ABBREVIATED REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1995

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE DIRECTORS OF MCNICHOLAS PLANT HIRE LIMITED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on page 4 to 6 together with the financial statements of McNICHOLAS PLANT HIRE LIMITED prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1995.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claims in the directors' statement on page 2 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

BASIS OF OPINION

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does 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 under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 31 March 1995, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

On 27 November 1995 we reported, as auditors of McNICHOLAS PLANT HIRE LIMITED, to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1995, and our report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 8 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 2, the Company's Directors are 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.

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.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE DIRECTORS OF McNICHOLAS PLANT HIRE LIMITED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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 misstatements, 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 as at 31 March 1995 and of the Company's profit 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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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

Stuart House 55 Catherine Place London SW1E 6DY

28 November 1995

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 1995

| | Notes | | 1995 | | 1994 |
|--|-------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| FIXED ASSETS: Tangible Assets | 1 | | _ | | - |
| CURRENT ASSETS: Debtors Cash at Bank | | 254,622 | | 202,703 | |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | 2 | 265,088 128,214 | | 209,455 115,666 | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | | 136,874 | | 93,789 |
| NET ASSETS | | | £136,874 | | £93,789 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES: | | | | | |
| Called Up Share Capital Profit and Loss Account | 3 | | 1,000 135,874 | | 1,000 92,789 |
| SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS | | | £136,874 | | £93,789 |

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

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. The directors have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions because it meets the qualifying conditions for small companies as stated in Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

Approved by the Board on 27 November 1995 and signed on its behalf.

P T McNICHOLAS DIRECTOR

ACCOUNTING POLICIES for the Year Ended 31 March 1995

Basis of Accounting

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

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding Value Added Tax.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Furniture and Equipment - 20% per annum on cost Motor Vehicles - 20% per annum on cost

Leasing and Hire Purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and depreciated over the shorter life of the lease term and their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the Profit and Loss Account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Operating Leases

Rental applicable to operating leases, where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor, are charged to the Profit and Loss Account as incurred.

Deferred Taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 1995

| 1. | TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS | Furniture and Equipment | Motor Vehicles | Totals |
|-----|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | COST: | pdg.tbmec | Venicies | TOTALS |
| | As at 1 April 1994 | 188,719 | 235,490 | 424,209 |
| | Disposals | (3,700) | | (85,460) |
| | At 31 March 1995 | 185,019 | 153,730 | 338,749 |
| | DEPRECIATION: | | | |
| | As at 1 April 1994 | 188,719 | 235,490 | 424,209 |
| | Eliminated on Disposals | (3,700) | (81,760) | (85,460) |
| | At 31 March 1995 | 185,019 | 153,730 | 338,749 |
| | NET BOOK VALUES: | | | |
| | At 31 March 1995 | | | <u> </u> |
| | At 31 March 1994 | | | |
| | | | | |
| 2. | CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | | | |
| | | | 1995 | 1994 |
| | Group Companies | | 114,769 | 102,889 |
| | Taxation | | 8,325 | 7,802 |
| | Other Taxes and PAYE | | 945 | |
| | Accrued Expenses | | 4,175 | 4,975 |
| | | | 128,214 | 115,666 |
| | | | | |
| 3. | CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL | | | |
| | | | 1995 | 1994 |
| | Authorised, called up and fully paid: | | | |
| | 1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| 4. | HOLDING COMPANY | | | |
| - · | | | | |
| | The Holding Company is McNicholas incorporated in England. | Construction | (Holdings) | Limited, |