

ELLESMERE SAND & GRAVEL CO. LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st MARCH 1996

REGISTERED NUMBER: 617910

WHITTINGHAM RIDDELL

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

15 BELMONT, SHREWSBURY



AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF

ELLESMERE SAND & GRAVEL CO. LIMITED

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 5 together with the financial statements of Ellesmere Sand & Gravel Co. Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st March 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the Company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 3 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the Company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. 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 full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the Company is entitled under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 31st March 1996, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 19th August 1996 we reported, as auditors of Ellesmere Sand & Gravel Co. Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st March 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 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.

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ELLESMERE SAND & GRAVEL CO. LIMITED

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Basis of opinion

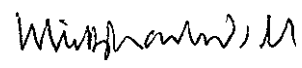
We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements 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 at 31st March 1996 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

19th AUGUST 1996
SHREWSBURY


WHITTINGHAM RIDDELL
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
REGISTERED AUDITORS

ELLESMERE SAND & GRAVEL CO. LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH 1996

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed assets</u>			
Tangible assets	3	1,542,748	1,515,121
Investments		350,439	409,316
		<u>1,893,187</u>	<u>1,924,437</u>
<u>Current assets</u>			
Debtors		15,384	42,659
Cash at bank		12,103	21,498
		<u>27,487</u>	<u>64,157</u>
<u>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</u>		(86,270)	(137,840)
<u>Net current liabilities</u>		<u>(58,783)</u>	<u>(73,683)</u>
<u>Net assets</u>		<u>1,834,404</u>	<u>1,850,754</u>
<u>Capital and reserves</u>			
Called up share capital	2	10,000	10,000
Profit and loss account		1,824,404	1,840,754
<u>Shareholders' funds</u>		<u>1,834,404</u>	<u>1,850,754</u>

The directors have taken advantage of the special exemptions conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985 and have done so on the grounds that in their opinion the company is entitled to these exemptions as a small company.

In preparing these abbreviated accounts:

- We have relied upon the exemptions for individual Accounts under Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.
- We have done so on the grounds that the Company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company.

W.M. Griffiths

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Director

These accounts were approved by the board of directors on 2nd August 1996.

ELLESMERE SAND & GRAVEL CO. LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Principal accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's accounts:

(a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The comparative figures in these accounts relate to the year ended 31st March 1995.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the historical cost of the relevant assets over their estimated useful lives at annual rates on a reducing balance basis as follows:

Class of asset

Plant and machinery	20%
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(c) Freehold

The policy of the company is to maintain the freehold property in an excellent state of repair. The directors therefore do not consider that it is practicable to estimate the useful economic life of the freehold property, or that the residual value of such property is likely to be less than cost. Accordingly, no depreciation on freehold property has been provided.

(d) Investment

The investment is a non corporate joint venture and has been treated as an associated undertaking with an appropriate share of the results for the year to 30th September 1995 included in these accounts.

2. Share capital

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	£	£
Authorised: Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
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Share capital allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
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3. Tangible fixed assets

	£
<u>Cost</u>	
At 31st March 1995	1,556,122
Additions	30,459
At 31st March 1996	<u>1,586,581</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>	
At 31st March 1995	41,001
Charged in year	2,832
At 31st March 1996	<u>43,833</u>
<u>Net book value</u>	
At 31st March 1995	<u>1,515,121</u>
At 31st March 1996	<u>1,542,748</u>