REGISTERED NUMBER: 1419058 (England and Wales)

Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

<u>for</u>

North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited



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<u>Company Information</u> for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

DIRECTORS: D L Cook

Mrs C A Cook P Kershaw A Gulliver

SECRETARY: D L Cook

REGISTERED OFFICE: Springwell Lane

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 1419058 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS: Lishman Sidwell Campbell & Price

Registered Auditor 80/81 High Street Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8EG

BANKERS: Bank of Scotland plc

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Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 1997.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of retailing timber and related products.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 March 1997.

FIXED ASSETS

The movements in fixed assets are set out in note seven on pages twelve to fourteen of the financial statements.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

D L Cook

Mrs C A Cook

P Kershaw

A Gulliver

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 31 March 1997 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:

	31.3.97	1.4.96
Ordinary £1 shares		
D L Cook	100,000	100,000
Mrs C A Cook	50,000	50,000
P Kershaw		-
A Gulliver	· -	-

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lishman Sidwell Campbell & Price, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

N BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

D-L Cook - SECRETARY

Dated: 10th December 1997

North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited Under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages five to eighteen, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 1997 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did 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 to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages five to eighteen are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Lishman Sidwell Campbell & Price

Registered Auditor 80/81 High Street Northallerton North Yorkshire

DL7 8EG

Dated: 2nd January 1998

Abbreviated Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

		1997	1996
	Notes	£	£
GROSS PROFIT		1,479,648	1,494,290
Administrative expenses		1,407,001	1,342,614
OPERATING PROFIT	3	72,647	151,676
Interest payable and similar charges	4	37,226	42,855
PROFIT ON ORDINARY AC BEFORE TAXATION	CTIVITIES	35,421	108,821
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	10,967	30,352
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCE AFTER TAXATION	IAL YEAR	24,454	78,469
Retained profit brought forward	i	875,713	797,244
RETAINED PROFIT CARRI	ED FORWARD	£900,167	£875,713

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current and previous years.

<u>Abbreviated Balance Sheet</u> 31 March 1997

		1997		199	96
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	6		327,895		358,757
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Stocks	7	941,199		990,602	
Debtors	8	996,665		935,417	
Cash at bank and in hand		283		633	
		1,938,147		1,926,652	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due within one year	9	1,143,212		1,076,363	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			794,935		850,289
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			1,122,830		1,209,046
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due after more than one year	10		(41,645)		(155,984)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					(07.4.10)
AND CHARGES:	14		(31,018)		(27,349)
			£1,050,167		£1,025,713
CADURAL AND DESCRIPTION.					
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:	15		150,000		150,000
Called up share capital	13		•		•
Profit and loss account			900,167		875,713
Shareholders' funds	18		£1,050,167		£1,025,713
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These abbreviated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

D L Cook - DIRECTOR

A Guliver - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 10th December 1997

The notes form part of these financial statements

Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

•		1997	7	199	6
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1		238,968		209,979
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2		(37,226)		(42,855)
Taxation			(22,006)		(33,675)
Capital expenditure	2		(33,030)		(66,108)
			146,706		67,341
Financing	2		(22,756)		(66,907)
Increase in cash in the period			£123,950		£434
Reconciliation of net cash flow	3			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
to movement in net debt	3				
Increase in cash in the period Cash (inflow)/outflow		123,950		434	
from (increase)/decrease in debt and lease financing		(14,957)		30,524	
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows			108,993		30,958
Movement in net debt in the period Net debt at 1 April 1996	d		108,993 (398,909)		30,958 (429,867)
Net debt at 31 March 1997			£(289,916)		£(398,909)

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	1997	1996
	£	£
Operating profit	72,647	151,676
Depreciation charges	66,924	59,032
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(3,029)	(1,295)
Decrease in stocks	49,403	88,346
Increase in debtors and prepayments	(61,248)	(22,241)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors and accruals	114,271	(65,539)
Net cash inflow	200.000	000.070
from operating activities	238,968	209,979
		

2. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	1997	1996
	£	£
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest paid	(37,226)	(42,855)
Net cash outflow	(27.226)	(42.955)
for returns on investments and servicing of finance	(37,226)	(42,855) ======
Capital expenditure		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(42,625)	(72,473)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	9,595	6,365
Nist and autilian		
Net cash outflow	(22.020)	(66 100)
for capital expenditure	(33,030)	(66,108)
Financing		
New Hire Purchase Loans	59,990	12,729
Repayments of Amounts Borrowed	(37,712)	(36,384)
Hire Purchase Loan Repayments	(45,034)	(43,252)
Net cash outflow		
from financing	(22,756)	(66,907)

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEDI	At 1.4.96 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.97 £
Net cash: Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	633 (325,374)	(350) 124,300	283 (201,074)
	(324,741)	123,950	(200,791)
Debt:			
Hire purchase and pension scheme loan	(74,168)	(14,957)	(89,125)
	(74,168)	(14,957)	(89,125)
Total	(398,909)	108,993	(289,916)
Analysed in Balance Sheet			
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts Hire purchase	633 (325,374)		283 (201,074)
and pension scheme loan within one year after one year	(39,352) (34,816)		(47,480) (41,645)
	(398,909)		(289,916)

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

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

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Fixtures & Fittings - 15% on reducing balance
Office Equipment - 20% on reducing balance
Handling Plant - 15% on reducing balance
Plant & Machinery - 15% on reducing balance

Computer System - 25% straight line

Motor Vehicles - 25% on reducing balance Commercial Vehicles - 25% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities 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 ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

	CITA VIE COCTS		
2.	STAFF COSTS	1997	1996
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	737,000	711,791
	Social security costs	69,723	64,065
	Other pension costs	25,350	4,157
		832,073	780,013
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as fol	lows:	
		1997	1996
	Machinists, Yard & Drivers	26	27
	Sales	17	14
	Office/Administration	6	6
	Directors	4	4
		_	_
		53	51
		=	=
3.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
		1997	1996
		£	£
	Depreciation - owned assets	43,862	37,813
	Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts	23,062	21,219
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(3,029)	(1,295)
	Auditors' remuneration	4,408	4,300

	Depresiation owned appeto	,	+ - , +
	Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts	23,062	21,219
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(3,029)	(1,295)
	Auditors' remuneration	4,408	4,300
	Directors' emoluments	169,154	179,236
ii	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		1997	1996
		£	£
	Bank Interest	18,100	18,423
	Pension Scheme Loan Interest	9,151	13,512
	Hire Purchase	9,975	10,920
		37,226	42,855
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Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

5. TAXATION

The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:

The mir drivings are tree frames.	1997	1996
	£	£
UK Corporation Tax	7,298	22,006
Previous Years	-	301
Deferred taxation	3,669	8,045
	10,967	30,352

UK Corporation Tax has been charged at 24% (1996 - 25%).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittin- gs	Office Equipment	Handling Plant	Plant & Machinery
	£	£	£	£
COST:				
At 1 April 1996	162,035	20,046	75,096	216,111
Additions	-	1,507	-	
At 31 March 1997	162,035	21,553	75,096	216,111
DEPRECIATION:				·
At 1 April 1996	58,123	12,995	29,464	111,478
Charge for year	15,589	1,606	6,845	15,864
At 31 March 1997	73,712	14,601	36,309	127,342
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31 March 1997	88,323	6,952	38,787	88,769
At 31 March 1996	103,912	7,050	45,632	104,631
		<u> </u>		

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Computer System	Motor Vehicles	Commerci- al Vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST:				
At 1 April 1996	99,047	67,094	37,400	676,829
Additions	932	40,186	-	42,625
Disposals	(45,417)	(41,869)		(87,286)
At 31 March 1997	54,562	65,411	37,400	632,168
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 April 1996	48,634	48,220	9,155	318,069
Charge for year	14,876	6,059	6,085	66,924
Eliminated on disposals	(45,359)	(35,361)		(80,720)
At 31 March 1997	18,151	18,918	15,240	304,273
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31 March 1997	36,411	46,493	22,160	327,895
At 31 March 1996	50,413	18,874	28,245	358,757
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Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts are as follows:

		Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Commerci- al Vehicles	Totals
		£	£	£	£
	COST:				
	At 1 April 1996	84,569	18,275	29,900	132,744
	Additions	-	40,186	-	40,186
	Disposals		(10,000)		(10,000)
	At 31 March 1997	84,569	48,461	29,900	162,930
	DEPRECIATION:				
	At 1 April 1996	18,322	9,888	5,912	34,122
	Charge for year	12,738	4,412	5,912	23,062
	Eliminated on disposals		(7,034)		(7,034)
	At 31 March 1997	31,060	7,266	11,824	50,150
	NET BOOK VALUE:				
	At 31 March 1997	53,509	41,195	18,076	112,780
	At 31 March 1996	66,247	8,387	23,988	98,622
7.	STOCKS				
				1997	1996
	Goods for Resale			£ 941,199	£ 990,602
8.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
				1997	1996
				£	£
	Trade Debtors			900,380	903,149
	Prepayments			96,285	32,268
				996,665	935,417
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Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

9.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	DOD WITHIN ONE IMAGE	1997	1996
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	001.074	205 274
	(see note 11)	201,074	325,374
	Pension Scheme Loan	83,458	_
	(see note 11)	65,456	_
	Hire purchase contracts	47,480	39,352
	(see note 12) Trade Creditors	521,700	450,962
	Other Taxes & Social Security	198,419	148,996
	Accrued Expenses	42,632	56,482
	Directors Loan Accounts	41,151	33,191
	Taxation	7,298	22,006
		1,143,212	1,076,363
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING		
	DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	1997	1996
		1997 £	1990 £
	Pension Scheme Loan	2	2
	(see note 11)	_	121,168
	Hire purchase contracts		121,100
	(see note 12)	41,645	34,816
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		41,645	155,984
11.	LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans and overdrafts is given below:		
		1007	1006
		1997	1996 £
	Amounto folling due within one year or on demand	£	I.
	Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
	Bank overdrafts	201,074	325,374
	Pension Scheme Loan	83,458	-
		<u> </u>	
		284,532	325,374
	Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
		•	
	Pension Scheme Loan	-	121,168

The pension scheme loan is due to be repaid by 30th March 1998. Interest is charged on this loan at three percent above Bank of Scotland base rate.

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

12. OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS

	Hire	
	purchase	
	contracts	
	1997	1996
	£	£
Gross obligations repayable:		46.060
Within one year	56,361	46,862
Between one and five years	48,756	41,608
	105,117	88,470
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Finance charges repayable:	8,881	7,510
Within one year Between one and five years	7,111	6,792
Between one and five years		
	15,992	14,302
Net obligations repayable:		
Within one year	47,480	39,352
Between one and five years	41,645	34,816
		
	89,125	74,168
SECURED DEBTS		
The following secured debts are included within creditors:		
	1997	1996
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	201,074	325,374

The bank borrowings are secured with a debenture incorporating a fixed and floating charge over all the assets of the company.

14. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

13.

	1997	1996
	£	£
Deferred Taxation	31,018	27,349

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

14. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES - continued

	Deferred
	taxation
	£
Balance at 1 April 1996	27,349
Accelerated Capital Allowances	3,669
Balance at 31 March 1997	31,018

15. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised: Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	1997 £	1996 £
1,000,000	Ordinary	£1	1,000,000	1,000,000
Allotted, iss	ued and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	1997 £	1996 £
150,000	Ordinary	£1	150,000	150,000

16. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined contribution scheme providing benefits for directors additional to those from the state. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge for the year amounted to £20,000 (1996 - £Nil).

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the Company purchased goods to the value of £909 (1996 - £1,972) and sold goods to the value of £7,162 (1996 - £18,767) to Amco Timber Limited, a company in which D.L. Cook is materially interested as a director and shareholder.

The Company also purchased goods to the value of £31,042 (1996 - £22,342) and sold goods to the value of £NIL (1996 - £14,898) to Amco Roof Trusses Limited, a company in which D.L. Cook is materially interested as a director and shareholder.

The company pays commercial rentals in respect of premises it occupies which are owned by North Yorkshire Timber Pension Scheme. The rental charge for the year amounted to £62,320 (1996 - £53,000).

All of the above transactions have been undertaken at arms length and on normal commercial terms.

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1997

18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

RECONCIDENTIAL OF 120 / 21/20	1997 £	1996 £
Profit for the financial year	24,454	78,469
NET ADDITION TO SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS Opening shareholders' funds	24,454 1,025,713	78,469 947,244
CLOSING SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	1,050,167	1,025,713
Equity interests	1,050,167	1,025,713