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WILLIAMS GRAND PRIX ENGINEERING LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2000.

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued unchanged as that of running a Formula 1 Grand Prix racing team.

The results for the year and the financial position at the year end were considered satisfactory by the directors who expect continued growth in the foreseeable future.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

An interim ordinary dividend was paid amounting to £530,000. The directors recommend payment of a final dividend amounting to £800,000.

Market value of land and buildings

In the opinion of the directors the market value of land and buildings is not materially different from the current net book value.

Future developments

The directors have great expectations for the ensuing Grand Prix season, especially with the introduction of the BMW engine.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 December 1999:

F O G Williams Esa.

PM Head Esq.

D Mayall Esq.

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary	shares of £1 each
	30 November 2000	1 December 1999
F O G Williams Esq.	70,000	70,000
P M Head Esq.	30,000	30,000
D Mayall Esq.	-	-

Employee involvement

The company's policy is to consult and discuss with employees, through unions, staff councils and at meetings, matters likely to affect employees' interests.

Information of matters of concern to employees is given through information bulletins and reports which seek to achieve a common awareness on the part of all employees of the financial and economic factors affecting the company's performance.

Disabled persons

It is the company's policy to offer equal opportunity to all persons, including disabled persons, applying for vacancies having regard to their aptitudes and abilities in relation to the jobs for which they apply.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

Taxation status

The company was a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and this position has not changed since the end of the financial year.

Creditor payment policy

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

On average, trade creditors at the year end represented 76 (1999- 62) days' purchases.

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Leigh Carr be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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.

On behalf of the board

D Mayall Esq. Director

5 July 2001

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WILLIAMS GRAND PRIX ENGINEERING LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements 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 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 as at 30 November 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Leigh Carr

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

5 July 2001

72 New Cavendish Street London

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Turnover	2	66,050,730	63,980,148
Construction and racing costs		(45,094,965)	(59,184,170)
Administrative expenses		(10,434,101)	(9,613,591)
Operating profit/(loss)	3	10,521,664	(4,817,613)
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	4 5	104,486 (332,223)	510,296 (30,288)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		10,293,927	(4,337,605)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	6	(1,860,808)	2,325,386
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation		8,433,119	(2,012,219)
Dividends	7	(1,330,000)	(1,810,000)
Retained profit/(loss) for the year	14	7,103,119	(3,822,219)

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2000

		2	000	1	999
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		39,600,388		30,699,430
Current assets					
Stocks	9	327,353		309,062	
Debtors	10	13,327,721		9,532,325	
Cash at bank and in hand		329,530		999,987	
					
·		13,984,604		10,841,374	
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year	11	(20,655,337)		(15,714,268)	
Net current liabilities			(6,670,733)	-	(4,872,894)
Total assets less current liabilities			32,929,655		25,826,536
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	13		100,000		100,000
Profit and loss account	14		32,829,655		25,726,536
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	15		32,929,655		25,826,536

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 5 July 2001

F O G Williams Esq.

Director

P M Head Esq.

Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

		2000 £		1999 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activit	ies	8,522,569		(579,521)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest received	104,486		510,296	
Interest paid	(332,223)		(30,288)	
				
Net cash (outflow)/inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		(227,737)		480,008
Taxation		(330,000)		(2,819,213)
Capital expenditure				
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(22,600,045)		(13,648,998)	
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	12,031,284		47,593	
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(10,568,761)		(13,601,405)
Equity dividends paid		(1,230,000)		(1,110,000)
Net cash outflow before management of liquid resources and financing		(3,833,929)		(17,630,131)
Decrease in cash in the year		(3,833,929)		(17,630,131)

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

1	Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities				1999
	nom operating doubling			£	£
	Operating profit/(loss) Depreciation of tangible assets (Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible assets (Increase)/decrease in stocks Increase in debtors			10,521,664 3,192,188 (1,524,385) (18,291) (3,465,396)	• • •
	(Decrease)/Increase in creditors within one year	(183,211)	6,099,916		
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating ac	tivities		8,522,569	(579,521)
2	Analysis of net debt	1 December 1999	Cash flow	Other non- cash changes	30 November 2000
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:				
	Cash at bank and in hand	999,987	(670,457)	-	329,530
	Bank overdrafts	(3,990,763)	(3,163,472)		(7,154,235)
	Net debt	(2,990,776)	(3,833,929)	<u>-</u>	(6,824,705)
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movemen	nt in net debt		2000 £	1999 £
	Decrease in cash in the year Cash inflow from increase in debt			(3,833,929)	(17,630,131)
	Movement in net debt in the year	•		(3,833,929)	(17,630,131)
	Opening net (debt)/funds			(2,990,776)	14,639,355
	Closing net debt			(6,824,705)	(2,990,776)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods sold, sponsorship income, prize monies and bonuses as principal excluding value added tax and trade discounts.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Windtunnel and R & D equipment

20% reducing balance

Aircraft

10% straight line

Plant and machinery

20% reducing balance

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

20% reducing balance

Vehicles and pit equipment

20% to 25% straight line

A nil depreciation rate is provided in respect of the freehold property, which is shown at cost.

The company has a policy and practice of regular maintenance and repair (the charges for which are recognised in the profit and loss account), such that the resulting high residual value of the freehold premises would render any depreciation charge immaterial.

1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to disposal.

1.6 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

1.7 Foreign currency translation

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange prevailing at the transaction date. All profits and losses on exchange are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

1.8 Research and development

The company is heavily committed to research and development activities so as to maintain its position as a world leader in Formula 1 racing. All expenditure on pure and applied research is written off to the profit and loss account as incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

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Turnover represents the invoiced value of sponsorship income, prize monies, goods sold and services rendered as principal excluding value added tax and trade discounts.

3	Operating profit/(loss)	2000 £	1999 £
	Operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging: Depreciation of tangible assets Auditors' remuneration	3,192,188 37,500	1,421,903 35,000
4	Other interest receivable and similar income	2000 £	1999 £
	Bank interest Other interest	66,274 38,212	363,079 147,217
		104,486	510,296
5	Interest payable	2000 £	1999 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts On overdue tax	332,223	29,947 341
		332,223	30,288
6	Taxation	2000 £	1999 £
	U.K. current year taxation		
	U.K. corporation tax at 30% (1999- 30%)	1,860,808	-
	Prior years U.K. corporation tax		(2,325,386)
		1,860,808	(2,325,386)
7	Dividends	2000 £	1999 £
	Ordinary interim paid Ordinary final proposed	530,000 800,000	1,110,000 700,000
		1,330,000	1,810,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

8	Tangible fixed assets							
		Freehold property	Windtunnel, R & D equipment	Aircraft	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Vehicles and pit equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Cost							
	At 1 December 1999	13,527,062	2,056,258	12,702,858	6,563,331	2,539,594	1,882,396	39,271,499
	Additions	2,101,589		16,149,506	2,545,524	541,437	1,261,989	
	Disposals		<u> </u>	(11,440,723)	(393,300)	-	(197,632)	(12,031,655)
	At 30 November 2000	15,628,651	2,056,258	17,411,641	8,715,555	3,081,031	2,946,753	49,839,889
	Depreciation							
	At 1 December 1999	-	1,065,459	255,403	4,017,058	1,711,180	1,522,969	8,572,069
	On disposals	-	-	(1,144,072)	(251,528)	-	(129,156)	(1,524,756)
	Charge for the year		225,950	1,256,390	990,005	273,970	445,873	3,192,188
	At 30 November 2000		1,291,409	367,721	4,755,535	1,985,150	1,839,686	10,239,501
	Net book value							
	At 30 November 2000	15,628,651	764,849	17,043,920	3,960,020	1,095,881	1,107,067	39,600,388
	At 30 November 1999	13,527,062	1,129,753	12,308,503	2,546,272	828,414	359,426	30,699,430
9	Stocks					200	00 19 £	999 £
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	Conference centre sto Racing spares and pa				•	27,35 300,00		
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

10	Debtors	2000 £	1999 £
	Trade debtors	8,561,325	2,943,532
	Corporation tax	2,560,639	2,230,639
	ACT recoverable	842,143	842,143
	Other debtors	511,981	543,524
	Prepayments and accrued income	851,633	2,972,487
		13,327,721	9,532,325
11	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000 £	1999 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts	7,154,235	3,990,763
	Trade creditors	5,427,937	4,044,373
	Corporation tax	1,793,530	(63,560)
	Other taxes and social security costs	592,051	700,395
	Other creditors	4,660,940	6,106,278
	Accruals and deferred income	226,644	236,019
	Proposed dividend	800,000	700,000
		20,655,337	15,714,268

12 Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for both the directors and the staff. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

13	Share capital	2000 £	1999 £
	Authorised 100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid 100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

14	Statement of movements on profit and loss account		
		÷	Profit and loss account £
	Balance at 1 December 1999 Retained profit for the year		25,726,536 7,103,119
	Balance at 30 November 2000		32,829,655
15	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2000 £	1999 £
	Profit/(Loss) for the financial year Dividends	8,433,119 (1,330,000)	(2,012,219) (1,810,000)
	Net addition to/(depletion in) shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	7,103,119 25,826,536	• • • •
	Closing shareholders' funds	32,929,655	25,826,536
16	Capital commitments	2000 £	1999 £
	At 30 November 2000 the company had capital commitments as follows:		
	Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	6,000,000	2,936,091
17	Directors' emoluments	2000 £	1999 £
	Emoluments for qualifying services Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	3,384,263 236,248	2,868,390 235,200
		3,620,511	3,103,590
	The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under money purchase pension schemes amounted to 3 (1999- 3).		
	Emoluments disclosed above include the following amounts paid to the highest paid director:		
	Emoluments for qualifying services Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	2,012,000 105,000	1,584,000 105,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

18 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was:

•	2000 Number	1999 Number
Management	18	17
Administrative	28	24
Production	310	301
Marketing	21	14
	377	356
Employment costs	£	£
Wages and salaries	18,925,534	15,923,429
Social security costs	1,971,930	1,646,036
Other pension costs	811,954	734,027
	21,709,418	18,303,492

19 Control

The ultimate controlling party is F O G Williams Esq who is a director of the company and the controlling shareholder.

20 Related party transactions

During the year, Williams Grand Prix Engineering Limited (WGPE) acquired almost the entire fixed asset portfolio of Williams Motorsport Limited, a company related by way of common directorship. Of the purchase price of £1,332,929 (VAT inclusive), £1,102,436 remained outstanding at the balance sheet date.

WGPE also supplied rechargeable services to Williams Motorsport Limited in the sum of £164,773, all of which was settled by 30 November 2000.

All of the above transactions were made at arm's length.