BRITISH VEHICLE RENTAL

<u>AND</u>

LEASING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

Company Number: 924401

River Lodge

Badminton Court

Amersham

Buckinghamshire

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Members of the Committee of Management present their Annual Report on the affairs of the company together with the financial statements and report of the auditors for the year ended 31st December 1996.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company continues to be the representation of Members involved in the provision of vehicle rental, leasing, contract hire and fleet management services.

Results

The results for the year are as follows:

	£
Accumulated surplus at 1st January 1996 Surplus for the year after taxation	171925 131652
Accumulated surplus as at 31st December 1996	303577
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The surplus for the year arises from the disposal of the Association's office premises in Chichester.

Constitution

The Members of the Committee of Management are individual Members or representatives of incorporated bodies which are Members. The Members of the Committee at 31st December 1996 were:

President:

F.H. Aldous

Chairman:

A. O'Kelly

Vice Chairman:

N.M. Brown

Committee:

P. Grime
J.S. Leigh
S.G. Thompson
L.F. Clayton
C. McLean
D. Galloway
J. Hodges
S.P.A. Kerr
S.G. Thompson
R.G. Macey
K.F. Dyer
T.C.B. Nunn
D.J. Smith

T.N. Pykett resigned from the committee on 28th March 1996.

No Member of the Committee received any remuneration during the year from the company. In accordance with the Articles of Association, one third of the Members retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Donations

The company made a charitable donation of £5000.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT REPORT (CONTINUED)

Committee of Management's responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements

The Committee is required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit for the year. The Committee confirms that suitable accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of the financial statements. Applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The Committee is also required to maintain adequate accounting records, and is responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the company's assets and to prevent or detect fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

Messrs. Watling & Hirst have expressed their willingness to continue in office as our auditors and a motion will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 19th March 1997 to re-appoint them as auditors.

Small company exemptions

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies, conferred by Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

Registered Office:

River Lodge, Badminton Court, Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Date: 30th January 1997

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE N.J. Donkin - Secretary General

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

BRITISH VEHICLE RENTAL AND LEASING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of the Committee of Management and auditors

As described on page 2, the Committee of Management is 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 Committee in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the company, 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 affairs of the company at 31st December 1996 and of the surplus for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions of the Companies Act 1985 that are applicable to small companies.

10, West Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex.

Date: 30th January 1997

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Watling and Hirst

BRITISH VEHICLE RENTAL AND LEASING ASSOCIATION LIMITED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Income		829429	786338
Cost of providing services - Recurring cost - Exceptional relocation expenses	2	(793854) (45247)	(796467) -
Operating deficit	2	(9672)	(10129)
Surplus on sale of fixed assets		139088	-
Surplus/(deficit) on operating activities before interest		129416	(10129)
Other interest receivable and similar income		3322	20459
Surplus before taxation		132738	10330
Taxation charge	4	(1086)	(3842)
Net surplus after taxation		131652	6488
Accumulated surplus brought forward		171925	165437
Accumulated surplus carried forward		303577	171925

Income and surplus before taxation for both 1995 and 1996 derive entirely from continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those dealt with in the income and expenditure account.

The accompanying notes set out on pages 6 to 9 are an integral part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	531043	91729
Current assets			
Debtors	6	47971	33307
Cash at bank and in hand		20027	252069
		67998	285376
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	(295464)	(205180)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(227466)	80196
Total assets less current liabilities		303577	171925
Reserves			
Income & expenditure account		303577	171925

The financial statements were approved by the Committee of Management on 30th January 1997.

Advantage has been taken in the preparation of the financial statements of the special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. In the Committee's opinion the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

iman)

) Member of the

) Committee of Management

S.G. Thompson (Hon. Treasurer)

The accompanying notes set out on pages 6 to 9 are an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

Note

1 **Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies of the company have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

- a) The basis of accounting The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.
- Tangible fixed assets b) Tangible fixed assets are shown at original historical cost.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

- 50 years (2% per annum) Freehold building Furniture, fittings & equipment - 5 years (20% per annum) - 4 years (25% per annum) Computer equipment

Deferred taxation c)

Tax deferred or accelerated by the effect of timing differences is accounted for, using the liability method, to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

- d) Subscription income Subscription income is included in the financial statements on the basis of amounts receivable for the year, net of value added tax and refunds.
- Pension scheme e) The cost of providing pensions for secretariat staff is recognised in the income and expenditure account as the contributions payable for the period.

2 Operating deficit

The deficit for the year before taxation is stated after charging:

	1996 £	1995 £
Depreciation Auditors' remuneration	33123 3500	13429 3500
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During the year the company moved from Chichester to Amersham. Exceptional relocation expenses of £45247 were incurred in this move.

3 Pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for secretariat staff. The assets of the scheme are administered by trustees in a fund independent from those of the company.

The pension cost charge for the year was £27585.

At 31st December 1996 there were outstanding contributions of £2000 (1995: NIL).

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

Note

4	Taxation	1996 £	1995 £
	UK Corporation Tax	1086	3842

The gain on sale of the company's former office building will be rolled-over against the purchase of the new freehold. No deferred tax liability has been recorded in respect of this matter because the new building will be held for the foreseeable future and the gain is therefore not expected to crystallise.

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Furniture, Fittings and Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost: At 1st January 1996 Additions Disposals	80488 462761 (76818)	53583 41237 (31124)	61879 34876 (34053)	195950 538874 (141995)
At 31st December 1996	466431	63696	62702	592829
Depreciation: At 1st January 1996 Charge for the year Disposals	13750 7929 (13677)	44608 10007 (28339)	45863 15187 (33542)	104221 33123 (75558)
At 31st December 1996	8002	26276	27508	61786
Net book value: At 31st December 1996	458429	37420	35194	531043
At 31st December 1995	66738	8975	16016	91729
Net book value of non-depreciable assets included in the above	 			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
At 31st December 1996	70000	-	-	-
At 31st December 1995	26818	-	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>

The value of non-depreciable freehold land at 31st December 1996 has been estimated, as no split of the purchase price of the new office building is available.

The company has an agreed overdraft facility of £150000. The use of this facility is secured against the freehold of River Lodge, Badminton Court, Amersham.

BRITISH VEHICLE RENTAL AND LEASING ASSOCIATION LIMITED NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

Note

6	Debtors
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ors	1996 £	1995 £
Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income Deferred tax	30534 15437 2000	19623 11684 2000
		
	47971	33307
		

Deferred tax included in the above total for debtors is recoverable after more than one year.

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1996 £	1995 £
Payments received on account (subscriptions etc.) Trade creditors Corporation Tax Other taxes and Social Security Accruals and deferred income	131753 44289 1086 30956 87380	117117 23883 3842 15320 45018
	295464	205180

8 Liability limited by guarantee

The company is a Trade Association limited by guarantee. Every Member has undertaken to contribute up to £1 in the event of the winding up of the company.

BRITISH VEHICLE RENTAL AND LEASING ASSOCIATION LIMITED NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

Note

9 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31st December 1996 (1995: £420000).

10 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at 31st December 1996 or 31st December 1995.

DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996	Income £	Expenses £	Net	1995 £
Subscriptions & Other Income Subscriptions: Ordinary members Group members Associate members Bank interest	263264 49743 54447 3322		263264 49743 54447 3322	242816 40255 51573 20459
Direct Cost of Services to Members External affairs Services to members Statistical survey Communications European affairs Technical & legal activities Maintenance of Association standards Hire fleet protection Education & training Members facilities	370776 7586 1495 - 1936 34 28737 16717	60308 55191 21309 16313 23242 72922 26924 16976 19759 81899	(60308) (47605) (19814) (19313) (23242) (70986) (26890) 11761 (3042) 84349	(57987) (54561) (16666) (22958) (22116) (160206) (34924) 16012 8420 85977
* Salaries & pensions * Rates, heat, light & insurance Cleaning, maintenance & repairs Equipment maintenance * Committee meetings - travel & subsistence Bank charges Sundry expenses * General legal & professional fees * Connection property & furniture * Donations (* Costs not otherwise directly allocated) Not cost of providing these services to Members Not cost of providing these services to Members		258374	(258374)	(120493) (10360) (3201) (4713) (13769) (12221) (1267) (2193) (4860) (280) (5000) (5478)
Deficit after providing these services - carried forward			(59688)	(91241)

DETAILED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SIST DECEMBER 1990 (CONTINUED)	Income £	Expenses £	Net.	1995 £
Deficit after providing these services - brought forward			(<u>59688</u>)	(91241)
Commercial Activities Vehicle Rental & Leasing magazine Seminars & conferences Functions & events Publishing & other products	53147 16724 138416 30935	43843 11432 79639 5723	9304 5292 58777 25212	29374 3397 51186 17614
Net surplus on commercial activities	239222	140637	98585	101571
Totals of income & expenditure	832751	793854		
Surplus before relocation expenses Surplus on sale of property net of exceptional relocation costs			38897 93841	10330
Surplus before taxation			132738	10330