WESTERN GALVANIZERS LIMITED COMPANY NUMBER 753192 A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF ASH & LACY plc

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR 1997



WESTERN GALVANIZERS LIMITED A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF ASH & LACY plc

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1997

DIRECTORS:

SECRETARY AND REGISTERED OFFICE

H C Marshall D B Almond H J R Stevens

C J Burr

R Foxall Alma Street Smethwick

West Midlands B66 2RP

The Directors present their report together with Financial Statements for the year 1997.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Selling Agents, without commission, for the Galvanising Division of Joseph Ash & Son Limited.

The company has operated during the year only as an agent for its Parent Undertaking and has not traded on its own account. There has been no income or expenditure. For these reasons, no Profit and Loss Account is submitted.

DIRECTORS

The Directors in office at the end of the year are listed above. The beneficial and other interests of Messrs H C Marshall and C J Burr and their families in the shares of Ash & Lacy plc are shown in that Company's Financial Statements. The interests of the other directors in the shares of Ash & Lacy plc are as follows:-

	31 December 1997 Ordinary Shares of 5p each	27 December 1996 Ordinary Shares <u>of 5p each</u>
D B Almond	12,866	21,366
H J R Stevens	13,200	13,200

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

R FOXALL SECRETARY

12 March 1998

WESTERN GALVANIZERS LIMITED A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF ASH & LACY plc

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1997

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	Note	1997	1996	
CURRENT ASSETS		£	£	
Debtors: Due within one year Parent Undertaking		<u>760,579</u>	760,579	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		£760,579	£760,579	
CREDITORS: Due after more than or	ne year			
Unsecured Loan Stock	2	1,100,000	1,100,000	
		£_(339,421)	£_(339,421)	
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Share Capital			Authorised,, Allotted, Called Up and Fully Paid	
Ordinary Class "A" Shares of £1 eac	ah.	£	£	
Ordinary Class "B" Shares of £1 each		75 25	75 5	
Profit and Loss Account		100 (339,521)	100 <u>339,521</u>)	
		£(339,421)	£(339,421)	

The Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 12 March 1998. The Company was dormant throughout the financial year.

H C MARSHALL}

DIRECTORS

D B ALMOND

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent undertaking of this Company is Ash & Lacy plc which is registered in England and Wales.