

GEORGE STAPLES (STOKE) LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1132901



GEORGE STAPLES (STOKE) LIMITED

Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2000

| | Notes | Year ended 31 December 2000 £ | Year ended 31 December 1999 £ |
|--|-------|--|--|
| Debtors | | | |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year | 1 | 2,313,782 | 2,313,782 |
| Total Net Assets | | <u>2,313,782</u> | <u>2,313,782</u> |
| Capital and Reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital | 2 | 4,913 | 4,913 |
| Share premium account | | 236,799 | 236,799 |
| Profit and loss account | | 2,072,070 | 2,072,070 |
| Total shareholders' funds | | <u>2,313,782</u> | <u>2,313,782</u> |

For the year ended 31 December 2000 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.


The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

(a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221;

and

(b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its result for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Signed on behalf of the Board


R.C.H. Vizard
Director
15 January 2001

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Notes to the accounts

| | Year ended 31 December 2000 £ | Year ended 31 December 1999 £ |
|---|--|--|
| 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> |
| | <u>4,913</u> | <u>4,913</u> |
| 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.