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Stikatak Limited

Financial Statements

Company Information

Company No: 1763122

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Directors

Mr John C. Whiting Mr John S.L. Stock Mrs Anjana Thakrar

Secretary

Mr John C. Whiting

Auditors

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Directors' Report

for the year ended 31st December 1997

The directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1997.

Directors' Statement

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 and of the profit or loss for that year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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 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.

Results and Dividends

The profit on the ordinary activities of the company before taxation amounted to £265,150. After deducting taxation and dividends, the profit of £105,945 has been transferred to reserves.

The directors recommend dividends amounting to £100,000.

Principal Activity and Business Review

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the manufacture and supply of carpet accessories.

A summary of the results for the year under review is given on page 4 of the financial statements.

Future Developments of the Business

In the years immediately ahead the directors believe that there is considerable scope for the further development of the existing activities of the Company.

Directors and their Interests

The directors who served during the year and their beneficial interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	Ordinary share	Ordinary shares of £1 each		
	1997	1996		
	No.	No.		
Mr John C. Whiting	4,500	4,500		
Mr John S.L. Stock	1,500	1,500		
Mrs Anjana Thakrar	-	-		

Directors' Report

for the year ended 31st December 1997

Political and Charitable Contributions

During the year payments of a charitable nature amounted to £360 (1996: £340). There were no contributions to political organisations.

Auditors

The Auditors, Landau Morley Chartered Accountants, have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board:

Mr John C. Whiting

Director

12 M August 1998

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders

on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 1997

Morley

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 12, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

As described on page 1 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 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 December 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Landau Morley

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

13th August 1998

Lanmor House 370-386 High Road Wembley Middx HA9 6AX

Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 31st December 1997

•	Notes	1997 £	1996 £	
Turnover	2	6,149,827	5,511,293	
Cost of sales		(4,130,131)	(3,899,288)	
Gross profit		2,019,696	1,612,005	
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(1,041,987) (708,962)	(740,591) (585,785)	
Operating profit	3	268,747	285,629	
Interest receivable Interest payable	4	27,105 (30,702)	18,679 (25,335)	
Profit on ordinary activities before Taxation		265,150	278,973	
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(59,205)	(70,699)	
Profit on ordinary activities after Taxation		205,945	208,274	
Dividends	7	(100,000)	(100,000)	
Retained profit transferred to reserves		105,945	108,274	
Retained profit brought forward		655,466	547,192	
Retained profit carried forward		761,411	655,466	

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

There have been no recognised gains or losses, other than the results for the financial year, and all profits or losses have been accounted for on an historical cost basis.

Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 1997

	Notes	1997 £	1997 £	1996 £	1996 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	8		197,467		201,311
Current Assets					
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank	9 10	576,884 908,824 735,757		488,998 682,539 623,646	
Creditors:		2,221,465		1,795,183	
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,648,482)		(1,332,065)	
Net Current Assets			572,983		463,118
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		-	770,450	_	664,429
Provision for Liabilities and Charges					
Deferred taxation	12		(3,039)		(2,963)
		-	767,411		661,466
Capital and Reserves		=		=	
Share capital Profit and loss account	13		6,000 761,411		6,000 655,466
Equity Shareholders' Funds	14	_	767,411	_	661,466
		=		=	

These accounts were approved by the board on 12 th August 1998

Mr John C. Whiting

Mr John S.L. Stock **Directors**

Cash Flow Statement

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
Cash flow from operating activities	19	339,254	365,405
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	18	(3,597)	(6,656)
Taxation		(70,235)	(80,531)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	18	(53,312)	(137,811)
Equity dividends paid		(100,000)	(100,000)
Increase in cash in the year	20	112,110	40,407
			
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds			
Increase in cash in the year		112,110	40,407
Movement in net funds in the period		112,110	40,407
Net funds at 1st January 1997		623,646	583,239
Net funds at 31st December 1997	20	735,756	623,646

Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st December 1997

1 Principal Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost, less estimated residual value, of all tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Plant and machinery Motor vehicles

20% reducing balance

25% on cost

Fixtures and fittings

25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value (after making due allowance for slow moving or obsolete items.)

Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is provided for under the liability method using the tax rates estimated to arise when the timing differences reverse and is accounted for to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise. Unprovided deferred tax is disclosed as a contingent liability.

Debit balances arising in respect of advanced corporation tax on dividends payable or proposed are carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be recoverable.

Foreign Currencies

Assets and Liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

Contribution to Pension Funds

Pension costs charged against profits represent the amount of the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

2 Turnover

The turnover and operating profit for the year were derived from the company's principal activity.

Notes to the Financial Statements

3	Operating Profit		
	The operating profit is stated after charging or crediting:		
	The opening project of states agree that goes or creaming.	1997	1996
		£	£
	Amounts payable to the auditors in respect of audit services Depreciation - owned assets	6,300	6,000
	(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets	57,736	53,259
	(110110), 2000 on disposal of fixed dissels	<u>(581)</u>	5,399
4	Interest Payable	1997	1996
		£	£
	Directors' loan accounts	30,702	25,335
		30,702	25,335
5	Directors and Employees		
	Staff costs during the year were as follows:		
		1997	1996
	***	£	£
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	769,933	691,152
	Other pension costs	78,144	63,791
	Outer pension costs	33,084	30,584
		881,161 ——————————————————————————————————	785,527
	The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was as		
		1997	1996
	Administration	Number	Number
	Production	7	7
	Selling and distribution	32 11	31 11
			·
			49
	Remuneration in respect of directors was as follows:		
		1997	1996
		£	£
	Aggregate amount of emoluments paid in respect of qualifying services	110,833	106,250
6	Tax on Profit on Ordinary Activities	1997	1996
		£	£
	Based on the profit for the year:		
	U.K. Corporation tax at 22% (1996: 24%) Deferred tax charge	59,129	70,232
	Dolottod dia olidigo	76	467
		59,205	70,699
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7	Dividends			1997 £	1996 £
	Equity Ordinary shares - interim paid of £16.67 per share (1996 £16.67)		<u>-</u>	100,000	100,000
8	Cost At 1st January 1997 Additions Disposals	Plant and machinery £ 200,993 15,130	Motor vehicles £ 99,281 36,287 (15,024)	Fixtures and fittings £ 68,653 6,395	Total £ 368,927 57,812 (15,024)
	At 31st December 1997	216,123	120,544	75,048	411,715
	Depreciation At 1st January 1997 Charged for the year Eliminated on disposal At 31st December 1997	116,452 19,934 - 136,386	25,532 25,448 (11,105) 39,875	25,633 12,354 - 37,987	167,617 57,736 (11,105) 214,248
	Net Book Value At 31st December 1997	79,737	80,669	37,061	197,467
	At 31st December 1996	84,541	73,749	43,020	201,310
9	Stocks Raw materials Goods for re-sale		_	1997 £ 263,849 313,035	1996 £ 257,376 231,622
			<u>-</u>	576,884	488,998
10	Debtors Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income		_	1997 £ 854,111 10,036 44,677 908,824	1996 £ 638,776 9,591 34,172 682,539
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Notes to the Financial Statements

Closing shareholders' funds

for the year ended 31st December 1997

11	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			1997	1996
	Trade creditors			£	.
	Corporation tax			971,348	656,626
	Other taxes and social security			34,126	45,232
	Other creditors			60,868	66,61
	Accruals and deferred income			263,242	221,553
	Accidais and deferred income			318,898	342,039
				1,648,482	1,332,065
	The Company's bankers have a fixed and floating charge over	er the Company's	s assets.		
12	Deferred Taxation				
	The amount provided and the total potential liability for defe	erred taxation wa	as as follows:		
		Amount Pro	vided	Amount Ung	rovided
		1997	1996	1997	1996
		£	£	£	£
	Accelerated capital allowances	3,039	2,963	-	-
13	Share Capital				
	Authorised			Number	£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each		=	100,000	100,000
	Allotted and fully paid			Number	£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each		=	6,000	6,000
14	Reconciliation of the Movement in Shareholders' Funds			1997	1996
				£	£
	Profit for the financial year			205,945	208,274
	Dividends			(100,000)	(100,000
	Increase in shareholders' funds			105.045	100.054
	Opening shareholders' funds			105,945	108,274
	- L A S S S S			661,466	553,192

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Notes to the Financial Statements

for the year ended 31st December 1997

15 Pensions - Defined Contribution Scheme

The company provides pension benefits to its Directors through insured arrangements which are separate from the Company's finances.

16 Operating lease commitments

Financial commitments under non-cancellable operating leases will result in the following payments falling due in the next financial year:

	1997	1996
	Land and	Land and
	buildings	buildings
	£	£
Expiring:		
Within one year	-	_
Within two to five years	-	-
After five years	68,300	68,300
	68,300	68,300

17 Related Party Transactions

The company is controlled by Mr J. C. Whiting who owns 75% of the issued ordinary shares of the company. Details of related party transactions occurring during the year are as follows:

Name of related party	Nature of Relationship	Transaction Details	Other Creditors	Accruals
			£	£
Mr J. C. Whiting	Director and majority sharehold	Dividend receipt and er interest on director's loan account	(196,206)	(88,414)
Mr J. S. L. Stock	Director and minority sharehold	Dividend receipt and er interest on director's loan	(54,717)	(24,806)
Stikatak Directors Pension Fund	Pension Fund for the benefit of directors	1e Rent payable	(4,776)	

Interest is charged on the directors' loan accounts at a commercial rate, 2% over base rate.

The company leases the property from which it operates, on a commercial basis, from the Stikatak Directors Pension Fund at an annual rent of £68,300.

Notes to the Financial Statements

18	Analysis of Cash Flows for headings netted in the Cash Flow Statement			
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance		1997 £	1996 £
	Interest received		27,105	18,679
	Interest paid		(30,702)	(25,335)
	Net cash (outflow) for returns on investments and servicing of finance		(3,597)	(6,656)
	Capital expenditure and financial investment		1997	1996
			£	£
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(57,812)	(149,011)
	Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets		4,500	11,200
	Net cash (outflow) for capital expenditure and financial investment		(53,312)	(137,811)
19	Reconciliation of Operating Profit to Operating Cash Flows			
			1997	1996
			£	£
	Operating profit		268,747	285,629
	Depreciation charges		57,736	53,259
	(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets		(581)	5,399
	(Increase) in stocks		(87,886)	(24,859)
	(Increase) in debtors		(226,285)	(58,448)
	Increase in creditors		327,523	104,425
	Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities		339,254	365,405
20	Analysis of changes in net funds			
		At 1st January 1997	Cashflows	At 31st December
		^		1997
	Cash at bank and in hand	£	£	£
	Cash at Dank and III fidild	623,646	112,111	735,757