

ABSALOM & TRIBE LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST OCTOBER 1995

Registered number: 1613848

BRIAN M PARROTT

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT



ABSALOM & TRIBE LIMITED

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for the year ended 31st October 1995

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COMPANY INFORMATION

31st October 1995

Incorporated in England on 15th February 1982

Number 1613848

CHAIRMAN	J.D. Absalom
OTHER DIRECTORS	R.J. Tribe A. Samuels
SECRETARY	R.J. Tribe
REGISTERED OFFICE	11 Church Street Kingsbridge Devon TQ7 1BT
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc Smithfield Branch 89 Charterhouse Street London EC1M 6HR
SOLICITORS	Halls Solicitors 8 - 16 Earl Street London EC2A 2AL
AUDITORS	Brian M Parrott Chartered Accountant 11 Church Street Kingsbridge South Devon TQ7 1BT

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

31st October 1995

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st October 1995.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of a meat wholesaler.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the shares of the company as recorded in the register of directors' interests were as follows

	31st October 1995 Ordinary shares	1st November 1994 Ordinary shares
J.D. Absalom	5,000	5,000
R.J. Tribe	5,000	5,000
A. Samuels	-	-

Auditor

Brian M Parrott has agreed to offer himself for re-appointment as auditor of the company.

Small company exemptions


Advantage has been taken in the preparation of this report of special exemptions applicable to small companies and small groups.

On behalf of the board

R.J. Tribe
Secretary

11 Church Street
Kingsbridge
Devon
TQ7 1BT

7th February 1996



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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

We are required under company law 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 we are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

We are also responsible for:

- keeping proper accounting records;
- safeguarding the company's assets;
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

7th February 1996

On behalf of the board



J D Absalom

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AUDITORS' REPORT

Auditors' report to the members of

Absalom & Tribe Limited

I have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 13 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is my responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on my audit, on those statements and to report my opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

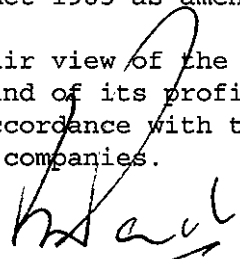
I conducted my audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements 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.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error or other irregularity. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In my opinion :-

- a) the company is entitled for the year ended 31st October 1995, to the exemption conferred by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 as amended, from the requirement to produce group accounts.
- b) the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st October 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



Brian M Parrott
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountant

Kingsbridge
South Devon
TQ7 1BT

7th February 1996

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st October 1995

	Note	1995 £	1994 £
Turnover	2	5,093,316	4,518,742
Cost of sales		(4,561,580)	(4,043,790)
Gross profit		531,736	474,952
Net operating expenses			
Distribution costs		(19,748)	(12,307)
Administrative expenses		(453,434)	(424,100)
Other operating income		16,775	3,814
Operating profit	3	75,329	42,359
Interest payable	5	(2,612)	(1,480)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		72,717	40,879
Taxation	7	(15,936)	(11,892)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		56,781	28,987
Dividends		(52,800)	(10,000)
Retained profit for the year	16	3,981	18,987

Movements in reserves are shown in note 16.

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

There are no recognised gains and losses in 1995 or 1994 other than the profit for the year.

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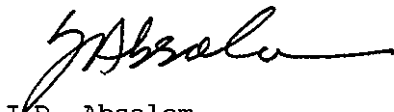
BALANCE SHEET

at 31st October 1995

	Note	1995 £	1994 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	8	76,945	11,664
Current assets			
Stocks	10	20,266	31,516
Debtors	11	397,607	282,501
Cash at bank and in hand		4,227	39,360
		<u>422,100</u>	<u>353,377</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(382,142)</u>	<u>(295,240)</u>
Net current assets		<u>39,958</u>	<u>58,137</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>116,903</u>	<u>69,801</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13	<u>(43,121)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>73,782</u>	<u>69,801</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	15	10,000	10,000
Profit and loss account	16	63,782	59,801
Total shareholders' funds	14	<u>73,782</u>	<u>69,801</u>

The directors have taken advantage in the preparation of these financial statements of special exemptions provided by Parts I and III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the basis that the company qualifies as a small company and small group.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 13 were approved by the board of directors on 7th February 1996.


J.D. Absalom
Director

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st October 1995

1 Accounting policies**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it is entitled to the exemptions available in Section 246 to 247 of the Companies Act 1985 for small companies.

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Assets under construction	No depreciation has been provided
Plant and machinery	10% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

Leases and hire purchase contracts

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised at the estimated fair value at the date of inception of each lease or contract. The total finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease in such a way as to give a reasonably constant charge on the outstanding liability.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is computed on a first in first out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less the estimated cost of disposal.

Pensions**Defined contribution scheme**

Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Group Accounts

The company has not prepared group accounts and relies on the exemption provided by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985, as amended, applicable to small groups.

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2 Analysis of results

Turnover represents the amount derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the company's ordinary activities stated net of value added tax.

The turnover and profit before taxation attributable to the different classes of the company's business are:

	Turnover		Profit/(loss)	
	1995	1994	1995	1994
	£	£	£	£
Wholesale butchers	5,093,316	4,518,742	72,717	40,879
	<u>5,093,316</u>	<u>4,518,742</u>	<u>72,717</u>	<u>40,879</u>

3 Operating profit

	1995	1994
	£	£
Operating profit is stated after crediting		
Interest receivable	400	3,814
Profit on sale of assets	7,000	-
	<u>7,400</u>	<u>3,814</u>
and after charging		
Exceptional items (note 6)	(16,375)	-
Exceptional bad debts (note 19)	-	4,545
Auditors' remuneration	5,500	5,300
	<u>11,125</u>	<u>9,845</u>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (note 8)		
owned assets	5,191	8,981
leased assets	5,243	3,984
	<u>10,434</u>	<u>12,965</u>
The total amount charged against profits in respect of finance leases and hire purchase contracts is	6,623	4,934
(of which part is shown as depreciation and the balance is shown as interest payable in note 5)	<u>6,623</u>	<u>4,934</u>

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4 Directors

	1995 £	1994 £
Directors' emoluments	148,838	141,270
Chairman and highest paid director	44,322	42,393

Pension costs

Defined contribution scheme

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £33,115 (1994 £28,422). Contributions totalling £0 (1994 £0) were payable to the fund at 31st October 1995 and are included in creditors.

5 Interest payable

	1995 £	1994 £
Finance lease and hire purchase contracts	1,380	950
Other interest payable	1,232	530
	2,612	1,480

6 Exceptional items

	1995 £	1994 £
Included in other operating income:		
Exceptional other operating income	16,375	-

This amount represents the proceeds of Insurance Policy disposals.

7 Taxation

	1995 £	1994 £
Corporation tax on profit on ordinary activities at 25% (1994 25%)	2,878	11,500
Advance corporation taxation	13,223	2,523
Group relief	-	(2,000)
	16,101	12,023
Over provision in earlier years	(165)	(131)
	15,936	11,892

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8 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Motor Vehicles £	Plant and Machinery £	Assets under Constructn £	Total £
1st November 1994	52,627	27,919	-	80,546
Additions	29,971	5,522	40,222	75,715
Disposals	(36,687)	-	-	(36,687)
31st October 1995	45,911	33,441	40,222	119,574
Depreciation				
1st November 1994	49,119	19,763	-	68,882
Charge for year	8,751	1,683	-	10,434
Disposals	(36,687)	-	-	(36,687)
31st October 1995	21,183	21,446	-	42,629
Net book amount				
31st October 1995	24,728	11,995	40,222	76,945
1st November 1994	3,508	8,156	-	11,664

9 Fixed asset investments

	1995 £
1st November 1994	75
Disposals	(75)
31st October 1995	-
Amounts written off	
1st November 1994	75
Provision in year	(75)
31st October 1995	-

10 Stocks

	1995 £	1994 £
Stocks	20,266	31,516

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11 Debtors

	1995 £	1994 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	377,484	266,521
Other debtors	20,123	15,980
	<u>397,607</u>	<u>282,501</u>

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1995 £	1994 £
Bank overdraft	29,841	-
Trade creditors	304,167	262,069
Other creditors	48,134	33,171
	<u>382,142</u>	<u>295,240</u>

The bank overdraft is secured by a debenture with a fixed and floating charge on all the company's assets.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	1995 £	1994 £
Other creditors	43,121	-
	<u>43,121</u>	<u>-</u>

Maturity of debt included above

In one year or less, or on demand	-	-
In five years or more	39,020	-
	<u>39,020</u>	<u>-</u>

Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Amounts included above are repayable over varying periods by monthly instalments as follows:

In the next year	12,624	1,071
In the second to fifth year	4,101	-
	<u>16,725</u>	<u>1,071</u>

Subsequent to the Balance Sheet date, the Corporation of London have made further advances. Repayments will be made in the period 1998 to 2005. It is not possible, at the time of preparation of this report, to calculate the annual commitment.

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14 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	1995 £	1994 £
Profit for the financial year	56,781	28,987
Dividends	(52,800)	(10,000)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	3,981	18,987
Opening shareholders' funds	69,801	50,814
Closing shareholders' funds	73,782	69,801

15 Called up share capital

	1995		1994	
	Number of shares	£	Number of shares	£
Authorised				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Allotted called up and fully paid				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000

16 Profit and loss account

	1995 £
1st November 1994	59,801
Retained profit for the year	3,981
31st October 1995	63,782

17 Guarantees and other financial commitments

Financial commitments under non-cancellable operating leases will result in the following payments falling due in the year to 31st October 1996

	1995 Land and Buildings £	1994 Land and Buildings £
Expiring Within one year	12,000	24,087
	12,000	24,087

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19 Subsidiary company

The company owned 75% of the issued share capital of Petrus Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The subsidiary company ceased to trade on 6th August 1994 and was struck off the Register of Companies on 12th May 1995. All known liabilities were included in the financial statements to 31st October 1994.

20 Post balance sheet events

As a result of EEC health regulations the company has entered into an agreement to move to upgraded premises within Smithfield Market where it operates.

The move entails capital expenditure on equipment and an increase in the amount of rent payable. Total amounts involved are not capable of quantification at the time of preparation of this report.

Expenditure incurred to 31st October 1995 is shown in note 7 as Assets under Construction. The Corporation of London have agreed to loan funds against the costs involved. Details of the position are shown in note 13.