English Butter Marketing Company Limited

Report and Accounts

31 March 1995



Registered No. 963152

DIRECTORS

J A Lloyd (Miss) (Chairman)

P Allanson-Bailey (Vice Chairman)

JWD Hall

J R Davenport

P Glover

R J Newton

SECRETARY

R J Newton

AUDITORS

Ernst & Young

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BANKERS

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REGISTERED OFFICE

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the company's accounts for the year ended 31 March 1995.

ACTIVITIES

The company's business is to promote the sale of English butter under the "Country Life" brand name, and it is intended that this remains the principal activity of the company.

ACCOUNTS

The results for the year are set out on page 5. There remained a profit of £273 (1994 - £744) which, after deducting taxation, resulted in an increase of £253 in the balance of retained profits.

The directors recommend that no dividend be paid.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors of the company remain in office until removed or on ceasing to be a director as provided by the Articles of Association. No director has a beneficial interest in the company's shares, and there are no contracts with the company in which a director of the company has any interest, or arrangements between the company and its directors whereby the directors are able to obtain benefits by the acquisition of shares or debentures of the company or any other body corporate.

The directors of the company during the year were as follows:

W J McMichael-Phillips (resigned 28 September 1994)

JWD Hall

P Allanson-Bailey

J R Davenport

M Elliott (resigned 29 March 1995)

J A Lloyd (Miss)

A D Swallow (resigned 1 June 1994)

G Ward (resigned 31 January 1995)

P Glover (appointed 28 September 1994)

R J Newton (appointed 29 March 1995)

The company maintained during the year liability insurance for directors and certain other officers.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

Secretary

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

to the members of English Butter Marketing Company Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 8, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

London

21 September 1995

English Butter Marketing Company Limited

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 1995

		1995	1994
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER	2	167,489	145,161
Administrative expenses		168,006	144,906
NET OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	3	(517)	255
Bank deposit interest receivable		790	489
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		273	744
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(20)	(66)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		253	678
STATEMENT OF RETAINED PROFITS			
Balance at 31 March 1994	0	2,717	2,039
Profit for the year		253	678
Balance at 31 March 1995		2,970	2,717

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those arising in the profit and loss account.

English Butter Marketing Company Limited

BALANCE SHEET

at 31 March 1995

		1995	1994
•	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	6	1,506	2,168
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7	54,917 34,073	27,264 25,863
		88,990	53,127
CURRENT LIABILITIES CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	87,476	52,528
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,514	599
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,020	2,767
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	9	50 2,970	50 2,717
Profit and loss account		3,020	2,767

RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

 At 1 April 1994
 2,767

 Profit for the year
 253

 At 31 March 1995
 3,020

21 September 1995

Director Director £

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 March 1995

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated evenly over their estimated useful lives. The following rate of annual depreciation calculated on cost is used:

1995

1994

Furniture and equipment - 15%

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents contributions receivable from members exclusive of value added tax.

NET OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT is stated after charging

	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	662	662
Auditors' remuneration	2,000	2,000
		
The directors received no remuneration during the year (1994 - nil).		
STAFF COSTS		
	1995	1994
	£	.£
Wages and salaries	25,117	36,285
Social security costs	1,753	1,702
Other pension costs	2,078	1,508
	28,948	39,495

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (1994 - 1).

The employee of the company is a member of a pension scheme operated by one of the shareholders. Payment by the company has been accounted for as if it was the cost of a defined contribution scheme.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 March 1995

5.	TAXATION			
	•		1995	1994
			£	£
	Corporation tax at 25%:		20	66
	Based on profit for the year			
6.	FIXED ASSETS	-		
				Net book
		Cost	Depreciation	value
		£	£	£
	Furniture and equipment			
	At 1 April 1994	4,719	2,551	2,168
	Charge for year		662	662
	At 31 March 1995	4,719	3,213	1,506
7.	DEBTORS			
			1995	1994
			£	£
	Due within one year:		52.210	26 596
	Trade debtors		53,310	26,586 678
	Other debtors		1,607	
			54,917	27,264
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8.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		1995	1994
	•		1993 £	1994 £
			Ĩ	Ι
	Trade creditors		_	8,499
	Taxation		20	66
	Accruals		35,456	4,963
	Contributions received in advance		52,000	39,000
			87,476	52,528

Contributions received in advance from members relate primarily to marketing support activities which are expected to take place within the next twelve months.

9. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised		A	Allotted called-up and fully paid	
	1995	1994	1995	1994	
	£	£	£	£	
Ordinary shares of 1p each	100	100	50	50	