E. SALISBURY (BUILDERS MERCHANTS) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Year Ended 31st December 1998

Company Registration No. 01421259



Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 1998

The directors present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 1998.

Activities

The Company became a wholly owned subsidiary of Travis Perkins plc on 16th May 1997. Immediately thereafter, the assets, liabilities and trade of the Company were integrated into Travis Perkins Trading Company Limited. The Company has not traded since this date and has remained dormant. Prior to this, the principal activities of the Company had been those of builders' merchants.

Directors and their Interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

E.R.A. Travis

P.N. Hampden Smith

Neither of the directors in office at the balance sheet date was interested in any shares of the Company.

The interests of these directors in the share capital of the ultimate parent company, Travis Perkins plc, are disclosed in that company's financial statements.

Auditors

Barrowman Jackson Stephen have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be laid before the Company at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors And signed on behalf of the Board.

A.S. Pike

Secretary

Date: 25th Octobar 1999

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

for the year ended 31st December 1998

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 as at the end of the financial year and of the profit and loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iii) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed.

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.

After making enquiries, the directors have formed a judgement at the time of approving the financial statements that there is a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

By order of the Board

A.S. Pike Secretary

Date: 25th October 1999

Auditors' Report to the Members

of

E. Salisbury (Builders Merchants) Limited

for the year ended 31st December 1998

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9, which have been prepared under the accounting policies, set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2, the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 amount 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 31st December 1998 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Barrowman Jackson Stephen
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors,
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Date: 28 OctoBar 1999

Profit & Loss Account

for the year ended 31st December 1998

	Year ended 31st December		11 months to 31st December	
		1998	1997	
	Note	£	£	
Turnover	1	-	412,717	
Cost of Sales		-	(320,100)	
Gross profit	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 	-	92,617	
Administrative expenses		-	(97,782)	
Other operating income		-	6,000	
Operating profit		•	835	
Interest payable	3	-	(2,112)	
Result / (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	4	-	(1,277)	
Tax on result / (loss) on ordinary activities		-	(309)	
Result / (loss) on ordinary activities after taxation, transferred				
from reserves		-	(1,586)	

The above trading results arose solely from discontinued operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result shown above for either the year or the previous period.

Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 1998

	31st December 1998		31st December 1997
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	110,000	110,000
		110,000	110,000
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	203,570	203,570
		203,570	203,570
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	7	150,753	150,753
Net current assets	,	52,817	52,817
Total assets less current liabilities	-	162,817	162,817
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	8	90,405	90,405
Profit and loss account		72,412	72,412
Total equity shareholders' funds	9	162,817	162,817

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Accounting Policies

for the year ended 31st December 1998

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

(a) Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Investments

Investments are stated at cost except where there is a permanent diminution in value.

(c) Group Accounts

Group accounts have not been prepared as the company is itself a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of a UK Company preparing consolidated financial statements.

The financial statements therefore present information about the individual company as permitted by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 1998

1 Turnover

Turnover represents sales of building and plumbing products (excluding VAT and trade discounts) to customers within the United Kingdom until trade ceased on 16th May 1997.

2 Directors and employees

The average weekly number of persons (including executive directors) employed during the period was:

	period was:				
			Year end	led	1.2.97 to
			31st December 19	98	31.12.97
		Sales		_	1
		Distribution		_	1
		Administration		3	3
				3	5
	Staff costs				
		Sales		_	43,747
		Distribution		_	3,800
		Administration		_	502
			£	_	£48,049
	The remuneration paid to	Directors was:			
		Emoluments	£	-	£2,500
3	Interest payable and sir	nilar charges	•	•	
-	F J	3	Year end	led	1.2.97 to
			31st December 19	98	31.12.97
	On bank loans, overd	rafts and other loans	£	<u>-</u>	£2,112
4	Result/(Loss) on ordina	ry activities before taxation			
	Result/(Loss) on ordinary	y activities before taxation	Year end	led	1.2.97 to
	is stated after charging: -		31st December 19	998	31.12.97
	Depreciation on tangible	fixed assets	£	_	£5,238
	Auditors' remuneration		£	-	£5,500
	Loss on disposal of fixed	assets	£	-	£525

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 1998

5	Investments	As at 31st December 1998	As at 31st December 1997	
	Shares in subsidiary company at cost	£110,000	£110,000	
	David Roberts (Builders Merchants) Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary. The subsidiary company is registered in Wales and until 16 May 1997 carried on the trade of Builders Merchants. Since that date it has been dormant. At 31st December 1998 its capital and reserves were £239,763 (1997 £239,763).			
6	Debtors	As at	As at	
		31st December	31st December	
		1998	1997	
	Travis Perkins Trading Company Limited	£203,570	£203,570	
7	Creditors	As at	As at	
		31st December	31st December	
		1998	1997	
	David Roberts (Builders Merchants) Limited	£150,753	£150,753	
8	Called up share capital	As at	As at	
	• •	31st December	31st December	
		1998	1997	
	Authorised 100,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	£100,000	£100,000	
	Allotted, called up and fully paid			
	90,405 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	£90,405	£90,405	
9	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	As at	As at	
		31st December	31st December	
		1998	1997	
	Result / (loss) for the financial year/ (period)	_	(1,586)	
	Shareholders funds at 31st December 1997 (31st January 1997)	162,817	164,403	
	Shareholders funds at 31st December 1998 (31st December 1997)	£162,817	£162,817	

Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 1998

10 Ultimate Parent Company

The Company's ultimate parent is Travis Perkins plc, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. Copies of the Travis Perkins plc Group financial statements are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ.