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FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

HAGER STENHOUSE & CO. QUALIFIED ACCOUNTANTS



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B T Kniveton

R D Rosling

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Danielle L Conn

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Registered Auditor and Qualified Accountants

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

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GREATER LONDON HIRE LIMITED REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

The directors present their annual report with the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th April 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was car, bike and van delivery services for both private and commercial customers.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

A summary of the results for the year is given on page 4 of the accounts. The directors consider the state of affairs to be satisfactory.

DIVIDENDS

The directors recommend a dividend of £81,580, which leaves a loss of £42,156 to be deducted from retained earnings.

FIXED ASSETS

Acquisitions and disposals of fixed assets during the year are shown in note 9.

In the opinion of the directors, the open market value of the company's leasehold property is not materially in excess of that shown in the accounts in relation to its use in the company's trade.

DIRECTORS

The directors in office in the year and their beneficial interests in the company's issued share capital were as follows:

	Ordinary <u>1996</u>	Shares of £1 each 1995
J M Scott B T Kniveton R D Rosling B T Kniveton and Others	6,312 88 -	6,312 88
(Non Directors, as Trustees) I R Gibbons (Non-Executive) (Appointed 27th February 1996)	1,600 -	1,600
		Non-Voting Shares of £1 each 1995
J M Scott B T Kniveton	4 1	4 1

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GREATER LONDON HIRE LIMITED REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

EMPLOYEES

The directors endeavour to ensure that as far as possible the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons is the same as for other employees. Should employees become disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment continues and appropriate retraining is received.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Hager Stenhouse & Co. are deemed to be re-appointed in accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

Danielle L Conn

Secretary

18th November 1996

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

We are required under company law to prepare financial 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 financial accounts we are required to:

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

J M Scott On behalf of the Board

18th November 1996

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF GREATER LONDON HIRE LIMITED

We have audited the financial accounts on pages 4 to 7 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7a.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial 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 financial accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial 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 financial 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 financial accounts.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30th April 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

In our opinion, the company is entitled for the year ended 30th April 1996 to the exemption conferred by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985, from the requirement to prepare group accounts.

HAGER STENHOUSE & CO.

Registered Auditor and Qualified Accountants

206 High Road

London N15 4NP

18th November 1996

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

	Notes	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
TURNOVER	2	3,695,826	3,563,092
Cost of Sales		2,128,627	2,007,622
GROSS PROFIT		1,567,199	1,555,470
Net Operating Expenses Administrative Expenses - Recurring Exceptional Item Service Charge Receivable	3	(2,005,523) (85,143) 633,339	(1,812,467) - 552,270
OPERATING PROFIT	4	109,872	295,273
Interest Payable	5	31,312	24,225
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		78,560	271,048
Tax on Ordinary Activities	8	39,136	107,963
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		39,424	163,085
Dividends Paid		81,580	145,500
RETAINED (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		£ (42,156)	£ 17,585 ———
STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS			
Retained Profit Brought Forward Retained (Loss)/Profit for the Year		323,765 (42,156)	306,180 17,585
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		£ 281,609	£ 323,765

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years.

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 1996

	Notes	£	<u>1996</u> £	£	199 <u>5</u> £
FIXED ASSETS		æ	đ.	d.	a.
Tangible Assets Investments	9 10		241,370 100		331,596 100
			241,470		331,696
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors Cash at Bank and in Hand	11	691,720 1,119		760,850 365	
CDED THOOK A B-112		692,839		761,215	
CREDITORS : Amounts Falling Due within One Year	12	(601,303)		(706,677)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			91,536		54,538
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	TIES		333,006		386,234
CREDITORS : Amounts Falling Due After more than One Year	13		43,392		54,464
			289,614	£	331,770
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Share Capital Profit and Loss Account	15 16		8,005 281,609		8,005 323,765
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	17	£	289,614	£	331,770

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

J M Scott Director

Approved by the board: 18th November 1996

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

	£	1996 £	£	1995 £
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES (Note 18)	s.	143,298	*	447,175
Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance Interest Paid Dividends Paid	33,509 81,580		50,396 145,500	
Net Cash Outflow from Returns on Investments and Servicing of Finance		(115,089)		(195,896)
Corporation Tax Paid		(70,759)		(26,168)
Investing Activities Payments to Acquire Tangible Fixed Assets Receipts from Sales of Tangible Fixed Assets	(18,189)		(47,239) 2,050	
Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities		(18,189)		(45,189)
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow before Financing		(60,739)		179,922
Financing Decrease/(Increase) in Amounts Owed by Subsidiary (Note 18) Issue of Share Capital (Note 18)	74,857 -		(102,694) 5)
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing		74,857		(102,689)
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Note 18)		14,118		77,233

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents the net invoiced sales of services, excluding VAT.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold Properties	The period of the lease
Motor Vehicles	20% on cost
Plant and Equipment	4%-15% on cost

Leased Assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Deferred Taxation

Deferred Taxation is provided on the liability method in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that tax liablities are likely to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit (1995 - profit) before taxation for the year is attributable to the principal activity of the Company which is car, bike and van delivery services for both private and commercial customers.

3. EXCEPTIONAL ITEM

This represents a provision for the permanent diminution in value of the company's long leasehold property.

4. OPERATING PROFIT

The Operating Profit is stated after charging:	<u>1996</u> €	<u>1995</u> £
Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets Provision for Permanent Diminution	23,272	26,691
in Value of Leasehold Property	85,143	-
Operating Lease Rentals - Plant	61,306	43,809
Interest Payable (Note 5)	31,312	24,225
Staff Costs (Note 6)	1,422,134	1,271,833
Auditors' Remuneration	9,850	9,650

Fees in respect of other services provided by the auditors in the year ended 30th April 1996 were £300 (1995 - £750).

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

5.	INTEREST	PAYABLE
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INTEREST TITTEDED	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
On Loans Repayable within Five Years Bank Overdraft Bank Loans	24,642 5,507	18,201 5,193
On Loans Repayable after Five Years Other Loan	1,163	831
	31,312	24,225

6. STAFF COSTS

The costs incurred, including directors remuneration (Note 7), were as follows:

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Wages and Salaries Pension Costs - Directors Pension Costs - Staff	1,372,757 28,018 21,359	1,231,081 25,510 15,242
	1,422,134	1,271,833

The average weekly number of employees during the year was 65 (1995 - 65).

Pension Costs - Defined Contribution Scheme

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an administered fund.

The pension cost charge represents contributions paid by the company to the fund and amounted to £49,377 (1995 £40,752).

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

7.	DIRECTORS'	REMUNERATION

. DIRECTORS REPORTED TO	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Directors' Remuneration Directors' Pension Scheme	237,922 28,018	208,168 25,510
DITECTOLS LEUSION DENEME		
Estimated Money Value of Benefits	265,940 - 	233,678 2,168
	265,940 	235,846
Emoluments, excluding Pension Contributions:		
Chairman and Highest Paid Director	115,076	106,700
Number of Other Directors whose total emolume Pension Contributions, were within the ranges	-	
	No.	No.
£ nil - £ 5,000	1	-
£40,001 - £45,000 £55,001 - £60,000	- 1	1
£60,001 - £65,000	1	-

8. TAXATION

The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities was as follows:

	<u>1996</u> £	1995 £
Corporation Tax Interest on Tax Paid Late	36,939 2,197	81,792 26,171
<i>,</i>	39,136	107,963

Corporation tax has been charged on the tax adjusted profit at 25% (1995 33%).

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

	9.	TANGIBLE	FIXED	ASSETS
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_		Motor Vehicles	Plant & Equipment	Land and Buildings	TOTAL
	COST OR VALUATION	£	£	£	£
	At 1st May 1995	19,005	341,606	166,111	526,722
	Additions in the year	-,,,,,,	18,189		18,189
	Disposals in the year	-	(1,493)	-	(1,493)
	At 30th April 1996	19,005	358,302	166,111	543,418
	DEPRECIATION				
	At 1st May 1995	9,664	177,822	7,640	195,126
	Write Off On Disposal		(298)	7,010	(298)
	Charge for the year	2,526	17,004	2,547	22,077
	Provision for Permanent	-,,,	_,,,,,,,	-,,,,	,
	Diminution in Value	-		85,143	85,143
	At 30th April 1996	12,190	194,528	95,330	302,048
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 30th April 1996	6,815	163,774	70,781	241,370
	At 30th April 1995	9,341	163,784	158,471	331,596
	Land and Buildings (Net Book	Values) Comp	rise:		
		varace, comp.	19	96	1995
				£	£
	Long Leasehold Short Leasehold		65,00 5,70		151,405 7,066
	Short Leasehord		2,1		7,000
			70,7	81	158,471
10.	FIXED ASSETS INVESTMENTS				
			<u>19</u>	<u>96</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
	Shares in Group Companies		11	00	100
	and of the otoop companies				

The company owns the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of Sloane Limited, which was incorporated in England.

The principal activity of Sloane Limited in the year under review was to trade under contract as distribution agents and carriers of parcels and packages.

Greater London Hire Limited is exempted from preparing group accounts under the provisions of Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985, and is presenting figures as an individual undertaking not as a group.

⁽a) The aggregate amount of its capital and reserves as at 30th April 1996 was £38,411 (1995 £33,792)

⁽b) Its profit for the year ended 30th April 1996 was £4,619 (1995 £156)

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

11. DEBTORS

Amounts due within one year:	<u>1996</u> £	199 <u>5</u>
Trade Debtors Amount Due from Subsidiary Company Sundry Debtors and Prepayments Directors' Loan Accounts (see below)	553,400 60,272 75,876 2,172	545,586 135,129 56,777 23,358
	691,720	760,850

At 30th April 1996 the company was owed £14,387 by a director, J.M. Scott. It has been agreed that this will be repaid by 1st January 1997. The amount due at the beginning of the year was £32,990 and the above amounts were not exceeded during the year.

12. CREDITORS:

Amounts falling due within one year:	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Bank Loans and Overdrafts (see below) Trade Creditors ACT Payable Other Creditors:	207,890 95,010 18,010	210,182 87,119 36,375
Taxation Social Security and Other Taxes Sundry Creditors and Accruals	29,962 216,470 33,961	45,417 291,796 35,788
	601,303	706,677
Bank Overdraft Bank Loans	188,911 18,979	198,236 11,946
	207,890	210,182

The bank loans and overdraft are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets and related undertakings of the company.

13. CREDITORS:

Amounts falling due after more than one year:

<u>1996</u>	1995
£	£
33,392	44,464
10,000	10,000
43,392	54,464
	33,392 10,000

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

14. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Deferred taxation is attributable to:	<u>1996</u> £	covided 1995 £	<u>Unpr</u> 1996 £	covided 1995 £
	Capital allowances =	_	-	27,318	36,154
15.	SHARE CAPITAL		1 <u>996</u>		<u>1995</u> £
	Authorised: 8,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each		8,000		8,000
	100 'A' Non-Voting Ordinary Shares of £1 each	•	100		100
	Allotted, Issued and Fully Paid: 8,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each 5 'A' Non-Voting Ordinary Shares		8,000		8,000
	of £1 each		5		5
			8,005		8,005

During the year ended 30th April 1995, 5 'A' Non-Voting Ordinary Shares of £1 each were allotted and fully paid for cash at par to widen the capital base of the Company. Dividend and other rights on these shares are as decided by the board of directors.

16. RESERVES

	Profit & <u>Loss A/c</u> £
At 1st May 1995	323,765
Retained Loss for the Year	(42,156)
At 30th April 1996	281,609

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

17.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS'	FUNDS	
		1996 £	<u>1995</u> £
	Profit for the Financial Year	39,424	163,085
	Dividends	81,580	145,500
		(42,156)	17,585
	New Share Capital Subscribed	-	5
	Net Movement in Shareholders' Funds	(42,156)	17,590
	Opening Shareholders' Funds	331,770	314,180
	Closing Shareholders' Funds	289,614	331,770

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

18. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
		<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Operating Profit		109,872	295,273
Depreciation Charges Provision for Permanent Diminution		22,077	21,735
in Value of Leasehold Property		85,143	_
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	•	1,195	4,956
(Increase) in Debtors (Decrease)/Increase in Creditors		(5,727) (69,262)	(70,874) 196,085
		143,298	447,175
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET			
Balance at 1st May 1995 Net Cash Inflow		(254,281) 14,118	(331,514) 77,233
Balance at 30th April 1996		(240,163)	(254,281)
ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET			
	1006	1005	Change
	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £	<u>in year</u> £
Cash at Bank and in Hand Bank Loans and Overdraft	1,119 (241,282)	365 (254,646) —	754 13,364
	(240,163)	(254,281)	14,118

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING DURING THE YEAR

Balance at 1st May 1995 Cash Inflow from Financing	Amount Owed by Subsidiary £ (135,129) 74,857	Share Capital £ 8,005
Balance at 30th April 1996	(60,272)	8,005

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

	<u>1996</u> £	. 1995 € £ £
SALES	3,695,8	
COST OF SALES		
Direct Costs	2,128,62	2,007,622
GROSS PROFIT	1,567,19	99 1,555,470
Service Charges	633,33	552,270
	2,200,53	2,107,740
LESS OVERHEADS		
Administration	1,706,160	1,541,698
Directors' Remuneration	265,940	233,678
Auditors' Remuneration	10,150	10,400
Financial	31,312	24,225
Depreciation	108,416	26,691
·	2,121,97	1,836,692
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	£ 78,56	£ 271,048

SCHEDULE TO THE TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH APRIL 1996

	<u> 1996</u>	<u> 1995</u>
Adulat sturtto	£	£
Administration Salaries and Wages	1 104 005	4 000 040
Staff Pension Scheme	1,134,835	1,022,913
	21,359	15,242
Motor Running Expenses Travel and Subsistence	23,865	28,668
Repairs and Renewals	2,340	2,437
"	7,848	4,949
Telephone and Facsimilie Charges	63,019	53,736
Printing Postage and Stationery Advertising - Sales and General	57,596	45,743
-	49,062	49,620
Advertising - Recruitment	44,554	45,011
Heating and Lighting	12,121	11,438
Training - Staff and Drivers	362	2,291
Insurances Rent and Rates	18,728	23,854
	87,645	81,599
Equipment and Aerial Expenses	44,567	32,217
Computer Maintenance & Supplies	23,241	24,246
Bank Charges	20,904	20,704
Legal and Professional Fees	9,557	6,760
Leasing Charges	61,306	43,809
Bad Debts	6,976	10,874
Canteen and Cleaning	9,689	7,969
Sundry Expenses	6,586	7,618
	1,706,160	1,541,698
Directors' Remuneration		
Directors' Remuneration	237,922	208,168
Directors' Pension Scheme	28,018	25 , 510
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	265,940	233,678
Auditors' Remuneration		
Auditors' Remuneration	9,850	9,650
Auditors' Remuneration - Non Audit Work	300	
Made Sold Remailer action Not Made to Work	300	750 ————
	10,150	10,400
Financial		
Loan Interest	6,670	6,024
Bank Interest	24,642	_
Daik Intelest		18,201
	31,312	24,225
Depreciation		
Depreciation Leasehold Property	87,690	o che
Depreciation Motor Vehicles		2,547
Depreciation Plant & Equipment	2,526 17,005	4,057
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	17,005 1 105	15,131
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	108,416	26,691
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