

Registered no: 716250

The Manydown Company
Abbreviated accounts
for the year ended 31 March 1995



**Report of the auditors to the directors of
The Manydown Company
under schedule 8 paragraph 24 of the Companies Act 1985**

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We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages 2 to 7 together with the annual financial statements of The Manydown Company for the year ended 31 March 1995. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that the company is entitled to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 2, and that the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared from the annual financial statements.

In our opinion the company is entitled to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

We reported as auditors of The Manydown Company to the members on 21 September 1995, on the company's annual financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 and our report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 2 to 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 the company's affairs at 31 March 1995 and of its profit, and cashflows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

Coopers & Lybrand

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

21st September 1995

Balance sheet at 31 March 1995

	Notes	1995 £	1994 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	1,813,049	1,481,088
Investments	3	102	100
		<u>1,813,151</u>	<u>1,481,188</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		404,468	373,055
Debtors	4	208,785	219,575
Unlisted investments		216	216
Cash at bank and in hand		155,395	292,532
		<u>768,864</u>	<u>885,378</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>194,029</u>	<u>180,593</u>
Net current assets		<u>574,835</u>	<u>704,785</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,387,986</u>	<u>2,185,973</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	5	<u>785,946</u>	<u>534,990</u>
		<u>1,602,040</u>	<u>1,650,983</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	6	300,400	300,400
Profit and loss account		1,301,640	1,350,583
Equity shareholders' funds		<u>1,601,640</u>	<u>1,650,583</u>
Non-equity shareholders' funds		<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>
Total shareholders' funds		<u>1,602,040</u>	<u>1,650,983</u>

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions for small companies conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that, in the directors' opinion, the company is entitled to benefit from those exemptions as a small company.

Approved by the board on 21 September 1995



 C A J Oliver-Bellasis

Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1995

Principal accounting policies

1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Group accounts

The company is entitled to the exemption from the requirement to prepare group accounts conferred by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of fixed assets on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose, are:

Freehold improvements	2 1/2% and 15%
Machinery, implements and vehicles	20%

No depreciation has been provided on freehold property as this comprises mostly freehold land and purchased milk quota. Had depreciation been provided on the freehold buildings included under this heading, the amount involved would not have been material.

Stocks

Stocks, which are valued by professionally qualified independent farm valuers, are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of crops, produce in store and livestock is determined by cost of production. The cost of purchased fertilisers, sprays, seeds, feed, oil and stores is based on purchase price. Cultivations are calculated by reference to Central Association of Agricultural Valuers statistics.

Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax and trade discounts, represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied, together with Arable Area Payments and similar revenue payments receivable under the European Union, Common Agricultural Policy.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year as adjusted for disallowable items. Provision is made for deferred taxation, using the liability method, on all material timing differences to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

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Pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Finance and operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term. Where fixed assets are financed by leasing agreements which transfer to the company substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright and are included in tangible fixed assets. The capital element of the leasing commitments is shown as obligations under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged against profit in proportion to the reducing capital element outstanding. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and the useful lives of equivalent owned assets.

Tangible fixed assets

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	Total £
Cost	
At 1 April 1994	2,536,266
Expenditure	557,618
Disposals	(155,476)
At 31 March 1995	2,938,408
Depreciation	
At 1 April 1994	1,055,178
Charge for year	156,505
Disposals	(86,324)
At 31 March 1995	1,125,359
Net book value	
At 31 March 1995	1,813,049
At 31 March 1994	1,481,088

The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes £115,225 (1994 - £205,709) in respect of assets held under finance leases and £180,516 (1994 - £52,336) in respect of assets held under hire purchase agreements.

**Notes to the abbreviated financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 1995****Fixed asset investments**

3	1995 £	1994 £
Shares in group undertakings	102	100

Interests in group undertakings

Details of the subsidiary undertakings are as follows:

Name of company	Description of shares held	Proportion of nominal value of shares held %
Manydown Properties Limited	Ordinary £1 shares	100
RS Hammond & Son Limited	Ordinary £1 shares	100
Downsite Limited	Ordinary £1 shares	100
Floatmatch Limited	Ordinary £1 shares	100

All the above companies are registered in England and Wales. Downsite Limited and Floatmatch Limited are wholly owned by Manydown Properties Limited.

Manydown Properties Limited reported a loss of £24,028 for the year ended 31 March 1995. At 31 March 1995 Manydown Properties Limited had aggregate capital and reserves of £56,217 deficit (1994: £32,188 deficit).

On 31 December 1994 The Manydown Company acquired the whole of the share capital of RS Hammond & Son Limited on incorporation of the company. Details of the aggregate capital and reserves and profit and loss are not shown as the company has not completed its first year of trading and in the directors' opinion the information is not material.

Details of Downsite Limited and Floatmatch Limited's aggregate capital and reserves and profit and loss are not shown as the companies have not completed their first year of trading and in the directors' opinion the information is not material.

Debtors

4	1995 £	1994 £
Amounts falling due within one year	208,785	219,575

**Notes to the abbreviated financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 1995****Creditors**

	1995 £	1994 £
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Amounts falling due after five years	<u>785,946</u>	<u>534,990</u>

Included in the amount above is a loan of £650,000 which is secured on certain assets of the company.

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Called-up share capital

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Authorised :

	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	1995	1994
	£	£
'A' shares	300,000	300,000
'B' shares	195,000	195,000
'C' shares	105,000	105,000
	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>

	Preference shares of £1 each	
	1995	1994
	£	£
'D' shares	100	100
'E' shares	100	100
'F' shares	100	100
'G' shares	100	100
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

Allotted, called-up and fully paid :

	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	1995	1994
	£	£
'B' shares	195,000	195,000
'C' shares	105,000	105,000
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

	Preference shares of £1 each	
	1995	1994
	£	£
'D' shares	100	100
'E' shares	100	100
'F' shares	100	100
'G' shares	100	100
	<u>400</u>	<u>400</u>

Total capital	<u>300,400</u>	<u>300,400</u>
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Transactions with directors

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	1995	1994
	£	£
Professional fees paid by the company in the ordinary course of business to CAJ Oliver-Bellasis amounted to	<u>33,543</u>	<u>22,213</u>