

**PAUL WHEELER LTD**

**REGISTERED NUMBER : 1385747**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001**

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**PAUL WHEELER LTD**

**DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS**

**DIRECTORS**

Mr P.L. Wheeler  
Mrs C.G. Wheeler

**COMPANY SECRETARY**

Mrs C.G. Wheeler

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# PAUL WHEELER LTD

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors submit their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2001.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company's principal activity during the year was that of Retail Chemists.

### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The directors' interests in the share capital of the company at 1 February 2000 and at 31 January 2001 as recorded in the register maintained by the company in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, were as follows:

	31 January 2001	1 February 2000
<b>Ordinary shares of £1 each</b>		
Mr P.L. Wheeler	450	450
Mrs C.G. Wheeler	450	450
P.L. Wheeler (trustee)	100	100

S.G. Pritchard, a partner in Menzies, is a trustee in the above trust. Neither S.G. Pritchard, nor his family, have any beneficial interests in that trust.

### 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 the affairs of the company and of the profit of the company for that year. 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.
- Follow applicable Accounting Standards, 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 also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors 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.

# **PAUL WHEELER LTD**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

### **AUDITORS**

Menzies have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and in accordance with Section 385(2) of the Companies Act 1985 a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be submitted to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

By Order of the Board



Mrs C.G. Wheeler  
Secretary

# **REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF**

## **PAUL WHEELER LTD**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 14 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000) under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As described on pages 3 to 4 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the company's financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial 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 31 January 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Menzies  
Chartered Accountants  
and Registered Auditors  
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**PAUL WHEELER LTD****PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001**

		2001	2000
	Note	£	£
<b>TURNOVER</b>	2	1,718,187	1,638,783
Cost of sales		1,342,545	1,298,383
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		375,642	340,400
Administrative and other operating costs		299,655	280,245
		75,987	60,155
Other operating income	2	4,950	6,600
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>		80,937	66,755
Income from other investments		828	527
		81,765	67,282
Interest payable		16,564	14,314
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>	2	65,201	52,968
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		13,000	12,557
<b>PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		52,201	40,411
Dividends		24,000	24,000
<b>RETAINED PROFIT TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES</b>	11	28,201	16,411

*The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.*

**PAUL WHEELER LTD****BALANCE SHEET****31 JANUARY 2001**

		2001		2000	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible fixed assets	4		192,394		191,074
Investments	5		4,322		3,494
			<u>196,716</u>		<u>194,568</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stock		105,121		101,472	
Debtors	6	257,087		234,430	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>2,460</u>		<u>3,040</u>	
		364,668		338,942	
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>	7	<u>325,697</u>		<u>324,125</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>38,971</u>		<u>14,817</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>235,687</u>		<u>209,385</u>
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	8		<u>83,819</u>		<u>85,718</u>
			<u>151,868</u>		<u>123,667</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Called up share capital	10		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	11		<u>150,868</u>		<u>122,667</u>
			<u>151,868</u>		<u>123,667</u>

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the special exemptions applicable to small companies, conferred by Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on

**DIRECTORS**

Mr P.L. Wheeler

Mrs C.G. Wheeler

23/7/01  




*The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.*

# **PAUL WHEELER LTD**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001**

### **1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000) and under the historical cost convention.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts.

#### **Consolidation**

The company has taken advantage of the statutory exemption not to prepare group accounts, by virtue of its size, as permitted by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is charged on the following bases to reduce the cost of the company's tangible fixed assets to their net realisable values over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Freehold property	2% straight line
Improvements to property	15% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Equipment and fixtures	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% reducing balance

#### **Stock**

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In the case of raw materials and consumable stores, cost means purchase price calculated on a first in, first out basis. Net realisable value means the estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### **Pension fund arrangements**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

#### **Hire purchase contracts**

Where assets are financed by leasing or hire purchase agreements which give risks and rewards approximating to ownership (finance leases) they are treated as if they had been purchased outright on credit. They are therefore initially recorded as a fixed asset and a liability at a sum equal to the fair value of the asset. Leasing payments on such assets are regarded as consisting of a capital element which reduces the outstanding liability and an interest charge. All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the total payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis.

#### **Operating Lease Agreements**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits as incurred.



# PAUL WHEELER LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001

### 2 TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation is attributable to the principal activity of the company.

The profit is stated after charging:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Depreciation	21,172	19,781
Auditors' remuneration	2,200	2,000
Directors' emoluments	100,268	94,239

and after crediting:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Rental income	4,950	6,600

### 3 PENSION COMMITMENTS

The charge to the profit and loss account in respect of directors' pension contributions for the year is as follows:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Defined contribution scheme	12,000	12,000

Two directors accrued benefits under company money purchase pension schemes (2000 : two).

**PAUL WHEELER LTD****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001****4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property	Plant, machinery etc.	Total
	£	£	£
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 February 2000	148,053	145,494	293,547
Additions	-	40,843	40,843
Disposals	-	(34,584)	(34,584)
At 31 January 2001	<u>148,053</u>	<u>151,753</u>	<u>299,806</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 February 2000	14,805	87,668	102,473
Charge for the year	2,961	18,211	21,172
Released on disposals	-	(16,233)	(16,233)
At 31 January 2001	<u>17,766</u>	<u>89,646</u>	<u>107,412</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 January 2000	<u>133,248</u>	<u>57,826</u>	<u>191,074</u>
At 31 January 2001	<u>130,287</u>	<u>62,107</u>	<u>192,394</u>

**Financing**

Details of tangible fixed assets held under hire purchase contracts, which are included above, are as follows:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Net book value at 31 January 2001	<u>28,500</u>	<u>18,352</u>
Depreciation charge for the year	<u>9,500</u>	<u>6,117</u>

**PAUL WHEELER LTD****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001****5 INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments	Total
	£	£
<b>COST</b>		
At 1 February 2000	3,494	3,494
Additions	828	828
At 31 January 2001	4,322	4,322
<b>AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF</b>		
At 1 February 2000	-	-
At 31 January 2001	-	-
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
At 31 January 2000	3,494	3,494
At 31 January 2001	4,322	4,322

**Basis of exemption from preparing group accounts**

The financial statements present information about Paul Wheeler Ltd as an individual undertaking and do not include the results of its subsidiary undertakings:

	Country of incorporation	Class of share held	Percentage held by Paul Wheeler Ltd
DM & HW Brown Limited	England	Ordinary	100%

The company has taken advantage of Section 248(1) of the Companies Act 1985 which permits a parent undertaking not to prepare group accounts where the group in question satisfied two or more of the criteria set out in Section 249(3) of the Companies Act 1985 and so qualifies as a small or medium sized group.

Accordingly, no group accounts have been prepared.

**Results of subsidiary undertakings**

	Year end	Aggregate capital and reserves	Profit for the year
		£	£
D M & H W Brown Limited	31 January 2001	0	0

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**YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001**

**Listed investments**

Listed investments having a net book value of £4,322 (2000-£3,494) are held by the company and had a market value of £34,263 at the end of the year (2000-£27,486)

**6 DEBTORS**

	2001	2000
	£	£
Trade debtors	234,055	200,316
Others	23,032	34,114
	<u>257,087</u>	<u>234,430</u>

All amounts included above are considered receivable within one year of the balance sheet date.

**7 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year**

	2001	2000
	£	£
Bank loan	7,170	6,699
Bank overdraft	80,921	79,262
Other loan	8,749	8,179
Trade creditors	140,443	123,917
Social security and other taxes	4,433	4,124
Others	83,981	101,944
	<u>325,697</u>	<u>324,125</u>

The bank loan and overdraft are both secured on the freehold property.

**PAUL WHEELER LTD****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001****8 CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2001	2000
	£	£
Bank loan	35,242	42,135
Other loan	35,114	43,583
Others	13,463	-
	<u>83,819</u>	<u>85,718</u>

Included within creditors falling due after more than one year is an amount of £1,385 (2000- £15,462) in respect of liabilities which fall due for payment after more than five years from the balance sheet date.

Two loans were in existence at the year end. A ten year loan for £78,500 was taken out in December 1995 to assist with the purchase of freehold property. The interest rate is 1.25% above base rate, with a minimum of 5.25% per annum. The installments are initially £946.86 per month. The first repayment was January 1996. This loan is secured by way of a Guarantee by Unichem Plc.

The second ten year loan was for £65,000 and was also for the the purchase of freehold property in December 1995. For the first twelve months the loan attracted fixed interest repayments only, after which it weas repayable at 1.25% above base rate, with a minimum rate of 5.25% per annum. The current rate of interest on the loan is 6.75%. This loan is secured by way of a First Legal Mortgage over the freehold property.

**9 HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS**

Net obligations under hire purchase contracts:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Within one year	7,318	1,750
Between two to five years	13,463	-
	<u>20,781</u>	<u>1,750</u>

**10 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

	2001	2000
	£	£
Authorised		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

# PAUL WHEELER LTD

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2001

#### 11 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2001	2000
	£	£
At 1 February 2000	122,667	106,256
Profit for the financial year	28,201	16,411
At 31 January 2001	<u>150,868</u>	<u>122,667</u>

#### 12 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

The company is committed to making the following payments under operating leases over the next twelve months:

	Land and buildings
	£
Contracts to expire:	
- after five years	7,975
	<u>7,975</u>

#### 13 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There are no capital commitments as at 31 January 2001 (2000- £nil)

#### 14 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities as at 31 January 2001 (2000-£nil)

#### 15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following movements occurred on Directors loan balances during the year, which are included under Other Creditors:-

Paul Wheeler withdrew a total of £17,503 during the year . At the year end the total balance due to him was £19,440 (2000 - £34,058).

Corinne Wheeler withdrew a total of £13,808 during the year. At the end of the year the amount due to her was £30,846 (2000 - £41,155).

The loans with directors attract interest at a rate set by the directors, usually 2.5% above the base rate. The interest is credited net to the current accounts.

No other transactions with related parties were undertaken such as are required to be disclosed under Financial Reporting Standard 8 other than those with directors noted above.

#### 16 ULTIMATE CONTROL

Mr P Wheeler is the ultimate controlling party of the company.