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BIBBY MARITIME LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

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#### PARENT UNDERTAKING

Bibby Line Limited

#### ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

Bibby Line Group Limited

#### DIRECTORS

John Stewart Whewell Hogarth Michael James Bibby Jonathan Haymer

#### SECRETARY

Bibby Bros. & Co. (Management) Limited

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

105 Duke Street Liverpool L1 5JQ

Incorporated in England and Wales Registered No. 1195555

#### **AUDITORS**

PricewaterhouseCoopers 8 Princes Parade St. Nicholas Place Liverpool L3 10J

#### FLEET

'Bibby Marinia'
'Casa Marina'
'Bibby Progress'
'Bibby Challenge'
'Bibby Altona'
'Bibby Kalmar'
'Bibby Stockholm'
'Bibby Goteborg'
'Malin Viking'
'Bibby Malmo'

Jack-Up Accommodation Vessel Floating Accommodation Vessel

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on 15 May 2000 at 105 Duke Street, Liverpool for the following purposes:

To approve the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1999.

To consider the attached Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1999.

To re-elect Directors.

To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.

To transact any other ordinary business.

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member.

By order of the Board

Bibby Bros. & Co. (Management) Limited

Secretary

4 April 2000

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

The Directors present their Report together with the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1999.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is the ownership and operation of ships.

#### TRADING RESULT

The result for the year is set out in the Profit and Loss account. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

#### FIXED ASSETS

On 8 February 1999 the Company took delivery of the accommodation unit 'Flotel Malmo' which was subsequently renamed 'Bibby Malmo'.

# YEAR 2000

The Company did not experience any significant Year 2000 issues. The Company is aware of the continuing risk from this issue but continues to rely on its preparatory work. Costs incurred were not significant.

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The Directors during the year were:

- S. P. Sherrard Chairman Resigned 31 December 1999
- J. S. W. Hogarth
- M. J. Bibby
- J. Haymer

The only interests of the Directors in shares of the Bibby Line Group companies were in shares of Bibby Line Group Limited.

The interests of Mr. M. J. Bibby and Mr. J. Haymer in the shares of Bibby Line Group Limited are disclosed in the Directors' Report of that company.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 (CONTINUED)

## DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS (Continued)

The interests of the other Director in the shares of Bibby Line Group Limited were as follows:-

31 December 1999 Beneficial

1 January 1999 Beneficial

J. S. W. Hogarth £1,000 Ordinary Shares

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# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements 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 statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements 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 statements 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.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 (CONTINUED)

#### **AUDITORS**

PricewaterhouseCoopers have expressed their willingness to continue in office as Auditors and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

Bibby Bros. & Co. (Management) Limited

Secretary

4 April 2000

# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BIBBY MARITIME LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report. As described on page 4, this includes responsibility for preparing the financial statements, in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance.

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 United Kingdom Companies Act. 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 is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

# Basis of Audit 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 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 the Company's affairs at 31 December 1999 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Milwaterhouse Coopers

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Liverpool

4 April 2000

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

	Note	1999 US\$	1998 US\$
Turnover	3	11,016,291	14,566,869
Operating Costs		(11,068,914)	(11,010,876)
Administration Expenses		(678,537)	(702,002)
Foreign Exchange Differences	5	58,411	81,738
Operating (Loss)/Profit		(672,749)	2,935,729
Interest Receivable		68,245	72,979
Interest Payable	4	(997,459)	(781,315)
Profit of Sale of Fixed Assets		111,143	-
(Loss)/Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	4	(1,490,820)	2,227,393
Taxation Credit/(Charge)	6	453,669	(1,134,235)
(Loss)/Profit for the Financial Year Transferred to Reserves	13	(1,037,151)	1,093,158

The Company has no recognised gains or losses in 1999 and 1998 other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The turnover and (loss)/profit on ordinary activities all derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1999

31 DECEMBER 1999	Note	1999 US\$	1998 US\$
FIXED ASSETS: Tangible Assets	7	29,768,568	31,796,878
CURRENT ASSETS: Debtors Cash at Bank	8	1,010,912 1,312,026	1,235,705 3,388,001
Conditors (Amounts Folling		2,322,938	4,623,706
Creditors (Amounts Falling Due Within One Year)	9	(9,598,697)	(15,514,624)
Net Current Liabilities		(7,275,759)	(10,890,918)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		22,492,809	20,905,960
Creditors (Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year)	10	13,800,000	11,000,000
Provision for Liabilities and Charges	11	3,690,000	3,907,628
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:			
Called up Share Capital	12	155	155
Profit and Loss Account	13	5,002,654	6,039,805
Equity Shareholders' Funds	14	5,002,809	6,039,960
		22,492,809	20,905,960

Approved by the Board on 4 April 2000

J. Haymer Director

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Accounting Basis

The financial statements are stated in US Dollars. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the method used to translate the issued share capital and the carrying value of the vessels to US Dollars, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

The US Dollar value of the vessels at 31 December 1995 was arrived at by converting from Sterling at the exchange rate ruling at 31 December 1995. Subsequent additions are stated at cost.

The US Dollar value of the issued share capital at 31 December 1995 was arrived at by converting from Sterling at the exchange rate ruling at 31 December 1995.

#### Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis to write off the cost of the accommodation vessels over their useful economic lives of between ten and thirty years.

#### Fleet Insurance

The accommodation vessels are fully insured outside of the Group.

# Repairs Allowance

The fleet is surveyed in line with classification society and international requirements. Drydocking is carried out on a minimum 30-month cycle and an allowance is made annually for a pro-rata proportion of the estimated drydocking costs.

#### Deferred Tax

Provision for deferred taxation resulting from accelerated tax depreciation allowances is made where a corporation tax liability might arise within the foreseeable future.

# Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted into US Dollars at the approximate rates ruling at the year end. (Note 5)

Trading transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into US Dollars at the exchange rate ruling on the date of the transaction or at an average rate for the year where appropriate.

# Cash Flows

A statement of Group cash flows has been included in the consolidated accounts presented by the ultimate parent undertaking. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised 1996).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 (CONTINUED)

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

# Related Party Transactions

Under Financial Reporting Standard 8, the Company is exempt from disclosing related party transactions, as more than 90% of the voting rights are controlled by the ultimate parent undertaking, Bibby Line Group Limited.

Transactions between Bibby Line Group Limited and its related parties and a statement of substantial shareholdings in Bibby Line Group Limited are included in that company's consolidated financial statements.

#### CHANGE IN PRESENTATION

The Company has changed the presentation of costs incurred in relation to dry-docking on the grounds that the Directors believe that the new presentation more fairly reflects the substance of accounting for dry-docking costs.

The policy in relation to the accounting for dry-docking costs is disclosed in Note 1.

The profit and loss account is charged costs of maintaining ships to a seaworthy standard on an accrual basis. Under the previous presentation these costs were included in provisions. Under the new treatment these costs are shown as repairs allowance in fixed assets.

There is no impact on the profit and loss account.

#### 3. TURNOVER

Turnover is the charter hire earned.

# 4. (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION is stated after charging the following amounts:-

	1999 US\$	1998 US\$
Denvegiation	4,073,094	3,803,171
Depreciation Interest Payable on Finance Loans	997,459	781,315

There were no emoluments paid to the Directors for the year (1998 - Nil).

Auditors' remuneration is borne by the parent company.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 (CONTINUED)

#### 5. FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES

In accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 20, monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and exchange gains and losses are taken to the profit and loss account. The inclusion in the profit and loss account of unrealised translation gains on long term monetary items is a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and is necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

# 6. TAXATION CREDIT/(CHARGE)

	1999 US\$	1998 US\$
Deferred Taxation Credit/(Charge)(Note 11)	176,000	(434,000)
Provision for Sale of Tax Losses	462,558	(444,235)
Under Provision for Purchase of Tax Losses in Previous Year	(988,297)	-
Provision for Overseas Taxation	-	(256,000)
Over Provision for Overseas Taxation in Previous Year	803,408	
	453,669	(1,134,235)

Deferred taxation, calculated under the liability method, has been provided at a Corporation Tax rate of 30% (1998 - 30%) to the extent set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies being mainly in respect of accelerated tax depreciation allowances.

If full provision had been made for deferred taxation, the tax credit (1998 - charge) for deferred taxation in the profit and loss account would have been increased by US\$117,638 (1998 - US\$288,920).

Corporation tax liability has been reduced to nil by the sale (1998 - purchase) of tax losses amounting to US\$1,701,067 (1998 - US\$1,627,670) (from) another Group undertaking by way of Group Relief for US\$462,558 (1998 - US\$444,235).

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 (CONTINUED)

7.	Cost or Valuation (see Note 1): At 31 December 1998 Additions  At 31 December 1999  Accumulated Depreciation: At 31 December 1998 Charge for the Year  At 31 December 1999  Repairs Allowance: At 31 December 1998 Charge for the Year  Utilised During the Year  At 31 December 1999  Net Book Amount at 31 December 1999  Net Book Amount at 31 December 1998		Fleet US\$  51,286,064 2,394,431  53,680,495  (19,447,558) (4,073,094)  (23,520,652)  (41,628) (349,647)  (391,275)  29,768,568  31,796,878
	Net Book Amount at 31 December 1998		31,796,878
8.	DEBTORS	1999 US\$	1998 US\$
	Trade Debtors	1,010,912	1,235,705

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 (CONTINUED)

# 9. CREDITORS

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	1999	1998
	US\$	US\$
Finance Loan (see note 10)	-	2,450,000
Amounts Owed to Group Undertakings	9,448,372	11,294,501
Overseas Taxation	-	1,033,140
Accruals and Deferred Income	150,325	736,983
	9,598,697	15,514,624

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

# 10. CREDITORS

(Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year)

	1999 US\$	1998 US\$
Finance Loan (see below)	13,800,000	11,000,000

The US Dollar ship finance loan, secured by statutory mortgages over certain vessels of the fleet, is repayable by instalments over the period to 2004 as follows:-

	1999 US\$	1998 US\$
Within One Year Between One and Two Years Between Two and Five Years	13,800,000	2,450,000 4,000,000 7,000,000
	13,800,000	13,450,000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 (CONTINUED)

# 11. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

					US\$
	At 31 December 1998				3,866,000
	Deferred Taxation Tra Profit and Loss Acc		5)		(176,000)
	At 31 December 1999				3,690,000
	The balance on the de	eferred taxat	cion account	is analysed	as follows:
		1 1999 US\$	Provided 1998 US\$	<b>Un</b> j 1999 US\$	p <b>rovided</b> 1998 US\$
	Accelerated Capital Allowances	3,690,000	3,866,000	2,460,000	2,578,000
12.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPIT	TAL .			
				1999 US\$	1998 US\$
	Authorised, Allotted 100 Ordinary Equity S			155 ——	155
13.	RESERVES			Prof	it and Loss Account US\$
	At 31 December 1998 Loss for the Financia	al Year			6,039,805 (1,037,151)
	At 31 December 1999				5,002,654

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999 (CONTINUED)

# 14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1999 US\$	1998 US\$
Loss for the Financial Year	(1,037,151)	1,093,158
Opening Equity Shareholders' Funds	6,039,960	4,946,802
Closing Equity Shareholders' Funds	5,002,809	6,039,960

#### 15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At the year end the Company had contingent liabilities of US\$388,988 (1998 - US\$368,045) in respect of a guarantee given by Bibby Line Limited to that company's bankers.

#### 16. PARENT UNDERTAKING

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Bibby Line Limited, which itself is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Bibby Line Group Limited both of which are registered in England. Bibby Line Group Limited is the parent undertaking of the largest group which consolidates these accounts and of which the Company is a member. Bibby Line Limited is the parent undertaking of the smallest group which consolidates these accounts and of which the Company is a member.

Copies of the accounts of Bibby Line Group Limited may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Bibby Line Group Limited, 105 Duke Street, Liverpool L1 5JQ.