OVERHEADS		110274		106348	
Administrative Expenses Other Operating Charges		119374 151158		133313	
			270532		239661
OPERATING LOSS	3		(51510)		67402
OTHER INCOME				15702	
Interest Receivable Rent Received Service Charge		19154 22946 15500		22620 30500	
			57600		68822
PROFIT on Ordinary Activities before taxation			6090		136224
TAXATION	4		1866		34722
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR			£ 4224		£101502
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There are no recognised gains or losses other than those passing through the Profit and Loss Account.

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST AUGUST 1996

			<u>1996</u>		<u>1995</u>
	NOTES	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	•				
Tangible Assets	5a		756639		773776
CURRENT ASSETS				0.03.650	
Stocks Debtors Cash at Bank and In Hand	6 7	440903 448081 478393		301670 402934 580381	
		1367377		1284985	
CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year	8	509762		450352	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			857615		834633
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1614254		1608409
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	9		105052		104046
			£1509202		£1504363
			======		250725
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up Share Capital Profit and Loss Account	10 11a		50000 1459202		50000 1454363
					C1504262
SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	llc		£1509202		£1504363
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The Financial Statements were approved by the Board on .6 December 1996

Director - E. E. Dossett, Esq.

Director - B. Dossett, Esq.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST AUGUST 1996

		<u>1996</u>		<u>1995</u>	
	<u>NOTES</u>	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Assets	5b		727407 7657		739484 7657
Other Assets	5c		735064		747141
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks Debtors Cash at Bank and In Hand	6 7	102975 347663 332760		66688 347223 380597	
		783398		794508	
CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year	8	304916		333333	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			478482		461175
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1213546		1208316
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	9		105052		104046
			£1108494		£1104270
			==3==44=		
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up Share Capital Profit and Loss Account	10 11a		50000 1058494		50000 1054270
SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	llc		£1108494		£1104270
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Director - E. E. Dossett, Esq.

Director - B Dossett, Esq.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Company's operations as indicated in the Director's Report, all of which are continuing.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a Cash Flow Statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

b) Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding Value Added Tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

c) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value.

d) Deferred Taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method to take account of timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounting purposes except to the extent that the Directors consider that a liability to taxation is unlikely to crystallise.

e) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets 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:-

Freehold Properties - Over 100 Years
Plant and Equipment - Over 6 Years
Fixtures and Fittings - 10% P. A. Reducing Balance
Motor Vehicles - 25% P. A. Reducing Balance
Leasehold Property Over 50 Years - Over the Life of the Lease

f) Pensions

The pension costs charged in the Financial Statements represent the contributions payable by the Company during the year in accordance with SSAP24.

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2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before taxation is attributable to the one principal activity of the Company.

	<u>Gr</u>	<u>oup</u>	Com	pany
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
United Kingdom Sales	£2039356	£2293300	£ 937061	£1157202
	=======	=======	======	=======

3.	OPERATING LOSS	Group		Company	
		1996	<u> 1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	This is stated after charging:				
	Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets Audit	27068 8500	27137 9530	15527 4250	16225 4250
	Staff Costs: Wages and Salaries Social Security Costs Other Pension Costs	651440 68206 9354	668366 72533 9207	284470 32960 6520	299321 34386 6978
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4. TAXATION

United Kingdom Corporation tax rate changed from 25% to 24% on 1st April 1996 and corporation tax has been provided at the appropriate rate.

and corporation in	<u>Gr</u>	Group		any
	1996	1995	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
U. K. Corporation Tax Deferred Taxation	860 1006	32039 2683	860 1006	32039 2683
	£ 1866	£ 34722	£ 1866	£ 34722
	======	======	======	======

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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSET	S		Fixtures	Leasehold Property		
	Plant and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	and <u>Fittings</u>	Over 50 Years	Freehold <u>Properties</u>	<u>Total</u>
GROUP						
Cost						1 = 1 = 5 = 5
At 1st September 199 Additions Disposals	5 783184 6431 -	77377 4500 (13320)	52399 - - -	317724	487089 - - -	1717773 10931 (13320)
At 31st August 1996	789615	68557	52399	317724	487089 ———	1715384
<u>Depreciation</u>				10012	47074	943997
At 1st September 199 Charge for the Year Disposals	755182 10921 -	55361 6378 (12320)	36467 1595	49913 3303 	4871	27068 (12320)
At 31st August 1996	766103	49419	38062	53216	51945	958745
Net Book Value						
At 31st August 1996	£ 23512	£ 19138	£ 14337	£264508	£435144	£756639
	======	======	======	======	======	
At 31st August 1995	£ 28002	£ 22016	£ 15932	£267811	£440015	£773776
	======	======	=====	=======	#=====	======

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5b. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSET	Plant and Equipment	Motor <u>Vehicles</u>	and	Leasehold Property Over 50 Years	Freehold <u>Properties</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost						2340205
At 1st September 199 Additions	95 241544 3450	43549	52399 -	317724	487089 - -	1142305 3450
At 31st August 1996	244994	43549	52399	317724	487089	1145755
<u>Depreciation</u>						
At 1st September 19 Charge for the Year	95 238962 2473	30405 3285	36467 1595	49913 3303	47074 4871	402821 15527
At 31st August 1996	241435	33690	38062	53216	51945	418348
Net Book Value						
At 31st August 1996	£ 3559	£ 9859	£ 14337	£264508	£435144	£727407
		======	======	======	3== = =	======
At 31st August 1995	5 £ 2582	£ 13144	£ 15932	£267811	£440015	£739484
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5c. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Investment in Group Undertaking

At 31st August 1996, D. W. General Wood Machinists Limited held 99.92% of the Issued Share Capital of D. W. Mouldings Limited, a Company incorporated in the United Kingdom, whose principal activities are those of wood moulders and general timber merchants.

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At Cost	£ 7657	£ 7657
Investment in Subsidiary Company (Unquoted)	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>

The Directors are of the opinion that the market value of the investment is not less than cost.

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		======	======	======	======
	Stock and Raw Materials	£440903	£301670	£102975	€ 66688
		<u>1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
6.	STOCK	<u>Gr</u>	roup	Comp	any

7.	DEBTORS	Group		Company	
		<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	Trade Debtors Amounts owed by Group Companies Prepayments and Accrued Income	395053 - 53028	348427 - 54507	183710 138741 25212	189930 131622 25671
		£448081	£402934	£347663	£347223
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8.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due				
	within one year	<u>Gr</u>	oup	Comp	any
		<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>
Directors Loan Accounts Corporation Tax Other Creditors	Social Security and Other Taxes Directors Loan Accounts Corporation Tax	306999 48249 121169 860 1300 31185	200177 59564 126169 32039 1300 31103	136655 27683 121169 860 1300 17249	126373 30425 126169 32039 1300 17027
		£509762	£450352	£304916	£333333
		======	======	======	======

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9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	<u>G</u> 1	Group		oany
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Deferred Taxation				
At 1st September 1995 Transfer for the Year	104046 1006	101363 2683	104046 1006	101363 2683
			·····	
	£105052	£104046	£105052	£104046
	======	======	======	======

The balance at 31st August 1996 represents the full potential liability and is entirely in respect of accelerated capital allowances.

10. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>Group</u>		Company	
	<u> 1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Authorised 50000 Ordinary Shares of £l each	£ 50000	£ 50000	£ 50000	£ 50000
Issued and Fully Paid 50000 Ordinary Shares of £l each	£ 50000	£ 50000	£ 50000	£ 50000

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lla. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	Group		Company	
	<u>1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
At 1st September 1995 Profit for the Year	1457020 4839	1356437 100583	1054270 4224	952768 101502
	1461859	1457020	1058494	1054270
Goodwill Written off to Reserves	2657	2657	_	
	£1459202	£1454363	£1058494	£1054270
	======	=======	=======	======
Holding Company Subsidiary Company	1057454 404405	1053230 403790		
	1461859	1457020		
Goodwill Written Off to Reserves	2657	2657		
	£1459202	£1454363		
	========	=======		

llb. PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE HOLDING COMPANY

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Dealt within the Accounts of the Holding Company Retained by Subsidiary Company	4224 615	101502
	£ 4839	£100583
	======	======

llc. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS ON SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS

	<u>G</u>	Group		npany
	1996	1995	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Profit for the Financial Year Opening Shareholders Funds	4839 1504363	99583 1404780	4224 1104270	101502 1002768
Closing Shareholders Funds	£1509202	£1504363	£1108494	£1104270
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12.	PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES	Group		Company	
		<u> 1996</u>	1995	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	The average number of persons employed during the year was:				
	Office and Management Production and Sales	6 55	6 56	5 20	5 22
		61	62	25	27
		=====	=====	=====	=====

13. OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	Gro	Group		<u>any</u>
	1996	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Bank Interest Received	£ 29162	£ 18365	£ 19154	£ 15702
	=======	======	======	======

14. DIRECTORS REMUNERATION

Directors Remuneration for the year was as follows:

	Group		<u>Company</u>	
	1996	<u> 1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Directors Fees	£101841	£112430	£ 64178	£ 53250
	======	======	=======	======

The Remuneration of the Directors fell within the following ranges:

					<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
£ 10001 £ 20001 £ 30001	_	£	30000		1 2 -	- 2 1
					=====	======

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15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has entered into cross guarantees in respect of bank borrowings of its subsidiary, the maximum liability under which amounted to nil (1995 - nil) at the Balance Sheet date.

The Group has provided a guarantee to Midland Bank in respect of duty deferment to H. M. Customs and Excise, the maximum liability under which amounts to £20000 (1995 - £20000).

16. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Group operates a defined contribution pension plan for certain of its senior employees, the costs of which are calculated annually and charged in the Profit and Loss Account when they arise. Costs for 1996 amounted to £9354 (1995 - £9207)

17. SECURITY

Midland Bank PLC, hold a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Company to secure any borrowings.