REGISTERED NUMBER: 653012 (England and Wales)

Abbreviated Accounts

for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

<u>for</u>

Advanté Limited



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Company Information for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

DIRECTORS:

J Newby FCIOB

F S Chapman T W H Cameron FCCA

W F H Welten

SECRETARY:

I H Simpson LLB

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Phoenix House

Christopher Martin Road

Basildon Essex SS14 3HG

REGISTERED NUMBER:

653012 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

Wright Vigar Limited

15 Newland Lincoln Lincolnshire LN1 1XG

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

The directors present their report with the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 September 2004.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of hiring and servicing contractors' plant and machinery.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed accounts.

DIVIDENDS

An interim dividend of £8,000 per share was paid on 31 January 2004. The directors recommend a final dividend of £27,200 per share, making a total of £35,200 per share for the year ended 30 September 2004.

The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 30 September 2004 will be £352,000.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

J Newby FCIOB F S Chapman T W H Cameron FCCA W F H Welten

The directors holding office at 30 September 2004 did not hold any beneficial interest in the issued share capital of the company at 1 October 2003 or 30 September 2004.

The interest of J Newby in the share capital of Gee Group Limited is noted in the financial statements of that company.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Charitable donations in the year amounted to £647.

STATEMENT OF 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;
- 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

On 1 January 2004, Wright Vigar & Co transferred their entire business to Wright Vigar Limited. The company's consent has been given to treating the appointment of Wright Vigar & Co as extending to Wright Vigar Limited with effect from 24 February 2004. In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985 a resolution proposing their reappointment will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

I H Simpson LLB -

13 December 2004

Report of the Independent Auditors to Advanté Limited Under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages four to twelve, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2004 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246A 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 Section 246A(3) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider 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 did 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 to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages four to twelve are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Wright Vigar Limited Vigar Limited

15 Newland Lincoln

Lincolnshire LN1 1XG

13 December 2004

Abbreviated Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
GROSS PROFIT		2,189,316	2,173,266
Administrative expenses		1,094,021	969,251
OPERATING PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
BEFORE TAXATION	3	1,095,295	1,204,015
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	335,210	367,585
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	R	760,085	836,430
Dividends	5	<u>352,000</u>	300,000
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	t	408,085	536,430

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current and previous years.

<u>Abbreviated Balance Sheet</u> <u>30 September 2004</u>

		2004		2003	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	6		32,370		32,438
Tangible assets	7		4,520,150		5,094,313
Investments	8		1		1
			4,552,521		5,126,752
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	82,997		135,586	
Debtors	10	2,568,081		2,563,997	
Cash at bank		605		357	
		2,651,683		2,699,940	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	2,482,885		<u>2,763,704</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			168,798		(63,764)
,					
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES			4,721,319		5,062,988
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year					
	12		(489,298)		(1,220,812)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES			(=40 = 41)		0.00
AND CHARGES	16		<u>(719,760</u>)		(738,000)
			2.512.254		
			3,512,261		3,104,176
CARRELL AND DECERTION					
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	17		100		100
Called up share capital	17		100		100
Profit and loss account	18		3,512,161		3,104,076
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	21		3,512,261		3,104,176
SHAREHULDERS FUNDS	41				3,104,170

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Director - T W H CAMERON

Approved by the Board on 13 December 2004

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover is the value of hire charges invoiced during the year, excluding value added tax.

Patent Costs

Patent costs are capitalised and amortised over 10 years.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Freehold property

- 25% on reducing balance

Plant and machinery

- 10% on cost,

5% on cost and

5% to 25% on reducing balance

Fixtures and fittings

- 10% to 33% on reducing balance or cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account. Contributions for the year ended 30 September 2004 were £10,667.

Cash flow statements

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption included in FRS 1 - Cash Flow Statements, for wholly owned subsidiaries of an EC parent undertaking not to prepare a cash flow statement.

2. STAFF COSTS

	2004	2003
	£	£
Wages and salaries	825,222	858,861
Social security costs	73,909	83,384
Other pension costs	85,789	104,936
	984,920	1,047,181

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

2. STAFF COSTS - continued

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The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	2004	2003
Plant hire Administration	14 18	16 16
	<u>32</u>	32
OPERATING PROFIT		
The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Other cost of sales Other operating leases	2004 £ 2,437,997 100,984	2003 £ 2,764,956 140,172
Depreciation - owned assets Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	367,333 344,898 53,801	410,493 324,957 (34,009)
Patents and licences amortisation	3,779	3,604
Directors' emoluments, benefits and pension contributions	206,279	140,380
The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:		
Money purchase schemes	2	1
TAXATION		
Analysis of the tax charge The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:	2004 £	2003 £
Current tax: UK corporation tax Prior year adjustment	338,962 14,488	316,646
Total current tax	353,450	316,649
Deferred tax	(18,240)	50,936
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	335,210	<u>367,585</u>

UK corporation tax was charged at 30% in 2004 and 30% in 2003.

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

4. TAXATION - continued

Factors affecting the tax charg	fecting the tax cha	12e
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The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

		2004	2003
		£	£
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	1,095,295	<u>1,204,</u> 015
	Dor Carrow and in the sales ind		
	Profit on ordinary activities		
	multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax	220 500	271.205
	in the UK of 30% (2003 - 30%)	328,589	361,205
	Effects of:		
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	21,675	(47,903)
	Permanent disallowable expenses	1,997	3,347
	Prior year under provision	1,189	, <u>-</u>
	Current tax charge	353,450	316,649
			<u>-</u>
5.	DIVIDENDS		
		2004	2003
		£	£
	Equity shares:		
	Interim paid - ordinary £1	80,000	300,000
	Final proposed - ordinary £1	272,000	
		352,000	300,000
6.	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		D
			Patents
			and
			licences £
	COST		r
	At 1 October 2003		36,042
	Additions		3,711
	Auditions		
	At 30 September 2004		39,753
	AMORTISATION		
	At 1 October 2003		3,604
	Amortisation for year		3,779
	1.000		
	At 30 September 2004		7,383
	NET BOOK VALUE		
	At 30 September 2004		32,370
			32,310
	At 30 September 2003		32,438
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Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
			Fixtures	
	Freehold	Plant and	and	
	property	machinery	fittings	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST	~	~	~	~
	94.200	7 220 012	264.242	7.679.444
At 1 October 2003	84,290	7,329,912	264,242	7,678,444
Additions	-	228,794	40,373	269,167
Disposals	-	(273,468)	(26,959)	(300,427)
		- 		
At 30 September 2004	84,290	7,285,238	277,656	7,647,184
7 tt 50 Beptoniber 2001			277,030	7,047,104
Para Total miles				
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2003	46,472	2,392,426	145,233	2,584,131
Charge for year	9,559	636,052	66,620	712,231
Eliminated on disposal	_	(152,926)	(16,402)	(169,328)
			/	
44.20 Caustanut au 2004	56.021	2.075.552	105.451	2 127 024
At 30 September 2004	<u>56,031</u>	<u>2,875,552</u>	<u>195,451</u>	<u>3,127,034</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2004	28 <u>,2</u> 59	4,409,686	82,205	4,520,150
THE DO SUPPLIMENT BOOK		- 1,105,550		1,520,150
At 30 September 2003	<u>37,818</u>	4,937,486	119,009	5,094,313
				
Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held to	ınder hire nurchas	e contracts are as foi	lowe.	
i ixed assets, included in the above, witten are noted to	inder inte parenas	e contracts are as to	IIOWS.	Plant and
				machinery
				£
COST				
At 1 October 2003				4,206,069
Transfer to ownership				(197,809)
Tansier to ownership				(177,002)
At 30 September 2004				4,008,260
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 October 2003				1,147,217
Charge for year				344,898
Transfer to ownership				(150,928)
At 30 September 2004				1,341,187
1				
NET BOOK VALUE				
				0.665.050
At 30 September 2004				2,667,073
				
At 30 September 2003				3,058,852
The 50 September 2005				3,000,002
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS				
				Unlisted
				investments
com				£
COST				
At 1 October 2003				
and 30 September 2004				1
•				
NET POOK VALUE				
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30 September 2004				<u>l</u>
At 30 September 2003				1
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Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

	Wiggins Plant Limited Nature of business: Dormant company			
	Class of shares:	% holding		
	Ordinary £1	100.00		
9.	STOCKS		2004	2003
			£	£
	Raw materials and consumables		<u>82,997</u>	135,586
10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEA	AR.		
			2004 £	2003 £
	Trade debtors		1,164,983	1,159,724
	Amounts owed by group undertakings		1,329,002	1,289,288
	Other debtors		30,824	2,519
	Prepayments and accrued income		43,272	112,466
			2,568,081	2,563,997
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE Y	'EAR		
			2004	2003
			£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)		482,360	776,930 866,370
	Hire purchase contracts (see note 14) Trade creditors		775,114 505,044	565,988
	Amounts owed to group undertakings		189,280	371,421
	Amounts owed to parent company		-	69,738
	Tax		163,548	112,796
	Proposed dividends Other creditors		272,000 95,539	461
	Office creditors			
			2,482,885	2,763,704
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE	THAN ONE YEAR		
			2004	2003
	Hire purchase contracts (see note 14)		£ 489,298	£ 1,220,812
13.	LOANS			
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:			
			2004	2003
	Amount CHI and a Million		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year or on demand: Bank overdrafts		482,360	776,930

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND LEASES 14.

OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASI	E CONTRACTS AND	LEASES	purc	ire chase
			2004	racts 2003
Gross obligations repayable: Within one year Between one and five years			£ 837,474 528,663	£ 959,6541,352,259
			1,366,137	2,311,913
Finance charges repayable:			62.260	02.294
Within one year Between one and five years			62,360 39,365	93,284 131,447
			101,725	224,731
Net obligations repayable:			775 114	0.66.200
Within one year Between one and five years			775,114 489,298	866,370 1,220,812
			1,264,412	2,087,182
The following operating lease payments are cor	-	-		
	Land build		орег	her ating ses
	2004 £	2003 £	2004 £	2003 £
Expiring: Within one year		-	804	7,168
Between one and five years In more than five years	69,532	129,665	26,626 	23,728
	69,532	129,665	27,430	30,896
SECURED DEBTS				
The following secured debts are included within	n creditors:			
			2004	2003
Bank overdrafts Hire purchase contracts			£ 482,360 1,264,412	£ 776,930 2,087,182
			1,746,772	2,864,112
The bank overdraft and HP are secured firstly of	on the company's fixed as	ssets and secondly		2,864,112

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	2004	2003
	£	£
Deferred tax	719,760	738,000

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts - continued for the Year Ended 30 September 2004

16. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES - continued

		ctober 2003 pital allowances September 2004			Deferred tax £ 738,000 (18,240) 719,760
17.	CALLED UP	SHARE CAPITAL			
	Authorised all	otted, issued and fully paid:			
	Number:	Class:	Nominal	2004	2003
			value:	£	£
	100	Ordinary	£1	100	<u> 100</u>
18.	RESERVES				
10.	RESERVES				Profit
					and loss
					account
		000			£
	At 1 October 2				3,104,076
	Retained profit	for the year			408,085
	At 30 Septemb	er 2004			3,512,161

19. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate parent company is Gee Group Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The ultimate holding company is Headcrown Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

20. **CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The company is party to an unlimited cross guarantee and debenture in respect of bank overdrafts of the Gee Group companies which at 30 September 2004 amounted to £2,295,164 (2003:£2,472,253).

21. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2004	2003
Profit for the financial year	£ 760,085	£ 836,430
Dividends	(352,000)	(300,000)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	408,085	536,430
Opening shareholders' funds	3,104,176	2,567,746
Closing shareholders' funds	3,512,261	3,104,176
Equity interests	3,512,261	3,104,176