



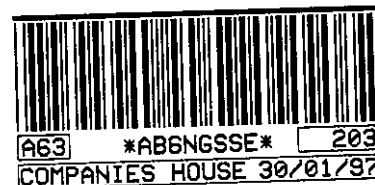
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TWENTE EXPRESS LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

**for the year ended
31 March 1996**



Company Number : 1707421

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AUDITORS' REPORT**to the directors of Twente Express Limited****Pursuant to Paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 7 together with the financial statements of Twente Express Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1996.

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 4 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 on 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 31 March 1996 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 7 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 28 January 1997, we reported, as auditors of Twente Express Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 15 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2, 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.

AUDITORS' REPORT**to the directors of Twente Express Limited****Pursuant to Paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 (continued)****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 31 March 1996 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."



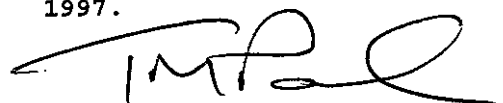
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
28 January 1997

BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 1996

	Notes	1996	1995
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	216,846	114,128
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	3	758,563	604,623
Cash at bank and in hand		21,073	28,190
		<u>779,636</u>	<u>632,813</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(485,497)</u>	<u>(298,921)</u>
Net Current Assets (including an amount of £259,403 (1995 : £253,260) recoverable in over one year)		<u>294,139</u>	<u>333,892</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>510,985</u>	<u>448,020</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	4	(87,298)	(23,301)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		<u>(7,000)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>£416,687</u></u>	<u><u>£422,719</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	5	100	100
Profit and loss account		<u>416,587</u>	<u>422,619</u>
Shareholders' Funds		<u><u>£416,687</u></u>	<u><u>£422,719</u></u>

In preparing these abbreviated accounts, advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that, in the directors' opinion, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company under the provisions of Sections 246 and 247 of the Act.

The abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 7 were approved by the Board on 28 January 1997.



T M Paul
Director

**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 1996**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the United Kingdom and Overseas net of trade discounts, VAT and other related taxes.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to reduce their costs to estimated realisable value at the end of their anticipated useful working lives. The rates used are as follows:

Motor vehicles	- 25% per annum on the reducing balance basis with the exception of finance leases capitalised which are depreciated over the period of the lease
Plant, fixtures and fittings	- At rates of between 10% per annum on the straight line basis and 20% per annum on the reducing balance basis
Computer equipment	- 20% per annum on the straight line basis
Property improvements	- 10% per annum on the straight line basis

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

- (a) Tangible fixed assets acquired under the terms of hire purchase contracts and finance leases which result in the transfer to the company of substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership are capitalised at the present value of underlying lease payments and depreciated in accordance with the above policy. Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are included in creditors net of finance charges allocated to future periods. The finance element of payments made is charged to the profit and loss account in equal instalments over the period of each lease.
- (b) Operating lease payments are written off to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation to take account of timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounting purposes except to the extent that it is anticipated that the directors consider that a liability to taxation is unlikely to crystallise.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 1996 (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign currencies

Balances held in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions occurring during the year are translated at the average rate for the year. Exchange gains and losses are reflected in the operating profit for the year.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for certain directors and employees. Pension costs incurred are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which the payments made relate.

Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Total £
Cost	
1 April 1995	255,989
Additions	162,920
Disposals	(85,123)
31 March 1996	333,786
Depreciation	
1 April 1995	141,861
Charge for the year	37,796
Disposals	(62,717)
31 March 1996	116,940
Net book value	
31 March 1996	216,846
31 March 1995	114,128

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
for the year ended 31 March 1996 (continued)

3. DEBTORS

Included in debtors are amounts due from the ultimate parent undertaking which are due after more than one year and which amount to £259,403 (1995 : £253,260).

4. CREDITORS

Creditors include the following:

	1996 £	1995 £
(a) Bank loan	62,706	-
(b) Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	75,703	52,877
	<u>138,409</u>	<u>52,877</u>
The above amounts are repayable as follows:		
Repayments falling due within one year	51,111	29,576
Repayments falling due after one year but within five years	87,298	23,301
	<u>138,409</u>	<u>52,877</u>
(c) Bank overdraft	<u>53,688</u>	<u>6,094</u>

The bank loan and overdraft are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets and by an unlimited multilateral guarantee given by the parent undertaking.

5. SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised		Allotted, called up and fully paid	
	1996 Number	1995 Number	1996 £	1995 £
£1 Ordinary	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

6. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The directors regard Exsport Holdings Limited as the company's ultimate parent undertaking.

Exsport Holdings Limited does not prepare group accounts as permitted under the Companies Act 1985. Copies of that company's financial statements can be obtained from the Registrar of Companies, Companies Registration Office, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ.