ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1995

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO BURY VAN HIRE LIMITED

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE

COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 6 together with the financial statements of Bury Van Hire Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st August 1995.

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 3 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the 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 in 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 31st August 1995, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 24th January 1996 we reported, as auditors of Bury Van Hire Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st August 1995 and our report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

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 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 August 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

24th January 1996

Worsley, Manchester, M28 3NJ

CHAMPION & CO. Registered Auditor

Chartered Accountants

BALANCE SHEET

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Not	tes		1995	1994
			£	£.
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investments - listed equities at cost	2		2,316,336	2,444,735 642 2,445,377
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks Debtors due within one year		8,150 <u>248,596</u> 256,746		8,150 407,252 415,402
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	3	(1,353,128)		(1,481,029)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(1,096,382)	(1,065,627)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,219,954	1,379,750
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	4		(291,204)	(646,094)
			928,750	733,656
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called-up share capital Profit and loss account	5		50,000 878,750	50,000 683,656
			928,750	733,656

Statement by the directors

In preparing these financial statements, we rely on sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 as entitling us to deliver abbreviated financial statements and we do so on the grounds that this company is entitled to the benefit of those sections as a small company.

Approved by the board on: 24th January 1996

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The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31ST AUGUST 1995

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual values, of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives to the business. The annual depreciation rates and methods are as follows:

Plant, equipment & fixtures

- 15% Reducing balance

Motor vehicles

- 15% - 20% Straight line

During the year the depreciation rate of certain vehicles was reduced to reflect their useful life more realistically. The overall effect of these changes is that the depreciation charge for the year on motor vehicles is £142,245 less than it would have been had the depreciation rate not been changed.

(c) Assets leased

Where the company enters into operating and/or finance leases, its policy is to regard leases as finance leases where their term give rights approximating to ownership.

Assets held under finance leases (including hire purchase contracts) are capitalised at the fair value of the asset at the inception of the lease, with an equivalent liability categorised as appropriate under creditors due within and after one year. Assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful economic life; in the case of assets held under hire purchase agreements they are depreciated over their useful economic life. Finance charges are allocated to accounting years over the life of each lease to produce a constant rate of charge on the outstanding balance.

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(d) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price, less any further costs of realisation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31ST AUGUST 1995

(e) Deferred taxation

Provisions are made so that the deferred taxation account represents corporation tax, calculated on the liability method, in respect of the excess of tax allowances given for fixed assets over the depreciation provided, except to the extent that the directors are able to foresee that no liability is likely to arise from a reversal of the above timing differences for some considerable period. No provision has been made, but the potential liability is shown in note 13.

(f) Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Total
£
3,407,424
511,771
(399,787)
3,519,408
962,689
489,755
<u>(249,372</u>)
1,203,072
<u>2,316,336</u>
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<u>2,444,735</u>

Details of fixed assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

included above are as follows:	
	Total £
1995	£
Net book value	1,940,938
Charge for the year	469,515
1994	
Net book value	2,162,742
Charge for the year	342,322

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31ST AUGUST 1995

3	CREDITORS: Amounts falli	ng due within o	ne year	1995 f.	1994 f.
	The following secured an one year:	ounts fall due	within	4	2
	Bank loans and overdraft Secured by a charge of		ets of		
	the company Hire purchase instalments:		38,083	136,255	
	secured on the assets			886,953 925,036	1,190,569 1,326,824
4	CREDITORS: Amounts falli	ng due after			
	more than one year			1995 £	1994 £
	The following secured an more than one year: Hire purchase instalment		after		
secured on the asse				<u>291,204</u>	633,188
5	SHARE CAPITAL		** 1	37 ola	****
		Number 1995	Value 1995	Number 1994	Value 1994
	Authorised: Ordinary shares		£		£
	of £1 each	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
	Issued and fully paid: Ordinary shares				
	of £1 each	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

6 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The directors consider that the ultimate parent company of this company is Didsbury Plant & Construction Co. Ltd. which is registered in Great Britain.

7 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mr I.N.D. Cole is also a director of Didsbury Plant and Construction Company Limited. During the year the company was provided with services amounting to £50,000.

Mr I.N.D. Cole is also a director of Bury Vehicle Leasing Limited. During the year the company was invoiced £52,250 for goods and services provided by Bury Vehicle Leasing Limited. Further, during the year the company invoiced Bury Vehicle Leasing Limited £385,191 (1994 - £258,931) for goods and services provided.