

GEORGE STAPLES (STOKE) LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1132901



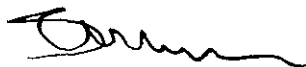
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Balance Sheet As at 31 December 1999

	Notes	1999 £	1998 £
Debtors			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	1	2,313,782	2,313,782
Total Net Assets		<u><u>2,313,782</u></u>	<u><u>2,313,782</u></u>
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	2	4,913	4,913
Share premium account		236,799	236,799
Profit and loss account		<u>2,072,070</u>	<u>2,072,070</u>
Total shareholders' funds		<u><u>2,313,782</u></u>	<u><u>2,313,782</u></u>

The company was dormant (within the meaning of section 250 of the Companies Act 1985) throughout the year ended 31st December 1999 and has resolved in General meeting not to re-appoint auditors

Signed on behalf of the Board



R.C.H. Vizard
Director
5th January 2000

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Notes to the accounts

	1999 £	1998 £
1 Debtors amounts falling due after one year		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>2,313,782</u>	<u>2,313,782</u>
2 Called up share capital		
<i>Authorised</i>		
550000 Ordinary shares of £0.01 each	<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,500</u>
<i>Issued</i>		
491300 Ordinary shares of £0.01 each	<u>4,913</u>	<u>4,913</u>
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3 Ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party		

In the opinion of the directors the company's ultimate controlling party is the ultimate parent undertaking, Franz Haniel & Cie GmbH, a company registered in Germany, by virtue of it's majority shareholding in the intermediate parent GEHE AG and it's consolidation of the GEHE AG Group results into it's own financial statements.