FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995

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ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

Bibby Line Group Limited

DIRECTORS

Simon Patrick Sherrard - Chairman John Stewart Whewell Hogarth John William Connell Michael James Bibby Jonathan Haymer

SECRETARY

Bibby Bros & Co (Management) Limited

REGISTERED OFFICE

105 Duke Street Liverpool L1 5JQ

Incorporated in England and Wales Registered No. 989531

AUDITORS

Price Waterhouse Silkhouse Court Tithebarn Street Liverpool L2 2LJ

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on 7 May 1996 at 105 Duke Street, Liverpool for the following purposes:

To approve the Directors' Report and Accounts at 31 December 1995.

To re-appoint Price Waterhouse as Auditors of the Company for the ensuing year.

To transact any other ordinary business.

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member.

By Order of the Board

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Bibby Bros & Co (Management) Limited

Secretary

Duly Authorised Signatory For and on behalf of Bibby Bros. & Co. (Management) Limited

1 April 1996

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS 1995

The Directors present their Report together with the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 December 1995.

TRADING ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Company continued to be the management of vessels on behalf of fellow Group undertakings and other owners.

TRADING RESULT

The result for the year and the proposed transfer to reserves are set out in the Profit and Loss Account.

DIRECTORS

The Directors during the year were:

- S. P. Sherrard Chairman
- J. S. W. Hogarth
- J. W. Connell
- M. J. Bibby
- J. Haymer

The only interests of the Directors in shares of the Bibby Line Group companies were in shares of Bibby Line Group Limited.

The interests of Mr. S. P. Sherrard and Mr. M. J. Bibby in the shares of Bibby Line Group Limited are disclosed in the Directors' Report of that company.

The interests of the other Directors in the shares of Bibby Line Group Limited were as follows:-

	31 December Beneficial	1995 Other	1 January Beneficial	
J. S. W. Hogarth £1,000 Ordinary Shares	1	_	1	
J. Haymer £1,000 Ordinary Shares	2	_	<u>-</u>	_

Insurance has been taken out under Section 310(3) of the Companies Act 1985, for the officers of the Company against liabilities in relation to the Company.

REFORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

STATEMENT OF 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;
- 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.

AUDITORS

Price Waterhouse, being eligible, have indicated their willingness to be re-appointed.

CHANGES SINCE THE YEAR END

With effect from 1 January 1996 the Company will account for all of its activities in U.S. Dollars.

On 2nd January 1996 the authorised share capital was increased by US\$20,000,000 by the creation of 20,000,000 Dollar Ordinary Shares of US\$1.00 each.

On 2nd January 1996 the loan by Bibby Line Group Limited of £19,955,000 was recalled and replaced with a convertible unsecured loan amounting to US\$30,982,133.

By Order of the Board

Bibby Bros & Co (Management) Limited

Secretary

Duly Authorised Signatory For cad on behalf of Bibby Bros. & Co. (Management) Limited

1 April 1996

ACDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 18 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 4 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.

Opinion

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

PRICE WATERHOUSE

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Silkhouse Court

Tithebarn Street Liverpool L2 2LJ

BIBBY LINE LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995

	Note		1995 £	1994 £
Turnover	2		7,687,627	5,052,731
Operating Costs		(5,167,472)	(2,465,072)
Gross Profit Before Depreciat	ion		2,520,155	2,587,659
Depreciation		(72,497)	(82,812)
Gross Profit			2,447,658	2,504,847
Administration Expenses		(2,251,123)	(2,025,832)
Operating Profit			196,535	479,015
Profit (Loss) on Sale of Fixe Assets and Investments	d		1,355,676	(33,353)
Dividends From Group Undertak	ings		4,626,211	11,012,271
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Interest and Foreign Exchange Differences			6,178,422	11,457,933
Interest Receivable			324,312	203,286
Interest Payable		(2,904,443)	(2,930,918)
Foreign Exchange Differences		(363,371)	1,744,315
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	3		3,234,920	10,474,616
Taxation Credit	5		370,000	638,000
Profit for the Financial Year	•		3,604,920	11,112,616
Dividend	6			(225,000)
Profit Transferred to Reserve	es 15		3,604,920	10,887,616

There are no recognised gains or losses in 1995 or 1994 other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The turnover and profit on ordinary activities all derive from continuing activities which are unchanged from the previous year.

BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 1995

	Note	1995 £	1994 £
FIXED ASSETS		~	
Tangible Assets Investments	7 8	91,076 21,997,597	159,290 24,044,574
		22,088,673	24,203,864
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks Debtors Cash at Bank and in Hand	9 10	387,977 87,219,678 3,757,669	339,196 58,476,421 5,127,812
Creditors (amounts falling due		91,365,324	63,943,429
within one year)	11	49,343,280	20,726,617
Net Current Assets		42,022,044	43,216,812
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		64,110,717	67,420,676
Creditors (amounts falling due after more than one year)	12	30,018,276	36,847,175
Provisions for Liabilities and Charges	13		85,980
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called Up Share Capital	14	5,000,000	5,000,000
Profit and Loss Account	15	29,092,441	25,487,521
Shareholders' Funds	15	34,092,441	30,487,521
		64,110,717	67,420,676

Approved by the Board on 1 April 1996

S. P. Sherrard

M. J. Bibby

) Directors

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 DECEMBER 1995

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Basis

The Accounts are prepared under the historical cost accounting convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

Compliance with SSAP 20 "Foreign Exchange Translation" requires a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to unrealised gains on long term monetary items and an explanation is given in note 4.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are included at cost, less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis to write off fixed assets over the remaining useful life.

The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Vehicles - 25%

Office Equipment - Varying rates between 25% and 33%

Computer - 20%

Deferred Tax

Provision for deferred taxation, resulting from accelerated tax depreciation allowances, is made where a corporation tax liability might arise within the foreseeable future.

Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the approximate rates ruling at the year end with exchange differences being taken to the profit and loss account for the year. (Note 4)

Pension Costs

The cost of providing pensions is charged against profit on a systematic basis with pension surpluses allocated over the expected remaining service lives of current employees. Differences between the amounts charged in the profit and loss account and payments made to the pension scheme are treated as assets or liabilities.

Operating Leases

Lease rental is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis.

Cash Flows

A statement of Group cash flows has been included in the consolidated accounts presented by the ultimate parent undertaking. Accordingly, no statement is presented in these accounts.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover is the aggregate income earned from managing vessels and accommodation units on behalf of fellow subsidiaries and other owners.

3. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION is stated after charging (crediting) the following amounts:-

	1995	1994
	£	£
Staff Costs (see Notes 16 and 18)		
Wages and Salaries	2,050,244	1,715,597
Social Security Costs	189,447	155,362
Other Pension Costs	93,741	62,318
Auditors' Fees and Expenses (see below)	31,404	27,396
Interest Payable on Bank and Other		
Borrowings Repayable Within 5 Years	702,712	198,278
Interest Payable on Long Term Loans	2,278,064	2,568,367
Interest Payable to Group Undertaking	194,628	164,273
Bank Interest Receivable	(244,839)	(177,286)
Interest Receivable from Group		
Undertaking	(79,453)	(26,000)
Liquidation of Subsidiary		
Undertaking (Note 8)	(125,531)	(40,262)
Profit on Early Redemption of		
Interest Rate Swap	(1,227,595)	-
Profit on Early Redemption of		
Residual Fee	(270,962)	-

The audit fees of certain subsidiary undertakings have been borne by the Company for the year ended 31 December 1995.

Pension Costs

The Company is a member of the Group's two defined benefit pension schemes operated for its employees: Bibby Line Group Scheme and Bibby Bros. & Co. Superannuation Fund and Life Assurance Scheme (1972). The assets of the schemes are held in separate trustee administered funds. The methods by which the charges to revenue are calculated are explained in the statement of accounting policies.

The Bibby Line Group Scheme commenced on 1 January 1989 and no new members will join the Bibby Bros. & Co. Superannuation Fund and Life Assurance Scheme (1972) from 1 February 1989.

The pension costs for the year were £82,248 (1994 - £56,554) and are based on pension costs of the two schemes. Payments made to the pension funds are made by Bibby Line Group Limited and recharged to Group undertakings. In addition, other pension costs of £11,493 (1994 - £5,764) were paid to non-Bibby schemes.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

3. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION (Continued)

Pension Costs (Continued)

A provision of £Nil (1994 - £85,980) is included in provisions for liabilities and charges (Note 13) representing the excess of accumulated pension cost over the amount funded.

Details of the actuarial valuations of the Group's schemes are included in the notes to the accounts of Bibby Line Group Limited.

4. FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES

In accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 20 monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and exchange gains and losses are taken to the profit and loss account. The inclusion in the profit and loss account of unrealised translation gains on long term monetary items is a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and is necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

5. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

ON ORDINALLI ACTIVITIES		1995 £		1994 £
Under Provision in Prior Year for Purchase of Tax Losses Over Provision for Sale of Tax Losses		-	(1,000)
in Prior Year	(79,000)		-
Consideration for Sale of Tax Losses		449,000		639,000
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		370,000		638,000
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Tax losses amounting to £1,511,897 (1994 - £2,152,740) have been surrendered to another Group undertaking by way of Group Relief for a total consideration of £449,000 (1994 - £639,000).

6. DIVIDEND

	1995 £	1994 £
Interim Dividend Declared		207 222
30 December 1994		225,000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

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Cost at 31 December 1994	383,464
Additions Disposals	4,283 (12,050)
Cost at 31 December 1995	375,697
Accumulated Depreciation At 31 December 1994	224,174
Provision for Year Disposals	72,497 (12,050)
Accumulated Depreciation At 31 December 1995	284,621
Net Book Amount at 31 December 1995	91,076
Net Book Amount at 31 December 1994	159,290

8. INVESTMENTS

	Shares In Subsidiary Undertakings £	Shares in Associated Undertakings £	Other Investments £	Total
At 31 December 1994 Additions Disposals (Note 3)	106	810,000	334 950 -	24,044,574 811,056 (2,858,033)
At 31 December 1995	21,186,313	810,000	1,284	21,997,597

Details of shares held in subsidiary and associated undertakings are given in Note 19.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

9. STOCKS

		1995 £	1994 £
	Spare Gear and Consumable Stores	387,977	339,196
10.	DEBTORS	1995	1994
		£	£
	Trade Debtors Amounts Owed by Other	785,179	1,048,780
	Group Undertakings	85,531,385	38,742,777
	Amount Owed by Ultimate Parent Company	-	17,123,901
	Prepayments and Accrued Income	903,114	1,560,963
		87,219,678	58,476,421
11.	CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within one year)		
		1995 £	1994 £
	Finance Loans (see note 12) Trade Creditors Amounts Owed to Group Undertakings V.A.T. Accruals and Deferred Income Accrued Interest	7,792,897 4,318,616 36,193,721 99,466 642,218 296,362	4,576,086 2,946,555 12,306,557 40,655 517,973 338,791
		49,343,280	20,726,617

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

12.	CREDITORS (Amounts falling due
	after more than one year)

arter more than one year)	1995 ₤	1994 £
Finance Loans (see below) US Dollar Ship Finance - Residual Fee Drydock Creditor	29,819,883 - 198,393	35,283,522 1,422,180 141,473
	30,018,276	36,847,175

US Dollar ship finance loans, secured by statutory mortgages on certain vessels of the fleet and carrying interest at $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent above US Dollar LIBOR, are repayable by instalments over periods to 2001 as follows:-

	above US Dollar LIBOR, are repayable b 2001 as follows:-			
	2001 as lollows.	1995 £	1994 £	
	Within One Year Between One and Two Years Between Two and Five Years After Five Years	7,792,897 5,666,419 13,526,129 10,627,335	4,576,086 3,617,313 10,851,938 20,814,271	
		37,612,780	39,859,608	
13.	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	1995 £	1994 £	
	Provision for Pensions (Notes 1 & 3)	-	85,980	
14.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL Authorised, Allotted and Fully Paid:	1995 £	1994 £	
	4,996,102 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	4,996,102	4,996,102	
	3,548 10% Non-Cumulative First Preference Shares of £1 each	3,548	3,548	
	350 6% Non-Cumulative Participating Preference Shares of £1 each	350	350	
		5,000,000	5,000,000	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)

The rights attaching to the non-ordinary shares are as follows:

(1) Non-Cumulative First Preference Shares

- (a) The right to be paid out of the profits of the Company available for dividend and resolved to be distributed in respect of any financial year a fixed non-cumulative preferential dividend at a rate of 10% per annum in priority to any payment to the holders of any other class of shares but no other right to participate in the profits of the Company
- (b) The right to participate pari passu with the Ordinary Shares (but subject to prior rights of the Participating Preference Shares) in the assets of the Company in the proportion which the amount paid on the First Preference Shares bears to eighty times the amount paid up on the Ordinary Shares
- (c) No right to receive notice of or attend or vote at any general meeting except in the case of a meeting which is to consider the winding up or reducing the capital of the Company.

(2) Non-Cumulative Participating Preference Shares

- (a) The right to be paid out of the profits of the Company available for dividend and resolved to be distributed in respect of any financial year a fixed non-cumulative preferential dividend at a rate of 6% per annum ranking after payment of the dividend on the First Preference Shares and in priority to any payment to the holders of any other class of shares
- (b) The right to participate with the holders of the Ordinary Shares in the profits of the Company remaining available for distribution and resolved to be distributed in respect of any financial year after payment of the fixed preferential dividends on the First Preference Shares and the Participating Preference Shares and dividends at the rate of £2,000 per annum to the holders of the Ordinary Shares in the proportion which the amount paid up on the Participating Preference Shares bears to forty times the amount paid up on the Ordinary Shares in issue
- (c) The shares shall be redeemed at par at any time after 31 March 1990
- (d) The right in a winding up or reduction of capital to repayment of capital in priority to any repayment of capital on any other class of shares
- (e) No right to receive notice of or attend or vote at any general meeting except in the case of a meeting which is to consider the winding up or reducing the capital of the Company.

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15. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	£	
At 31 December 1994	25,487,521	
Retained Profit for the Year	3,604,920	
At 31 December 1995	29,092,441	
Movement on Shareholders' Funds	. 19 9 5 £	1994 €
Profit for the Financial Year Dividend	3,604,920	11,112,616 (225,000)
Opening Shareholders' Funds	3,604,920 30,487,521	10,887,616
Closing Shareholders' Funds	34,092,441	30,487,521

The share of the shareholders' funds attributable to non-equity interests is £3,898 (1994 - £3,898).

16. EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS

·	1995 £	1994 £
The Total Emoluments were:		
Management Remuneration	173,952	163,470

The emoluments, excluding pension scheme contributions, of the Chairman were Nil (1994 - Nil) and the emoluments of the highest paid Director were £59,657 (1994 - £57,865).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUES)

16. EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS (Continued)

The number of other Directors whose emoluments, excluding pension scheme contributions, fell within the scales indicated is as follows:

	1995	1994
Up to £5,000	1	1
£45,001 - £50,000	-	1
£55,001 - £60,000	2	1

17. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Bibby Line Group Limited, the ultimate parent company, a company registered in England. Bibby Line Group Limited is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group which consolidates these accounts and of which the Company is a member.

Copies of the accounts of Bibby Line Group Limited may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Bibby Line Group Limited, 105 Duke Street, Liverpool L1 5JQ.

18. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was:

	1995	1994
United Kingdom Personnel	89	71
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19. SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS

Percen	ntage o	Ť	
Equity	Share	Country of	Type of
Capita	ıl Held	Incorporation	Business
Subsidiary Undertakings			
Bibby Bulk Carriers Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Chemical Carriers Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Design & Publicity Services Ltd*	100	United Kingdom	Technical Services
Bibby Engineering Limited	100	United Kingdom	Technical Services
Bibby Freighters Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Gas Carrier Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby International Services Limited	100	Cayman Islands	Ship Management

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

19. SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

	Percentage of Equity Share Capital Held	Country of	Type of Business
Barton Time Charter Limited Bayton Shipping (SA)(Pty) Limited *	75 56.25	Isle of Man South Africa	Shipping Shipping
Bibby International Services (Cayman Islands) Limited *	100	Cayman Islands	Supply of Ships Crew
Bibby International Services (IOM) Limited *	100	Isle of Man	Ship Management
Bibby Marinor Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Maritime Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Models & Exhibition Services Limited	100	Scotland	Technical Services
Bibby Navigation Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Nominees (UK) Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Offshore (Qatar) Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Pool Partner Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Shipping (Cayman) Limited	100	Cayman Islands	Shipping
Bibby Tankers Limited *	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Technical Services Limite	d 100	United Kingdom	Technical Services
Bibby Transport Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Bibby Travel Limited	100	United Kingdom	Travel Agents
Britain Steamship Company Limit	ed 100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Herculanium Shipping Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Huskisson Shipping Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Lamport Investments Limited *	56.25	Isle of Man	Shipping
Langton Shipping Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
NMS Limited	100	United Kingdom	Technical Services
Resolution Accommodation Services Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Rumford Tankers Limited	100	United Kingdom	Shipping
Water Street Realty Inc.	100	USA	Property
Associated Undertakings			
Barton (Time Charter) Limited	50	United Kingdom	Shipping
Barton Shipping Group Limited *		United Kingdom	Shipping
Botany Bay Shipping Group Pty Limited *	50	Australia	Shipping
Offshore Design Engineering Limited	50	United Kingdom	Technical Services

^{*} Denotes interest not held directly by Bibby Line Limited.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

19. SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

On 20 February 1995 99 Ordinary £1 shares in Bibby Maritime Limited were transferred from Bibby Bulk Carriers Limited and 1 Ordinary £1 share was transferred from Bibby Nominees Limited to the Company.

On 29 January 1995 50,000 Ordinary 'B' shares in Offshore Design Engineering Limited were transferred from Bibby Technical Services Limited to the Company.

The Company is exempt under S228(A) of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts as consolidated accounts are prepared by the parent undertaking, Bibby Line Group Limited.

20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At the year end the Company had contingent liabilities of £14,717,015 (1994 - £10,564,552) in respect of guarantees given to the Group's bankers.