FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

Company No. 925768

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors: M.A.W Hendry

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M.J Gladwyn T F Wright

Company Secretary: R P Gregory

Registered Office: Puttenham Priory

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Surrey GU3 1AR

Bankers: HSBC Bank Plc

27-32 Poultry London EC2P 2BX

Auditors: Moore Stephens

St Paul's House Warwick Lane

London EC4P 4BN

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2000.

Principal Activities

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The principal activity of the company was shipowning.

Review of the Business

On 10 October 1999, two of the Company's vessels were transferred to a fellow subsidiary company. The Company owns one vessel and is currently considering its future employment.

Fixed Assets

The movements in fixed assets are shown in note 9.

Results for the Year

The results for the period are disclosed on page 7.

Dividends

The directors paid a dividend of £18,463,878 during the year.

Directors and Directors' Shareholdings

The directors who held office during the period are as set out below.

M A W Hendry M.J Gladwyn A S Peacock T F Wright

(resigned 15 November 1999)

None of the directors had any interest in the shares of the Company.

The directors' interests in the shares of the parent Company are disclosed in that Company's financial statements.

Introduction of the Euro

The directors continue to review the issues concerning the introduction of the Euro and its likely impact on the Company. Although the directors will continue to review the implications of the introduction of the Euro, it is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company, ahead of the decision on the timing of the United Kingdom's entry to the Euro.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Payment Policy

The Company's strategy is to develop mutually beneficial relationships with key suppliers. The Company will agree appropriate terms and conditions of supply at the start of business, and seek to abide by those terms and conditions, provided that it is satisfied that the supplier has also complied with them.

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 these financial statements, the directors have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently; and
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- followed applicable accounting standards; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and 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.

Auditors

Moore Stephens have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their reappointment will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors was approved by the Board on 19 January 2001 and signed on its behalf by:

Robert Paul Gregory

Secretary

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BELFAST FREIGHT FERRIES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 - 14 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 5 the 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.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at 30 September 2000, and of the loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Moore Stephens Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

26 February 2001 London

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

Cost of sales (350,438) (18, Gross (loss) / profit from continuing operations (313,342) 2 Administrative expenses - (313,342) 2 (Loss) / profit on disposal of fixed assets - (313,342) 15 (Loss) / profit on ordinary activities before interest (313,342) 15 Interest receivable and similar income 5 - (19,000) 15 Interest payable and similar charges 6 - (19,000) 15 Interest payable and similar charges 6 - (19,000) 15 Gross (loss) / profit from continuing operations 2 (313,342) 2 Continued to the continuing operations 2 (313,342) 15 Continued to the continued to the continuing operations 2 (313,342) 15 Continued to the co	,509,617 140,973) ,368,644
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	4,925
(Loss) / profit on ordinary activities before toyation (212,242)	(650,066)
(515,342)	7,710,186
Tax on profit on ordinary activities 7	(612,647)
Net (loss) / profit after taxation (313,342) 1	7,097,539
Dividends payable 8 (18,463,878)	-
Retained (loss) / profit for the year 14 (18,777,220) 1	7,097,539

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above.

BALANCE SHEET

AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	301,879	9,994,812
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	2,356,728	19,341,789
Cash at bank and in hand		-	-
	_	2,356,728	19,341,789
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	-	(1,439,580)
Net current assets	-	2,356,728	17,902,209
Total assets less current liabilities	_	2,658,607	27,897,021
Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year	12	-	(6,461,194)
	- -	2,658,607	21,435,827
Capital and Reserves			
Equity called up share capital	13	100,000	100,000
Profit and loss account	14	2,558,607	21,335,827
Shareholders' Funds	15	2,658,607	21,435,827

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 19 January 2001 and signed on its behalf by:

Michael Alan Williamson Hendry Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies which the directors have adopted within that convention are set out below.

Turnover

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Turnover comprises income arising from charges to third parties and group companies, excluding value added tax. The segmental market serviced is the international shipping market.

Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on cost less estimated residual values of fixed assets on the straight line method over their effective lives as follows:

Vessels (operating fleet)

- over the remaining useful life of the vessels (maximum 25 years)

The company intends to review the life and residual value of its vessels at least once every 5 years.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Deferred taxation is provided in full, using the liability method, on all significant timing differences.

Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transactions. Fixed assets are translated into dollars at the date of acquisition. Other assets and liabilites denominated in foreign currencies are translated at a rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The US dollar rate applied at the year end is \$1.4785 = £1 (1999 \$1.6469).

Cash Flow Statement

The company is not required under FRS1 to prepare a cash flow statement. The cash flow is dealt with in a consolidated cash flow statement reported in the financial statements of the ultimate parent company.

Dry-docking Costs

Dry-docking expenditure is included in prepayments and released to the Profit and Loss account over the estimated period to the next dry-dock.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

2. OPERATING (LOSS) / PROFIT	2000	1999
	£	£
Operating (loss) / profit is arrived at after charging:		
Auditors remuneration	-	9,600
Depreciation	121,503	1,517,699
3. EMPLOYEES	2000	1999
J. BITE BOT EBS	£	£
The Directors are the only employees of the Company		
and they receive no remuneration.	Nil	Nil
4. DIRECTORS	2000	1999
	£	£
Directors Emoluments:		
Management Remuneration	-	110,138
Pension provision		11,197
	<u> </u>	121,335
5. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	2000	1999
5. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	£	£
Bank interest receivable		4,925
		4,925
6. INTEREST PAYABLE	2000	1999
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Interest on overdraft and loans from parent undertaking	-	6,082
Interest on bank loans not wholly repayable within five years		2,203
Interest on finance leases		641,781
		650,066

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

7. TAXATION	2000	1999
	£	£
Tax charge for the year: Deferred tax		
Corporation tax	-	702 716
Corporation tax		703,716 703,716
Prior year adjustments:	-	703,710
Deferred tax	_	(91,069)
Solding was	 	(91,069)
		(>1,00>)
		612,647
Movements in the deferred tax liability are set out in Note 13.		
8. DIVIDEND	2000	1999
	£	£
A Board Resolution was passed on 15 August 2000 declaring		
an interim dividend payable.	18,463,878	
9. FIXED ASSETS		Vessels £
Cost		
At 1 October 1999		15,753,976
Disposals		(14,830,931)
At 30 September 2000		923,045
Depreciation		
At 1 October 1999		5,759,164
Charge for the year		121,503
Disposals		(5,259,501)
At 30 September 2000		621,166
Net Book Value		
At 30 September 2000		301,879
At 1 October 1999		9,994,812

The net book value of tangible assets held under finance leases amounted to £ Nil (1999: £9,571,430) Depreciation charged on those assets amounted to £ Nil (1999: £1,040,530)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

10. DEBTORS	2000 £	1999 £
Amounts owing from group undertakings	2,356,728	19,341,789
	2,356,728	19,341,789
11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE	2000	1999
YEAR	£	£
Obligations under finance leases		1,439,580
		1,439,580
12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE	2000	1999
THAN ONE YEAR	£	£
Obligations under finance leases		6,461,194
	<u> </u>	6,461,194

At 30 September 1999, all creditors due after one year related to future vessel lease payments. On 22 October 1999 the leases were terminated and the ships were purchased by Cenargo Navigation (Hong Kong) Limited, a fellow subsidiary company.

	2000	1999
	£	£
Less than 1 year	-	2,017,054
1-2 years	-	2,024,748
2-5 years	-	5,626,375
Over 5 years	-	207,478
	-	9,875,655
Finance charges allocated to future periods	-	(1,974,881)
		7,900,774
Amounts falling due within one year	-	1,439,580
Amounts falling due after more than one year	-	6,461,194
		7,900,774

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

13. EQUITY CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	2000	1999
	£	£
Authorised		
500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	500,000	500,000
Issued and fully paid		
100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
14. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	2000	1999
	£	£
Balance at 1 October 1999	21,335,827	4,238,288
(Loss) / profit for the year	(18,777,220)	17,097,539
Balance at 30 September 2000	2,558,607	21,335,827
15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	2000	1999
	£	£
Total recognised (losses) / gains	(18,777,220)	17,097,539
Opening shareholders' funds	21,435,827	4,338,288
Closing shareholders' funds	2,658,607	21,435,827

16. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate parent company is Cenargo International Plc, a company registered in England and Wales and is controlled by Mr M.A.W Hendry.

17. GUARANTEES AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

On 19 June 1998 Cenargo International Plc refinanced the majority of its group borrowings by issuing US\$175 million of 9.75% First Priority Ship Mortgage Notes in the United States of America.

Belfast Freight Ferries Limited has guaranteed this loan note facility.

The company together with other group companies has guaranteed the obligations of a fellow subsidiary under two vessel operating leases.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has relied on the exemption under FRS8 from disclosing transactions with group companies on the basis that the company is a wholly owned subsidiary and is consolidated within publically available consolidated financial statements.