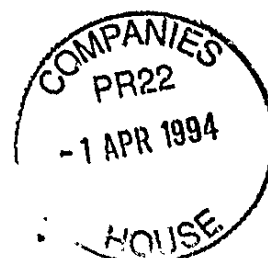


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WIGGINS PLANT LIMITED

**Financial Statements
for the year ended
30 September 1993**



**WRIGHT VIGAR & Co
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Directors: J Newby FCI0B (Chairman)
K A Thompson BSc
F S Chapman
T W H Cameron FCCA

Secretary: I H Simpson LLB

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LINCOLN
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Company No: 653012
(Registered in England and Wales)

Directors' Report

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 1993.

1. Principal Activity

The company's principal activity during the year has been the hiring and servicing of contractors' plant and machinery.

2. Directors

The directors who served during the year were.

J Newby FCIOB., (Chairman)

K A Thompson BSc

F S Chapman

T W H Cameron FCCA

The interests of J Newby in the share capital of Wiggins Gee Group Limited are shown in the accounts of that company.

3. Close Company

The company is a close company within the meaning of Section 414 Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

4. Auditors

The auditors, Wright Vigar & Co, Chartered Accountants, have indicated their willingness to accept reappointment under section 384(1) of the Companies Act 1985

5. 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;

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iii) 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

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the exemptions conferred by part II of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Board


.....
I H Simpson LLB

Secretary.

17 December 1993

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of
WIGGINS PLANT LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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

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 affairs of the company at 30 September 1993 and of the profit and total recognised gains and losses for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

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Wright Vigar & Co
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants
15 Newland
LINCOLN LN1 1XG

17 December 1993

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Profit and Loss Account
For the year ended 30 September 1993

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1993</u> £	<u>1992</u> £
Turnover	2	498,655	485,642
Cost of Sales		323,499	495,909
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Gross Profit/(Loss)		175,156	(10,267)
Net Operating Expenses	3	124,850	170,372
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Operating Profit/(Loss)	4	50,306	(180,639)
Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets		24,984	(54,423)
Interest Receivable	5	807	-
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Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation		76,097	(235,062)
Taxation		13,641	(51,868)
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Retained Profit/(Loss) for the Year		62,456	(183,194)
Retained (Losses)/Profits Brought Forward		(79,000)	104,194
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Retained Losses Carried Forward		(16,544)	(79,000)
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The only recognised gain for the period was the profit for the financial year shown above.

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

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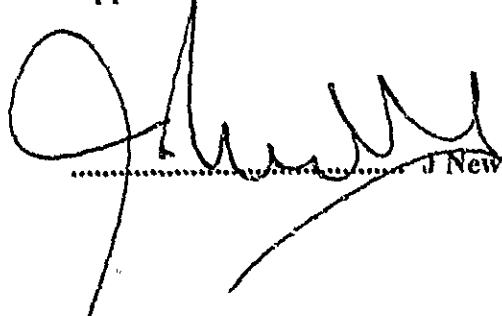
Balance Sheet as at
30 September 1993

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	165,522	170,922
Current Assets			
Stocks	7	26,345	44,637
Debtors	8	51,304	122,897
Cash in bank and in hand		922	23
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		78,571	167,557
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	232,837	378,379
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Net Current Liabilities		(154,266)	(210,822)
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Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		11,256	(39,900)
Provisions for Liabilities and Charges	10	27,700	30,000
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		(16,444)	(78,900)
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Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	11	100	100
Profit and loss account		(16,544)	(79,000)
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		(16,444)	(78,900)
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The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by part 1 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.

Approved on behalf of the Board on 17 December 1993



..... J Newby (Director)

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 September 1993

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same financial statements.

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The effect of events relating to the year ended 30 September 1993 which occurred before the date of approval of the financial statements by the Board of Directors have been included in the statements to the extent required to show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 30 September 1993 and of the results for the year then ended.

b) Depreciation

Depreciation has been computed to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Plant and vehicles	- 25% per annum of net book value
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% per annum of net book value

c) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is defined as purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis.

d) Deferred Taxation

Provision is made on the liability method in respect of the tax effects arising from all timing differences of material amount to the extent that it is probable that a liability will crystallise.

e) Leasing

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance leases or hire purchase contracts are capitalised and depreciated in the same manner as other tangible fixed assets. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

f) Pension Costs

The company operates pension schemes for the benefit of all its employees. The funds of the schemes are administered by Trustees and are separate from the company. Independent actuaries complete valuations at least every three years and in accordance with their recommendations annual contributions are paid to the schemes so as to secure the benefits set out in the rules and the periodic augmentation of current pensions. The cost of these and any variations from regular cost arising from actuarial valuations are charged or credited to profits on a systematic basis over the remaining service life of the employees.

2. Turnover

Turnover arises wholly within the United Kingdom and is attributable to the company's activity of hiring and servicing contractors' plant and machinery during the year, excluding value added tax. All turnover relates to the continuing activities of the company.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 1993**

3	Net Operating Expenses	<u>1993</u> £	<u>1992</u> £
	Administrative expenses	124,850	170,372
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4	Operating Profit/(Loss)		
	Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging the following:		
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
	Owned assets	41,292	53,913
	Assets held under hire purchase contracts	-	8,441
	Aggregate directors' remuneration	34,493	33,526
	Hire of plant and machinery - operating leases	134,583	105,932
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	Auditors' remuneration is paid directly by Gee Walker & Slater plc and recharged to the companies in the Wiggins Gee Group.		
5.	Interest Receivable	<u>1993</u> £	<u>1992</u> £
	Bank interest	807	-
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6.	Tangible Fixed Assets		Plant, Vehicles and Fixtures & Fittings £
	Cost		
	At 1 October 1992		505,706
	Additions		61,050
	Disposals		(97,352)
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	At 30 September 1993		469,404
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	Depreciation		
	At 1 October 1992		334,784
	Charge for the year		41,305
	Disposals		(72,207)
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	At 30 September 1993		303,882
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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 1993**6 Tangible Assets - Continued****Net Book Value**

At 30 September 1993	165,522
At 30 September 1992	170,922

7. Stocks

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	14,558	18,831
Finished goods and stock for sale	11,787	25,806
	<u>26,345</u>	<u>44,637</u>

8. Debtors

Trade debtors	35,961	66,783
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,429	404
Other debtors	10,914	55,710
	<u>51,304</u>	<u>122,897</u>

All debtors are receivable within one year.

9. Creditors

Amounts due within one year:

Bank overdraft	59,240	209,025
Trade creditors	70,494	57,315
Amounts due to group undertakings	27,759	46,784
Other creditors	75,344	65,255
	<u>232,837</u>	<u>378,379</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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Balance at 1 October 1992	39,000
Charge for the year	(11,300)
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Balance at 30 September 1993	27,700

The amount provided and the potential liability for deferred taxation is as follows:

	1993		1992	
	<u>Provided</u> £	<u>Potential</u> £	<u>Provided</u> £	<u>Potential</u> £
Accelerated capital allowances	27,700	27,700	41,400	41,400
<u>Less</u> Unrelieved losses available to carry forward against future trading profits	-	-	(2,400)	(2,400)
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	27,700	27,700	39,000	39,000
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11. Share Capital

	<u>Authorised</u> £	<u>Allotted Called Up and Fully Paid</u> £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
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There have been no changes to the share capital during the year.

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For the year ended 30 September 1993**12. Reconciliation of Movement in Shareholders' Funds**

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
	£	£
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	62,456	(183,194)
Opening shareholders' funds	(78,900)	104,294
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Closing shareholders' funds	(16,444)	(78,900)
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13. Capital Commitments

The company has no capital commitments.

14. Leasing Commitments

At 30 September 1993 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of plant and machinery as detailed below:

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	25,002	27,234
Within two to five years	19,530	20,549
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	44,532	47,783
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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 September 1993****15 Pension Fund**

The Group operates a defined benefit pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable salary. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independent trustee administered fund. The pension cost charged in the accounts is assessed in accordance with the advice of a professionally qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations. The most recent valuation was at 6 April 1993 using the Projected Unit Method. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of inflation, the rate of return on investments, and the rates of increase in pensionable earnings and pensions. The relevant assumptions adopted for the valuation as at 6 April 1993 were as follows:

Increase in Retail Prices Index	5.0% p.a.
Valuation Rate of Interest	9.0% p.a.
Increase in Pensionable Earnings	7.0% p.a. general increase, plus 1% p.a. to reflect merit and promotional increases.
Increase in Pensions in Payment	3.0% p.a. excluding the part relating to Guaranteed Minimum Pension accrued before 6/4/88.
Increase in Equity Dividends	4.5% p.a.

The actuarial valuation as at 6 April 1993 showed that the market value of the scheme's assets was £2,883,383 and that the actuarially assessed value of those assets represented 110.5% of the corresponding value of the benefits that had accrued to members, after allowing for expected future increases in earnings.

The contributions of the Group and employees, as recommended by the scheme's actuary are, respectively 8.9% and 5% of pensionable earnings.

16. Contingent Liabilities

The company is party to an unlimited cross guarantee and debenture in respect of bank overdrafts of the Wiggins Gee Group companies which at 30 September 1993 amounted to £3,066,275 (1992: £3,022,593).

17. Holding Companies

The immediate parent company is Wiggins Gee Group Limited, a company incorporated in England.

The ultimate holding company is Headcrown Limited, a company incorporated in England.