

SS 'GREAT BRITAIN' PROJECT LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST JANUARY 1996

Company Registration Number 1000878

MAXWELLS
Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors
73 Queen Square
Bristol
BS1 4JP



SS 'GREAT BRITAIN' PROJECT LIMITED**MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL****AS AT 31ST JANUARY 1996**

President	: HRH The Duke of York CVO ADC
Vice-Presidents	: The Reverend Dr Ewan Corlett OBE : Sir Jack Hayward OBE : J Paul Getty Jr KBE : Dr Basil Greenhill CB CMG
Chairman	: Sir Richard Gaskell
Vice-Chairman	: J A S Burn MC
Hon. Treasurer	: David M Parkes
Members	: M Andrews : J Anstey : Max Beaumont : Cdr J R Blake MBE : Lawrence Brandes CB : Rear Admiral E J W Flower CB : Dennis Griffiths : G A W Hicks : Richard Hill JP : Dr Andrew D Lambert : A T Mitchell C Eng : John Pool : Alderman Brian Richards JP : Roger W Smedley : Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal : Sir Robert Wall OBE

SS 'GREAT BRITAIN' PROJECT LIMITED

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1996

The Members of the Council have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st January 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year was the restoration of the ss 'Great Britain'.

There have been no significant changes in the objects for which the company was established.

RESULTS

The results for the year, the company's financial position and the movements on the Reserve Fund are shown in the attached financial statements.

The results for the year were disappointing. It should, however, be noted that from the start of the next financial period, income will be materially improved by receipts from the banqueting company, which has proved successful, under their licence to use the dining saloon.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The full membership of the Council at the year end is set out on the previous page.

Council members retire in rotation in accordance with the Articles of Association and the following, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election:

Dr Andrew D Lambert

John Pool

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Company law requires the Members of the Council to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the Members of the Council are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 8, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Members of the Council must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Members of the Council 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. The Members of the Council 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.

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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1996

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Maxwells as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office:
Great Western Dock
Gas Ferry Road
Bristol
BS1 6TY

Signed on behalf of the Council

M A Hawes

Mrs M A Hawes
Company secretary

Approved by Order of the Council on 28th February 1996.

SS 'GREAT BRITAIN' PROJECT LIMITED

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1996

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 11 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE AUDITORS

As described in their report, the Members of the Council of the company are responsible for the preparation of the 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 Members of the Council 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.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis assuming the continuing availability of adequate financing facilities, and no adjustment has been made to the recorded values of assets or liabilities. Due to the importance of this matter we consider that it should be drawn to your attention, but our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st January 1996 and of its loss for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

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28th February 1996

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

PURSUANT TO SECTION 248(3) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the financial statements of the above company and each of its subsidiary undertakings for the year ended 31st January 1996.

BASIS OF OPINION

The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to prepare group financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion, the company is entitled to the exemption from the requirement to prepare group accounts conferred by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.

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28th February 1996

SS 'GREAT BRITAIN' PROJECT LIMITED
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1996

	1996		1995	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Receipts from ss 'Great Britain'				
Trading Limited (Note 10)		68,637		93,586
Donations		11,592		38,558
Grants (Note 2)		69,982		5,000
Deeds of covenant and subscriptions		21,133		21,689
Friends of ss 'Great Britain' Project		1,057		1,390
Sponsor a Plank		5,454		9,337
Draw tickets		9,253		13,522
Miscellaneous income		2,968		3
		<u>190,076</u>		<u>183,085</u>
RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE				
Ship restoration costs	22,102		-	
Consultancy fees	4,957		-	
Museum and archives	781		2,009	
Deck repair	33,063		58,649	
Maintenance of ship	16,331		8,969	
Wages and salaries	65,354		59,704	
		<u>142,588</u>		<u>129,331</u>
		47,488		53,754
ADMINISTRATIVE OVERHEADS				
Salaries and personnel costs	65,065		48,960	
Redundancy and severance costs	-		4,591	
Dock rates	3,922		3,804	
Light and heat	1,967		3,011	
Insurance	13,250		11,960	
Repairs and maintenance	4,250		1,202	
Motor and travel	4,447		1,217	
Vehicle leasing charges	756		-	
Telephone	627		257	
Hire of equipment	717		1,314	
Printing, stationery and advertising	8,440		6,918	
Sundry expenses	2,810		2,146	
Auditors remuneration	2,056		1,998	
Lease termination payment	7,500		-	
		<u>115,807</u>		<u>87,378</u>
OPERATING DEFICIT		(68,319)		(33,624)
Bank interest payable		4,695		3,284
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		<u>(73,014)</u>		<u>(36,908)</u>

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

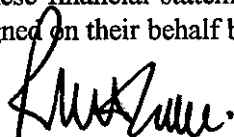
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BALANCE SHEET

31ST JANUARY 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets:			
ss 'Great Britain'	3.	1,000	1,000
Loan to subsidiary re premises and equipment	4.	160,701	160,701
Investments	5.	15,700	15,700
		<u>177,401</u>	<u>177,401</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors:			
Owing by subsidiary			
- trading account		-	36,932
Income tax recoverable		8,075	17,778
Prepayments		1,410	2,647
		<u>9,485</u>	<u>57,357</u>
Cash at bank and in hand		644	1,216
		<u>10,129</u>	<u>58,573</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	6.	<u>(114,719)</u>	<u>(89,149)</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(104,590)	(30,576)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>72,811</u>	<u>146,825</u>
Represented by:			
LONG TERM LOANS		200	1,200
RESERVE FUND BALANCE	9.	<u>72,611</u>	<u>145,625</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>72,811</u>	<u>146,825</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Council on the 28th February 1996, and are signed on their behalf by:



Sir Richard Gaskell



David M Parkes

SS 'GREAT BRITAIN' PROJECT LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

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

Company status

The Company is limited by Guarantee and is a registered charity.

Consolidation

Group accounts have not been prepared as, in the opinion of the Council, the inclusion of the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary in the Balance Sheet of the project would not be meaningful to the members. Accordingly, the exemption available to small companies under Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 has been invoked.

Cash flow statement

The Members of the Council have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small.

Turnover

All income is credited to the income and expenditure account upon receipt.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against income as incurred.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account. By virtue of the nature of the scheme no unfunded liability can arise.

2. GRANTS RECEIVED

The National Heritage Memorial Fund has grant aided the project to carry out essential repairs to the deck, masts and spars to a total of £201,490.

The bowsprit and fore topmast were replaced in the summer, and work is currently in hand to relace the deck. The amount received in respect of this work within the period amounted to £54,982.

English Heritage provided additional grant aid in the sum of £15,000 for replacement deck work. (1995 £5,000)

3. ss 'GREAT BRITAIN'

For the purpose of the Balance Sheet, the value of the ship is shown at a nominal figure of £1,000, all restoration costs being charged against income in the year in which they are incurred. The ship is insured against fire and other perils for £3m.

SS 'GREAT BRITAIN' PROJECT LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1996****4. LOAN TO SUBSIDIARY**

The substantial expenditure on the development of the short leasehold dockside premises by the Company's subsidiary has been wholly financed by a loan from the Company at a commercial rate of interest with no formal repayment terms.

The auditors of the subsidiary have qualified their report on the grounds that no depreciation has been charged on the leasehold expenditure and this treatment does not follow the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 12 issued by the Accounting Standards Committee. The Council are in agreement with the policy adopted in the accounts of the subsidiary since any charge for depreciation would not be fully deductible for tax purposes and a liability to Corporation Tax would ultimately arise.

5. INVESTMENTS

	1996	1995
	£	£
Shares in SS 'Great Britain' Trading Limited	100	100
Shares in SS "Great Britain" Banquets plc	15,500	15,500
National Savings	100	100
	<u>15,700</u>	<u>15,700</u>

SS 'Great Britain' Trading Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary.

The Company has a holding of 46,250 shares in SS "Great Britain" Banquets plc (equivalent to 6.6% of the equity share capital).

6. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	1996	1995
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	143	47,513
Trade creditors	23,976	15,649
Amounts owed to group undertakings	62,493	-
Other creditors including:		
PAYE and social security	3,801	3,146
Other loans	12,000	11,125
SS "Great Britain" Banquets plc	<u>10,619</u>	<u>10,619</u>
	26,420	24,890
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,687</u>	<u>1,097</u>
	<u>114,719</u>	<u>89,149</u>

The balance due to ss "Great Britain" Banquets plc represents funds advanced as temporary assistance to the company and no formal repayment terms have been agreed.

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7. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

	1996		1995	
	Group	Company	Group	Company
The average number of staff during the year was:				
Restoration and maintenance	5	5	5	5
Office and management	3	3	3	3
Trading Company staff	8	-	8	-
	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>

Staff costs during the year comprised:

	£	£	£	£
Restoration and maintenance	65,354	65,354	59,704	59,704
Administration	49,687	49,687	36,194	36,194
Trading Company staff	88,077	-	88,905	-
Social Security costs	16,625	9,887	15,706	8,656
Pension costs	9,421	5,491	8,156	4,110
Redundancy and severance costs	-	-	13,730	4,591
	<u>229,164</u>	<u>130,419</u>	<u>222,395</u>	<u>113,255</u>

No employee earned £40,000 per annum or more.

8. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31st January 1996 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	1996 Assets other than land and buildings £	1995 Assets other than land and buildings £
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 2 to 5 years	<u>10,800</u>	<u>2,869</u>

9. RESERVE FUND BALANCE

	1996 £	1995 £
Balance brought forward	145,625	182,533
Excess of expenditure over income for the year	<u>(73,014)</u>	<u>(36,908)</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>72,611</u>	<u>145,625</u>

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YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1996

10. NET TRADING PROFIT OF SS 'GREAT BRITAIN' TRADING LIMITED

	1996	1995
	£	£
INCOME		
Admission receipts (93,968 visitors; 1995 - 112,998 visitors)	206,398	211,696
Gross profit from sale of souvenirs	53,403	47,177
Miscellaneous	4,799	3,642
	<u>264,600</u>	<u>262,515</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Wages, salaries & national insurance	98,725	100,001
Redundancy & severance costs	-	9,139
Building maintenance & repairs	7,926	4,964
Insurance, heating & lighting	14,192	13,823
Printing, stationery advertising & promotion	46,759	23,125
Postage, carriage & telephone	5,217	5,236
Auditors fees	2,360	2,250
Bank charges & interest	2,427	701
Miscellaneous expenses	13,885	9,019
Depreciation	4,472	671
	<u>195,963</u>	<u>168,929</u>
	68,637	93,586
Interest to Holding Company on dockside development loan	13,870	8,839
Net profit covenanted to Holding Company	<u>54,767</u>	<u>84,747</u>