

A S S O C I A T E D I N D E P E N D E N T S T O R E S

T R A D I N G L I M I T E D

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER, 1994

REGISTERED NUMBER 1424343



AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE DIRECTORS OF ASSOCIATED INDEPENDENT STORES TRADING LIMITED

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

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages 2 to 4, together with the full financial statements of Associated Independent Stores Trading Limited for the year ended 31st December, 1994. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that the directors are entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared from the full financial statements.

In our opinion the directors are entitled by Sections 246 to 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to deliver abbreviated financial statements in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1994, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages 2 to 4 have been properly prepared in accordance with Part I of Schedule 8 to that Act.

On 7th March, 1995, we reported, as auditors of Associated Independent Stores Trading Limited, to the members on the full financial statements prepared under Section 226 of The Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st December, 1994, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on 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.

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 mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information on the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 31st December, 1994, and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

BAKER TILLY



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7th March, 1995

ASSOCIATED INDEPENDENT STORES TRADING LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1994

	Notes	1994	1993
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	1 & 3	1,409	3,529
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock	1	357,193	294,969
Debtors		232,853	148,969
		590,046	443,938
CREDITORS:			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	444,356	303,815
NET CURRENT ASSETS		145,690	140,123
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>£147,099</u>	<u>£143,652</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	5	100,001	100,001
Profit and Loss Account		47,098	43,651
		<u>£147,099</u>	<u>£143,652</u>

In preparing these abbreviated financial statements:

- I have relied upon the exemptions for individual accounts under Sections 246 to 247, Companies Act 1985;
- I have done so on the grounds that the Company is entitled to the benefits of those exemptions as a small company.



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7th March, 1995

ASSOCIATED INDEPENDENT STORES TRADING LIMITED

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1994

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost basis of accounting in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

TURNOVER

The turnover for the year is the value of merchandise purchased direct and subsequently invoiced to member stores, net of value added tax.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets are written off over the period of their expected useful lives on a straight line basis, as follows:-

Fixtures and Equipment	-	25% per annum
Computer software	-	50% per annum

STOCK

Stock is valued on a first-in, first-out basis, at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

PENSIONS

Pension costs for the Group's defined benefit scheme are charged to the profit and loss account to spread the cost of pensions on a systematic basis over the service lives of the employees. Variations from the regular cost are spread over the average remaining service lives of the employees.

2. PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate Parent Company is Associated Independent Stores Limited incorporated in England.

3. FIXED ASSETS

TANGIBLE ASSETS

	<u>Total</u>
	£
COST:	
As at 1st January, 1994	49,760
Disposals	(16,643)
As at 31st December, 1994	<u>33,117</u>
DEPRECIATION:	
As at 1st January, 1994	46,231
Provided on disposal	(15,931)
Charge for year	<u>1,408</u>
As at 31st December, 1994	<u>31,708</u>
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31st December, 1994	<u>£ 1,409</u>
At 31st December, 1993	<u>£ 3,529</u>

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4. CREDITORS - amount falling due within one year

Bank overdraft of £59,895 (1993-£18,397).

The overdraft facility of AIS Trading Limited and all other Group companies is subject to unlimited cross guarantees. It is also secured by a first charge on the assets of the Company.

5. SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>Authorised</u>		<u>Issued and Fully Paid</u>	
	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary Share of £1 each	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>100,001</u>	<u>100,001</u>

6. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
	£	£
Charge for year	<u>3,400</u>	<u>3,683</u>