Timloc Building Products Limited
Annual report
for the year ended 31 December 2000

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2000

The directors present their report and audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2000.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is the supply of plastic building products for the building industry.

Review of the business and future developments

The company's profitability declined in the year due mainly to increased material cost and price pressures in the market. The directors are confident that the company can withstand these pressures and profitability will increase during 2001.

Results and dividends

The company's profit and loss account is set out on page 4. A dividend of £200,000 (1999: £400,000) was paid during the year.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

J D K Hewitt

(Resigned 31 May 2001)

M Tayloτ

R H Wilson

(Appointed 3 April 2000)

Directors' interests

Mr M Taylor and Mr R Wilson are directors of the ultimate parent undertaking and their interests in the share capital and share options of that company are shown in its directors' report. The other directors' interests in the share capital of Exparnet International PLC at the end of the year are set out below:

| | Ordi | Ordinary shares | |
|--------------|--------|-----------------|--|
| | 2000 | 1999 | |
| J D K Hewitt | 23,635 | 14,337 | |

| | | Op | tions over Ordin | ary shares |
|--------------|---------|---------|------------------|------------|
| | 2000 | Granted | Exercised | 1999 |
| J D K Hewitt | 121,784 | 96,000 | | 25,784 |

Statement of director's 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

By order of the Board

M Taylor Secretary

25 July 2001

Auditors' report to the members of Timloc Building Products Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report. As described on page 2 this includes responsibility for preparing the financial statements, in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Companies Act. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of audit 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 mis-statement, 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 company's affairs at 31 December 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Newcastle upon Tyne

25 July 2001

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2000

| | Note | 2000 | 1999 |
|---|------|---------|---------|
| | | £'000 | £'000 |
| Turnover | 1 | 3,136 | 3,190 |
| Cost of sales | | (1,396) | (1,314) |
| Gross profit | | 1,740 | 1,876 |
| Distribution costs | | (147) | (116) |
| Administrative expenses | | (1,373) | (1,267) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | 2 | 220 | 493 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 5 | (69) | (150) |
| Profit for the financial year | | 151 | 343 |
| Dividend paid | 6 | (200) | (400) |
| Retained loss for the financial year | 13 | (49) | (57) |

All result refer entirely to continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains or losses has been presented.

There are no differences between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and retained loss for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2000

| | Note | 2000 | 2000 | 1999 | 1999 |
|--|----------------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | £'000_ | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 7 | | 1,513 | | 883 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks and work in progress | 8 | 155 | | 185 | |
| Debtors | 9 | 477 | | 442 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 177 | | 504 | |
| | - | 809 | | 1,131 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 10 | (1,156) | | (852) | |
| Net current (liabilities)/assets | - - | | (347) | | 279 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 1,166 | | 1,162 |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 11 | | (123) | | (70) |
| Net assets | | | 1,043 | | 1,092 |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | |
| Called up equity share capital | 12 | | 3 | | 3 |
| Profit and loss account | 13 | | 1,040 | | 1,089 |
| Equity shareholders' funds | 14 | | 1,043 | | 1,092 |

The financial statements on pages 4 to 12 were approved by the board of directors on 25 July 2001 and were signed on their behalf by:

M Faylor Director

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

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

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts invoiced by the company, excluding value added tax, for goods supplied to external customers.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated over their respective estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Leasehold improvements

over life of lease

Plant and equipment

3 to 20 years

Stocks

Stocks and work-in-progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value and include an appropriate proportion of labour and manufacturing overheads.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method on all timing differences to the extent that a liability is expected to arise in the foreseeable future.

Pension costs

The expected cost of pensions in respect of the Expamet International PLC defined benefit pension scheme is charged so as to spread the cost of pensions over the average expected service lives of employees in the scheme.

Operating leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account as they fall due.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

1 Turnover

All turnover of the company arose in the United Kingdom.

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

| | 2000 | 1999 |
|--|---------------|-------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 156 | 133 |
| Operating lease charges | | |
| - plant and machinery | 42 | 56 |
| - other | 54 | 39 |
| Auditors' remuneration | | |
| - audit services | 7 | 6 |
| - non-audit services | 3 | 2 |
| | 2000 £'000 | £'000 |
| | | |
| Staff costs: | | |
| Wages and salaries | 629 | 626 |
| Social security costs | 45 | 45 |
| The average number employed by the company during the year was as follows: | | |
| | 2000 | 1999 |
| By activity | £'000 | £'000 |
| Production | 24 | 22 |
| Sales and distribution | 7 | 6 |
| Administration | 12 | 13 |
| | 43 | 41 |

4 Directors' emoluments

Aggregate emoluments were £Nil (1999: £49,863).

The number of directors to whom retirement benefits are accruing under the Expamet Group defined benefit scheme is 2 (1999: 2).

The number of directors exercising Exparnet International PLC share options in the year was £Nil (1999: £Nil).

5 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

| Tax on profit on ordinary activities comprises: | 2000 £'000 | £'000 |
|---|---------------|-------|
| | | |
| UK corporation tax at 30% (1999: 30.25%) | | |
| - current year | 18 | 130 |
| - prior year | (2) | (1) |
| | 16 | 129 |
| Deferred taxation | 53 | 21 |
| | 69 | 150 |

6 Dividend

| | 2000 | 1999 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Dividend paid on ordinary shares | 200 | 400 |

7 Tangible fixed assets

| | Short leasehold improvements £'000 | Fixtures and fittings | Plant and machinery | Total |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------|
| | | £'000_ | £'000 | £'000 |
| Cost | | | | |
| At 1 January 2000 | 61 | 149 | 1,614 | 1,824 |
| Additions | 71 | 47 | 668 | 786 |
| At 31 December 2000 | 132 | 196 | 2,282 | 2,610 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 January 2000 | 40 | 98 | 803 | 941 |
| Charge for the year | 8 | 6 | 142 | 156 |
| At 31 December 2000 | 48 | 104 | 945 | 1,097 |
| Net book amount | | | | |
| At 31 December 2000 | 84 | 92 | 1,337 | 1,513 |
| At 31 December 1999 | 21 | 51 | 811 | 883 |

8 Stocks

| | 2000 £'000 | 1999 £'000 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Raw materials and consumables | 67 | 64 |
| Work in progress | 1 | 1 |
| Finished goods and goods for resale | 87 | 120 |
| | 155 | 185 |

9 Debtors

| | 2000 £'000 | £'000 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Trade debtors | 448 | 399 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 29 | 43 |
| | 477 | 442 |

10 Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

| | 2000 | 1999 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| <u> </u> | £'000 | £'000 |
| Trade creditors | 288 | 311 |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | 708 | 333 |
| Corporation tax | 18 | 130 |
| Other taxation and social security | 65 | 50 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 77 | 28 |
| | 1,156 | 852 |

11 Provisions for liabilities and charges

| | 2000 £'000 | 1999 £'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| | | |
| Deferred taxation | | |
| At 1 January | 70 | 49 |
| Charged to the profit and loss account | 53 | 21 |
| At 31 December | 123 | 70 |

Deferred tax provided relates to accelerated capital allowances and represents the full potential liability.

12 Called up equity share capital

| | 2000 | 1999 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | £'000 | £,000 |
| Authorised, allotted and fully paid | | |
| 3,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each | 3 | 3 |

13 Profit and loss account

| | 2000 | 1999 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| | £'000 | £,000 |
| At 1 January | 1,089 | 1,146 |
| Retained loss for the financial year | (49) | (57) |
| At 31 December | 1,040 | 1,089 |

14 Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds

| | 2000 £'000 | 1999 £'000 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | |
| Profit for the year | 151 | 343 |
| Dividends | (200) | (400) |
| Net reduction in shareholders' funds | (49) | (57) |
| Shareholders' funds as at 1 January | 1,092 | 1,149 |
| Shareholders' funds as at 31 December | 1,043 | 1,092 |

15 Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2000 the company had annual non-cancellable operating leases expiring as follows:

| | 2000 | | | 1999 | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|----------------|--|
| | Land and buildings £'000 | | Land and buildings £'000 | Other £'000 | |
| | | £,000 | | | |
| Within one year | - | 7 | _ | 11 | |
| Within two to five years | - | 20 | - | 39 | |
| After five years | 53 | - | 39 | - | |
| | 53 | 27 | 39 | 50 | |

16 Pension commitments

The majority of company employees are members of the Expamet Group defined benefit pension scheme which is available to all eligible UK employees. The scheme is financed through separate trustee-administered funds.

The pension costs relating to the scheme are assessed in accordance with the advice of an independent qualified actuary using the projected unit method. Information on the results of the latest actuarial valuation is contained in the financial statements of Expamet International PLC.

17 Capital commitments

The company had capital commitments of £Nil at 31 December 2000 (1999: £Nil).

18 Contingent liabilities

The bank has automatic set-off right between balances held by the company and other UK Expamet group companies.

19 Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the year end an offer was received for the purchase of the entire share capital of Expamet International PLC, the ultimate parent undertaking, by Clifton House Acquisition Limited.

On 30 April 2001, having received acceptance from over 90% of shareholders the offer went unconditional and Clifton House Acquisition Limited commenced the purchase of the remainder of the shares under the provisions of section 429 of the Companies Act.

20 Ultimate parent undertaking

At the year end the ultimate parent undertaking, and ultimate controlling party, was Expamet International PLC, which is registered in England. Copies of the above group accounts can be obtained from Clifton House, 83/89 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, London W5 5TA. Following the purchase of the entire share capital post year end, the ultimate parent undertaking is Clifton House Acquisition Limited.

Transactions with other companies within the group are not disclosed as the company has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 "Related party disclosures", as the consolidated accounts of Exparnet International PLC, in which the company is included, are available at the address noted above.

The company is also exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised 1996) from preparing a cash flow statement.