REGISTRAR

Company Registration No. 889328 (England and Wales)

CARPET CUTS LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1998



DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1998

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 1998.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of carpet retailers.

Year 2000

The directors have considered whether the company's operations could be adversely affected by malfunctions in computer or other equipment arising from errors in processing dates in the year 2000 and beyond.

No part of the company's current operations are critically dependent on computer or other equipment which could be affected by year 2000 problems.

Directors

The following directors have held office throughout the year:

A F Lawler

C C Williamson

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

Ordinary shares of £ 1 each 31 October 1998 1 November 1997

A F Lawler

C C Williamson

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Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Manning & Girling be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1998

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:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

By order of the board

A F Lawler

Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF CARPET CUTS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, under the historical cost convention and 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 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.

Inherent uncertainty arising from Year 2000 issue

In forming our opinion, we have considered the adequacy of disclosures in note 13 to the financial statements concerning the inherent risks and uncertainties of the effects of the Year 2000 problem. It is not possible to provide assurance that all risks have been identified nor that there will be no adverse effects on operations.

In view of the significance of this uncertainty, we consider that it should be drawn to your attention, but our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 October 1998 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Manning & Girling

27 July 1999

16a Falcon Street

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

lpswich Suffolk

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1998

	Notes	1998 £	1997 £
Turnover		449,051	411,594
Cost of sales		270,905	251,455
Gross profit		178,146	160,139
Administrative expenses		162,244	147,553
Operating profit	2	15,902	12,586
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	3	525 (65)	362
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		16,362	12,948
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	4,930	4,151
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	11	11,432	8,797

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 1998

		19:	1998		1997	
	Notes	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	5		34,591		43,269	
Current assets						
Stocks		40,160	,	42,452		
Debtors	6	24,589		8,483		
Cash at bank and in hand		-		709		
		64,749		51,644		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	56,155		63,160		
Net current assets/(liabilities)			8,594	<u></u>	(11,516)	
Total assets less current liabilities			43,185		31,753	
Provisions for liabilities and charges	8		1,000		1,000	
			42,185		30,753	
						
Capital and reserves						
Called up share capital	10		100		100	
Profit and loss account	11		42,085		30,653	
Shareholders' funds	12		42,185		30,753	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 28-6-95....

A F Lawler Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1998

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Lease 10% on cost

Leasehold improvements

Over period of 9 3/4 years

Plant and equipment

15% on written down value

Office furniture, fixtures & fittings

15% on written down value

1.4 Operating leases

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

1.5 Deferred tax

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

2	Operating profit	1998	1997
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	9,302	9,565
	Directors' emoluments	21,696	20,716
3	Other interest receivable and similar income	1998	1997
		£	£
•	Bank interest	525	362
4	Taxation	1009	1997
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	U.K. current year taxation	4.000	4 4 5 4
	U.K. corporation tax at 21% (1997 - 21/24%)	4,930	4,151

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1998

5	Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings	Other	Total
		TI £	xed assets £	£
	Cost	L	L	~
	At 1 November 1997	76,496	36,051	112,547
	Additions	••	624	624
	At 31 October 1998	76,496	36,675	113,171
	Depreciation			
	At 1 November 1997	46,625	22,731	69,356
	Charge for the year	7,214	2,010	9,224
	At 31 October 1998	53,839	24,741	78,580
	Net book value			
	At 31 October 1998	22,657	11,934	34,591
	At 31 October 1997	29,871	13,398	43,269
6	Debtors		1998	1997
•			£	3
	Trade debtors		11,298	2,996
	Other debtors		13,098	5,294
	Directors account		193	193
			24,589	8,483
7	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		1998	1997
•			£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts		179	-
	Trade creditors		26,161	29,601
	Taxation and social security		9,108	12,914
	Other creditors		20,707	20,645
			56,155	63,160

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1998

8	Provisions for liabilities and charges			
			Deferred	
			taxation £	
	Balance at 1 November 1997 and at 31 October 1998		1,000	
9	Pension costs	and the second		
	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. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £833 (1997 - £833).			
10	Share capital	1998 £	1997 £	
	Authorised	L	L	
	100 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	100	100	
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	Allotted, called up and fully paid			
	100 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	100	100	
11	Statement of movements on profit and loss account			
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			Profit and loss account	
			£	
	Balance at 1 November 1997		30,653	
	Retained profit for the year		11,432	
	Balance at 31 October 1998		42,085	
10	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	1000	1007	
12	neconciliation of movements in shareholders funds	1998 £	1997 £	
	Profit for the financial year	11,432	8,797	
	Opening shareholders' funds	30,753	21,956	
	Closing shareholders' funds	42,185	30,753	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 1998

13 Year 2000

Year 2000 issues have not been considered. Internally the company is not reliant upon any computer systems for its day to day operation.

Externally the company is reliant upon a wide range of suppliers and utilities for the smooth running of its business. No assurances have been sought from these suppliers and hence any disruption to these could have a material, but at present unquantifiable effect on cash flow and costs.

It is not possible to provide assurance that operations will not be adversely affected by this problem.

14 Related party transactions

Rent of £18000 (1997 - £18000) was paid to Mr E N Watts, the majority shareholder, in the year.