SOUTH ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED (Formerly South Essex Insurance Brokers Group Limited)

COMPANY NO. 779100

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER 1993





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SOUTH ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director presents his annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1993.

Director

B.W. Fehler

Business Review

On 25th March 1994, the Company changed its name to South Essex Insurance Group Limited. The companies within the South Essex Insurance Brokers Group carry on business as Insurance Brokers, Mortgage and Finance Consultants, and Travel Agents. During the year, a new Company, South Essex Equestrian Services was set up to provide equestrian schooling. The Director considers that the results of the Group are satisfactory in light of the prevailing economic climate.

Results and Dividend

The results of the Group for the year are set out on page three. Directors recommend that a final dividend of £25 per share be paid for the year under review.

It is recommended that the whole of the retained profit be set aside to reserves.

Fixed Assets

During the year the Group acquired additional office premises to facilitate its expansion programme and also acquired premises for the equestrian school.

Director

The interest of the Director in the share capital was as follows:

At 1.1.1993 and at 31.12.1993

B.W. Fehler

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Auditors

Kirgston Smith have indicated their willingness to continue in office and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 it is proposed that they be re-appointed Auditors for the ensuing year.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

B.W. FEHLER

Director

South Essex House, North Road, South Ockendon, Essex.

28th June 1994

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SOUTH ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORT OF THE AUDITORS STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Director 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 Director is 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 a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Company will continue in business.

The Director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. He is 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' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages three to sixteen which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page eight.

Respective Responsibilities of Director and Auditors

As described above, the Company's Director is responsible for the preparation of the 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.

Pasis 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 Director 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 affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 31st December 1993 and of the Group's Profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KINGTON SMITH Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Devonshire House, 146 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4JX. 28th June 1994

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SCUIH FSSEX INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1993

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1993</u>	1992
TURNOVER	2	658,193	1,246,355
Cost of Sales		(632,027)	(1,151,459)
GROSS PROFIT		26,166	94,896
Commission Received	1(f)	2,247,068	1,779,496
Administrative Expenses		(1,817,590)	(1,455,298)
Other Operating Charges		(209,824)	(202,652)
Interest Receivable and Similar Income		17,361	30,907
Interest Payable and Similar Charges	4	(66,375)	(48,810)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	5	196,806	198,539
Taxation	6	70,545	72,376
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	7	126,261	126,163
Dividends	8	25,000	
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		101,261	126,163
RETAINED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWARD		310,723	184,560
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD	16	£ 411,984	£ 310,723

SCUTTI ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1993

FIXED ASSETS	<u>Note</u>		<u>1993</u>		<u>1992</u>
Intangible Assets Tangible Assets	9 10		179,670 892,048		195,293 779,887
			1,071,718		975,180
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks Show Horses Debtors	12 13	1,252 63,725 510,944		37,900 532,775	
Cash at Bank and in Hand - Insurance Broking Accou - Office Account	nt	202,011 62,796		403,242 10,299	
		840,728		984,216	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	14	1,039,313		1,187,816	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(198,585)		(203,600)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			873,133		771,580
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	15		460,149		459,857
NET ASSETS			£ 412,984		£311,723
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up Share Capital Profit and Loss Account	16 16		1,000 411,984		1,000 310,723
			£ 412,984		£311,723

B.W. FEHLER

DIRECTOR

The financial statements were approved by the Director on 28th June 1994 $\,$

SOUTH ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1993

	<u>Note</u>	1993	1992
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets Investments	10 11	98,324 504,000 —————————————————————————————————	256,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors Cash at Bank and in Hand	13	24,255 3,636 27,891	57,109 1,574 ————————————————————————————————————
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	14	129,214	146,262
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(101,323	(87,579)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		501,001	357,400
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	15	146,404	239,361
NET ASSETS		£354,597	
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up Share Capital Profit and Loss Account	16 16	1,000 353,597	·
		£354,597	£118,039

B.W. FEHLER - DIRECTOR

The financial statements were approved by the Director on 28th June 1994 $\,$

SOUTH ESSEX INSURANCE GROUP LIMITED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1993

	:	1993	•	1992
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (Note 1)		256,009		541,042
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE				
Interest Received Interest Paid Dividends Paid	17,361 (66,375) (25,000)		30,907 (48,810) -	
NET CASH OUIFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		(74,014)		(17,903)
TAXATION				
Corporation Tax Paid (including Advance Corporation Tax)		(78,820)		(10,000)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchase of Tangible Fixed Assets Receipts from Sale of Tangible	(261,061)		(625,938)	
Fixed Assets	35,050		37,666	
AST CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(226,011)		(588,272)
DECREASE IN CASH EQUIVALENTS (Note 2)		£(122,836)		£ (75,133)

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1993

1.	RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>r</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
	Operating Profit Depreciation Profit on Sale of Tangible Fixed		245,820 143,067	216,442 115,784
	Asset (Increase)/Decrease in Stock		(13,594)	(15,708)
	Increase in Debtors		(1,252) (13,994)	12,100 (121,529)
	(Decrease)/Increase in Creditors		(104,038)	333,953
	NET CASH INFLOW FROM CONTINUING			
	OPERATING ACTIVITIES		£ 256,009	£ 541,042
2.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH			
	AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR			
	Balance at 1st January 1993 Net Cash Outflow		77,228 (122,836)	152,361 (75,133)
	Balance at 31st December 1993			
	balance at 31st becember 1993		£ (45,608)	£ 77,228
3.	ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET			
		1993	1992	Change in year
	Cash at Bank and in Hand: Insurance Broking Account Office Account Bank Loan	202,011 62,796 (310,415)	403,242 10,299 (336,313)	(201,231) 52,497 25,898
		£ (45,608)	£ 77,228	£(122,836)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting Basis and Standards

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

The Group acts as an agent in broking the insurable risks of its clients and, generally, is not liable as a principal for premiums due to underwriters or for claims payable to clients. Notwithstanding the Company's legal relationship with clients and underwriters and since in practice premiums and claim monies are usually accounted for by insurance intermediaries, it has followed generally accepted accounting practice by showing cash, debtors and creditors relating to insurance business as assets and liabilities of the Company itself.

(b) Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of South Essex Insurance Group Limited and its Group Undertakings. The financial statements of all group undertakings are made up to 31st December annually.

A separate Profit and Loss Account dealing solely with the results of the Company has not been presented.

(c) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Freehold Property - 1% per annum
Long Leasehold Property - Period of Lease
Motor Vehicles - 4 years

Furniture, Fittings and Equipment - Between 5 and 10 years

(d) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Deferred Taxation

Deferred Taxation is provided in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences other than those which are expected with reasonable probability to continue in the foreseeable future.

(f) Commission

Commission, other than life commission, is credited to the Profit and Loss Account in accordance with the accounts agreed with insurance companies. Life commissions are credited to the Profit and Loss Account as they are received.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(g) Foreign Currencies

Assets held under foreign currencies are translated into Sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. All exchange differences are dealt with in the Profit and Loss Account.

(h) Goodwill

Goxdwill is determined by comparing the amount paid on the acquisition of a business and the aggregate fair value of its separable net liabilities and is written off over its estimated economic life of 15 years.

(i) Leasing and Hire Purchase

Assets held under hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged in the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the lease.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

(j) Pension Scheme Arrangements

Pension arrangements are being made for certain individuals employed by the Group. Such arrangements all relate to money purchase schemes (defined contributions) and may at the sole discretion of the Group to be discontinued at any time with no outgoing liability to the Group. Such contributions are held in trustee administered funds completely independent of the Group's finances. The contributions made by the Group are charged against profits on an accruals basis.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the value of services provided where invoiced in full. Deposits received have been treated as deferred income. Commission represents commission receivable from insurance companies.

з.	STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS	<u> 1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
	The average number of persons employed by the Group (including Director) during the year was as follows:		
	Management Administration Clerical Farm Staff and Grooms	3 13 49 4	4 12 39 -
	Total Employees	69	55
	The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	Wages and Salaries Social Security Costs Pension Contributions	801,067 74,096 14,573 ————————————————————————————————————	637,189 55,081 15,697 ————————————————————————————————————
4.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
	On Bank Loans and Overdrafts and Other Loans repayable: within five years after five years Finance Lease and Hire Purchase Interest	26,615 30,188 9,572 £ 66,375	16,114 21,908 10,788 £ 48,810
5.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		
	Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation is stated after charging:		
	Auditors' Remuneration and Expenses Director's Empluments Depreciation:	14,831 65,509	13,905 70,752
	Owned Tangible Fixed Assets Assets held under Finance Leases Amortisation of Goodwill Operating Lease Charges	67,524 59,920 15,623 13,566	59,560 40,601 15,623 12,833
(d)	Directors' Emoluments Remuneration	59,100	61,450
	Other Emoluments	6,409	9,302
		£ 65,509	£ 70,752 Page Ten
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6.	TAXATION		
	Taxation charge based on the results for the year: Corporation Tax based on the results for the year at the rate of 33% (1992 - 25%)	£ 70,545	£ 72,376
7.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		
	Dealt with in the Accounts of the Company Retained by Group Undertakings	50,558 75,703 <u></u> £126,261	(9,636) 132,688 ———————————————————————————————————
8.	DIVIDENDS		
	Paid	£ 25,000	£ -
9.	FIXED ASSETS - INTANGIBLE		
	<u>Goodwill</u>		
	Cost		
	At 1st January 1993 and at 31st December 1993		£234,351
	Amortisation		
	At 1st January 1993 Charge for the year	v	39,058 15,623
	At 31st December 1993		£ 54,681
	Net Book Value		
	At 31st December 1993		£179,670
	At 31st December 1992		£195,295

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10. FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

Holding Company	Freehold :	Long Leasehold	Furniture, Fittings and	
Cost or Valuation	Properties	Property	<u>Equipment</u>	Total
At 1st January 1993 Additions Disposal	(137,234)	37,431	57,365	189,665 57,365 (137,234)
At 31st December 1993	£ 15,000	£ 37,431	£ 57,365 £	109,796
Depreciation				
At 1st January 1993 Charge for the year Disposal	686 (686)	- - -	11,472 -	686 11,472 (686)
At 31st December 1993	£ - :	€ -	£ 11,472 £	11,472
Net Book Value				
At 31st December 1993	£ 15,000	£ 37,431	£ 45,893 £	98,324
At 31st December 1992	£151,548	£ 37,431	£ - £	188,979

The net book value of the Company's fixed assets includes an amount of £32,876 (1992 - £Nil) in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts.

Group	** 1 7 7	Long		Fittings	
Cost or Valuation	Freehold Property	Leasehold Property		and <u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
At 1st January 1993 Additions Disposals	516,361 45,776	47,357 - -	240,364 109,796 (63,433)	392,701 105,489 -	1,196,783 261,061 (63,433)
At 31st December 1993	£562,137	£ 47,357	£286,727	£498,190	£1,394,411
<u>Depreciation</u>					
At 1st January 1993 Charge for the year Disposals	5,381 3,474 -	9,925	127,043 68,511 (41,977)	274,547 55,459	416,896 127,444 (41,977)
At 31st December 1993	£ 8,855	£ 9,925	£153,577	£330,006	£ 502,363
Net Book Value				<u></u>	
At 31st December 1993	£553,282	£ 37,432	£133,150	£168,184	£ 892,048
At 31st December 1992	£510,980	£ 37,432	£113,321	£118,154	£ 779,887
					

Freehold Land is not depreciated.

The net book value of the group's fixed assets includes an amount of £157,240 (1992 - £100,874) in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts.

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11. FIXED ASSETS - INVESTMENTS

Holding Company Cost	Subordinated Loan to Group Undertakings	Shares in Group Undertakings	<u>Total</u>
At 1st January 1993 Additions	125,000 248,000	131,000	256,000 248,000
At 31st December 1993	£373,000	£131,000	£504,000

The following details relate to the Company's wholly owned Subsidiary Undertaking, all of which are incorporated and registered in England.

	Subsidiary Undertakings	Class of Shares Held	-	
	South Essex Insurance Brokers Limited Harlequin Worldwide Travel Limited South Essex Equestrian Services Limited	Ordinary Ordinary Ordinary	Insurance Travel Ag Equestria Schooli	ents n
12.	STOCKS	<u>19</u>	93	1992
	Group			
	Farm Crops	£ 1,	252	£ -
13.	DEBTORS			
	Holding Company			
	Amounts owed by Group Undertakings Other Debtors Prepayments and Accrued Income		751 658 846	56,501 608 -
		£ 24,	, 255	£ 57,109
	Group			
	Amount due from Principals and Insurance Companies in respect of Insurance Transactions Trade Debtors Other Debtors Advance Corporation Tax Recoverable Prepayments and Accrued Income	38 125 11 £510	,685 ,005 ,056 - ,198 ,944	376,566 45,304 82,101 10,000 18,804 £532,775

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14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	1993	1992
Company		
Bank Loan Amounts due to Group Undertakings	115,697	2,972 142,114
Obligations under Finance Leases Accruals and Deferred Income	10,274 3,243	1,176
	£ 129,214	£ 146,262
Group		
Bank Loans and Overdrafts Amounts due to Principals and Insurance Companies in respect of Insurance	58,989	60,566
transactions	592,769	769,375
Trade Creditors	95,537	102,826
Obligations under Finance Leases Other Creditors including Taxation	56,832	37,802
and Social Security	148,042	153,020
Accruals and Deferred Income	87,144	64,227
	£1,039,313	£1,187,816

Other Creditors includes an amount of £137,083 (1992 - £146,794) relating to Taxation and Social Security.

Bank Loans and Overdrafts are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Group.

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNIS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

Company

Bank Loan Director's Loan Obligations under Finance Leases	125,000 21,404	114,361 125,000
	£ 146,404	£ 239,361
Group		
Bank Loans Director's Loan Obligations under Finance Leases Pension Scheme	251,426 125,000 38,723 45,000	275,747 125,000 14,110 45,000
	£ 460,149	£ 459,857

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15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS JALLING DUE AFTER FORE THAN ONE YEAR (CONTINUED)		<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
Amounts repayable by instalments: within five years after five years		131,137 178,737	163,234 141,535
arter rive Jeans		309,874	304,769
<u>Less</u> : Amounts falling due within one year		19,725	14,912
7		£290,149	£289,857
16. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	Called	Profit	
	Up Share	and Loss	Total
Company	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Account</u> 117,039	118,039
Balance at 1st January 1993 Transfer from Profit and Loss Account	1,000	236,558	236,558
	£ 1,000	£353,597	£354,595
Group		310,723	311,723
Balance at 1st January 1993 Transfer from Profit and Loss Account	1,000	101,261	101,261
	£ 1,000	£411,984	£412,984
The authorised share capital compr	ises:	1993	1992
Authorised: 1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 per Share		£ 1,000	£ 1,000
Called up Share Capital, Allotted Fully Paid: 1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 per		£ 1,000	£ 1,000

17. FUTURE FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating Leases

At 31st December 1993 the Group had annual commitments under operating leases as set out below:

Accesses on the case of the ca	<u>1993</u>	<u>1992</u>
Operating leases which expire: within one year in the second to fifth years after five years	3,643 3,220	3,643 1,494
	£ 6,863	£ 5,137

(b) Finance Leases

At 31st December 1993 the Group had obligations under finance leases which are set out below:

Gross Amount Payable: within one year in the second to fifth years	64,138 45,161	42,473 16,356
Deduct: Finance Charges allocated to future periods	109,299	58,829
	(13,744)	(6,917)
	£ 95,555	£51,912

18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has entered into an agreement whereby it guarantees the Group Undertaking bank loans and overdrafts. At 31st December 1992 the contingent liability in respect of these guarantees was £310,415 (1992 - £336,313).

19. TRANSACTIONS CONCERNING DIRECTOR

	Outstanding at		Maximum Liability
Group	31.12.1993	31.12.1992	during 1993
Included in Other Debtors are the following:			
Director's Current Account	£ -	£ 4,971	£11,501

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