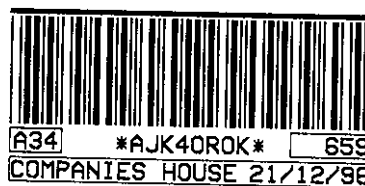


R J HOSKING BUILDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

30 APRIL 1996



ATKINS FERRIE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
HELSTON

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R J HOSKING BUILDING SUPPLIES LIMITED
ABBREVIATED REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 1996

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF R J HOSKING BUILDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 5 together with the financial statements of R J Hosking Building Supplies Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30th April 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 1 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 30th April 1996 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with that schedule.

Other information

On 19th December 1996, we reported, as auditors of R J Hosking Building Supplies Limited to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30th April 1996, and our report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in page 1 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.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF R J HOSKING BUILDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

(CONTINUED)

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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 30th April 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies."

Date: 19th December 1996

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Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors

R J HOSKING BUILDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

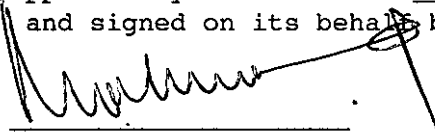
30 APRIL 1996

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	220820	222123
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		104855	117264
Debtors		175339	193508
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>9014</u>	<u>3515</u>
		289208	314287
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year		(<u>290882</u>)	(<u>328014</u>)
		(<u>1674</u>)	(<u>13727</u>)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		219146	208396
CREDITORS - amounts falling due after more than one year		(<u>5077</u>)	(<u>9947</u>)
NET ASSETS		<u>214069</u>	<u>198449</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	3	60	60
Profit and loss account		<u>214009</u>	<u>198389</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>214069</u>	<u>198449</u>

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by section A of Part III of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985, on the grounds that, in the directors' opinion, the company qualifies as a small company under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

Advantage has been taken, in the preparation of the accounts, of special exemptions applicable to small companies on the grounds that in the directors' opinion, the company qualifies as a small company under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

Approved by the board on 17/12/96
and signed on its behalf by:


R J Hosking Esq
Director

The notes on pages 4 and 5 form an integral part of these abbreviated financial statements.

R J HOSKING BUILDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The abbreviated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets in use, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and equipment	- 25% per annum on written down value
Motor vehicles	- 25% per annum on written down value

STOCK

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a first in, first out basis.

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation is accounted for on all timing differences except where the directors are able to foresee that no tax liability is likely to arise in the foreseeable future. The provision is calculated on the liability method at corporation tax rates ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

PENSION COSTS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its directors. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £15000 (1995: £15000)

2 FIXED ASSETS

Tangible assets

£

Cost as at 1 May 1995	311706
Disposals	(23178)
Additions	<u>18867</u>
30 April 1996	<u>307395</u>
Depreciation:	
1 May 1995	89583
Disposals	(17857)
Provided in year	<u>14849</u>
30 April 1996	<u>86575</u>
Net Book Values:	
30 April 1996	<u><u>220820</u></u>
1 May 1995	<u><u>222123</u></u>

R J HOSKING BUILDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

3	SHARE CAPITAL	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	Authorised:		
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	Issued and fully paid:		
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>60</u>	<u>60</u>