

# **Priordrive Limited**

## **Report and Accounts**

**31 August 2003**

**Registration number 1174940**



**Priordrive Limited**  
**Directors and Officers**

**DIRECTORS**

McCarthy & Stone (Group Services) Limited  
McCarthy & Stone Corporate Services Limited

**SECRETARY**

McCarthy & Stone (Group Services) Limited

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Homelife House  
26-32 Oxford Road  
Bournemouth  
Dorset

**AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young LLP  
Southampton  
Hampshire

**BANKERS**

Nat West Bank plc  
Christchurch  
Dorset

**SOLICITORS**

Travers Smith Braithwaite  
Snow Hill  
London

**Priordrive Limited**  
**Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2003.

**Business Review**

The company's business is property owning and letting.

**Results and Dividends**

The company did not trade in the year ended 31 August 2003 (2002 - £8,000 profit). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2002 - £Nil).

**Directors And Their Interests**

A list of the present directors is shown on page 1.

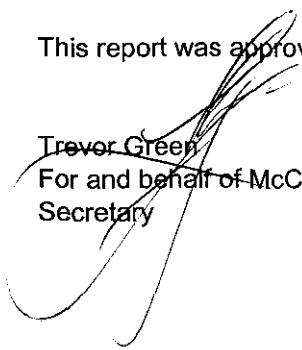
All of the directors held office throughout the period covered by the accounts.

No director has any interest in the share capital of the company.

**Auditors**

A resolution to appoint Ernst & Young LLP as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the board on 07/06/2004



Trevor Green  
For and behalf of McCarthy & Stone (Group Services) Limited  
Secretary

**Priordrive Limited**  
**Statement of Directors' Responsibilities**

Company law requires the directors to prepare 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 for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining 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 accounts 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.

# **Priordrive Limited**

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

### **To The Members of Priordrive Limited**

We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2003 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 9. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors**

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and accounting standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 affairs of the company as at 31 August 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Ernst & Young  
Registered Auditor  
Southampton

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**Priordrive Limited**  
**Profit and Loss Account**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2003**

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Turnover	2	-	326,450
Cost of sales		-	(316,450)
Gross Profit		-	10,000
Operating profit		-	10,000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		-	10,000
Taxation on ordinary activities before taxation	3	-	(2,000)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		-	8,000
Retained profit for the year	6	-	8,000

**Continuing operations**

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

**Statement of total recognised gains and losses**

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the above two financial years. A reconciliation of shareholders funds and movements on reserves is given as note 7 to the accounts.

**Priordrive Limited**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 August 2003**

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Debtors	4	11,000	11,000
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	5	3,000	3,000
Profit and loss account	6	8,000	8,000
	7	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>



Matthew Thorne  
For and on behalf of McCarthy and Stone Corporate Services Ltd  
Director  
Approved by the board on 07/06/2004

**Priordrive Limited**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**at 31 August 2003**

**1 Accounting policies**

The following accounting policies have been used in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company accounts.

**Basis of accounting**

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

**Cashflow Statement**

No cashflow statement has been prepared for the company as it is itself a wholly owned subsidiary. A group consolidated cashflow statement is included in the accounts of the ultimate parent undertaking, McCarthy & Stone plc.

**Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less, tax have occurred at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences reverse, based on tax rates enacted at the balance sheet date.

**2 Turnover**

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, represents amounts invoiced to third parties and relates to continuing operations.

**3 Tax on profit on ordinary activities**

	2003 £	2002 £
Current tax on income for the period and tax charge per accounts	-	2,000
Anticipated tax charge based on profit before tax at 20.0% (small companies rate) and actual current tax charge at 20.0%	-	2,000

**4 Debtors**

	2003 £	2002 £
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	11,000	11,000

**Priordrive Limited**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**at 31 August 2003**

<b>5 Share capital</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Authorised:		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>

	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Allotted, called up and fully paid:				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>

<b>6 Profit and loss account</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 September	8,000	-
Retained Profit/(Loss)	<u>-</u>	<u>8,000</u>
At 31 August	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,000</u>

<b>7 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 September	11,000	3,000
Retained profit for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>8,000</u>
At 31 August	<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>

**8 Ultimate Parent Undertaking**

The company is wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of McCarthy & Stone plc, which is registered in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts of McCarthy & Stone plc are those of both the smallest and largest group of which the company is a member and for which group accounts are prepared. Copies of the group accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary, Homelife House, 26-32 Oxford Road, Bournemouth.

**9 Related Parties**

The company has taken advantage, as a 100% subsidiary, of the exemption available under FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with members of the McCarthy & Stone plc Group.