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SUFFOLK FAST FOODS LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 JULY 1997



Company no: 1816286

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Company registration number:

1816286

Registered office:

Fast Food House Blackwall Reach

GORLESTON ON SEA

Great Yarmouth

Norfolk

Director:

Mr K Sole

Secretary:

Mr J Lambert

Bankers:

National Westminster Bank plc

Auditors:

Grant Thornton Registered auditors Chartered accountants

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The director presents his report together with financial statements for the year ended 31 July 1997.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of fast food services.

Business review

The company made a profit for the year after taxation and before dividends of £547,914 (1996: £423,250). The director recommends a final dividend of £547,914 (1996: £423,250) leaving nothing to be retained.

The director anticipates that the company will continue to trade profitably.

Post balance sheet events

On 15 September 1997, a new store opened in Wisbech. A further two new stores are planned to open in the forthcoming year.

Director

The only director to serve during the year was Mr K Sole.

According to the register maintained as required by the Companies Act 1985, Mr K Sole had no interests in the shares of the company during the year.

The interests of Mr K Sole in the shares of the ultimate parent undertaking, Anglian Fast Foods Limited, are disclosed in that company's financial statements.

Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

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 of the company for that period. 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
- 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 maintaining proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Auditors

Grant Thornton offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

10 November 1997

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

SUFFOLK FAST FOODS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 4.

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 at 31 July 1997 and of the result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

-GRANT THORNTON

REGISTERED AUDITORS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

IPSWICH

10 November 1997

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

The principal accounting policies of the company have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

TURNOVER

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company in the ordinary course of business with outside customers for goods supplied as a principal and for services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful economic lives. The rates and bases generally applicable are:

Leasehold premiums
Improvements to property
Motor vehicles
Furniture, fixtures, fittings and equipment

Period of lease straight line 10% straight line 25% reducing balance 20% reducing balance

STOCKS

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred tax is the taxation attributable to timing differences between profits or losses computed for taxation purposes and results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is provided for to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise and not otherwise. Unprovided deferred tax is disclosed as a contingent liability.

Deferred tax is calculated using the rate at which it is estimated that the tax will be paid when the timing differences reverse.

LEASED ASSETS

Payments made under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 1997

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
Turnover	1	4,434,272	3,163,161
Cost of sales		(2,617,506)	(1,844,458)
Gross profit		1,816,766	1,318,703
Administrative expenses		(1,215,775)	(875,230)
Operating profit	•	600,991	443,473
Interest receivable and similar income		888	3,695
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1	601,879	447,168
Taxation	3	(53,965)	(23,918)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	•	547,914	423,250
Equity dividends proposed	4	(547,914)	(423,250)
Transfer to reserves	_	-	-
STATEMENT OF RETAINED EARNINGS			
	·	1997 £	1996 £
At 1 August 1996 and 31 July 1997	=	50,387	50,387

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the result for the year.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 JULY 1997

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	1,338,284	827,327
Current assets			
Stocks Debtors	6	26,886	21,853
Cash at bank and in hand	7	105,015	66,883
		95,653	68,749
		227,554	157,485
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,428,949)	(879,223)
Net current liabilities		(1,201,395)	(721,738)
Total assets less current liabilities		136,889	105,589
Provisions for liabilities and charges	9	(86,500)	(55,200)
		50,389	50,389
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	2	2
Profit and loss account		50,387	50,387
Shareholders' funds	11	50,389	50,389

The financial statements were approved by the director on 10 November 1997.

DIRECTOR

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

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TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation are attributable to one activity, namely the provision of fast food services.

The profit on ordinary activities is stated after:

	1997	1996
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	148,161	76,988
Auditors' remuneration	4,000	4,000
Operating lease payments:		•
Motor vehicles	10,590	9,009
Land and buildings	170,357	130,684

DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYEES

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	1997	1996
	£	£
Wages and salaries	949,765	640,685
Social security costs	66,000	44,038
	1,015,765	684,723

The average number of employees, including the director, during the year was 132 (1996: 108).

The director was not remunerated through this company.

3 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The tax charge is based on the UK corporation tax payable on the profit for the year after relief of losses from Anglian Fast Foods Limited. There have been no transfers between group companies to take account of this relief.

	1997	1996
	£	£
Corporation tax at 23% (1996: 24.6%)	23,000	25,000
Adjustments in respect of previous years	(335)	(9,282)
Deferred tax (note 9)	31,300	8,200
	53,965	23,918

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Net book amount at 31 July 1996

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DIVIDEND				
			1997 £	1996 £
Ordinary shares of 10p each			.	~
Proposed final dividend of £30,439.67p per sh	are (1996: £23,513.89p)	=	547,914	423,250
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Total £	Improve- ments to property £	Motor vehicles £	Furniture, fixtures, fittings and equipment £
Cost At 1 August 1996	1,167,246	771,843	6,887	200 517
Additions	659,517	524,252	0,007	388,516 135,265
Disposals	(6,887)	J24,2J2 -	(6,887)	133,203
At 31 July 1997	1,819,876	1,296,095	<u> </u>	523,781
Depreciation				
At 1 August 1996	339,919	160,822	6,394	172,703
Provided in the year	148,161	97,631	94	50,436
Disposals	(6,488)	_	(6,488)	-
At 31 July 1997	481,592	258,453	_	223,139
Net book amount at 31 July 1997	1,338,284	1,037,642	_	300,642

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215,813

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6	STOCKS
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1997	1996
£	£
Raw materials and consumable stores 26,886	21,853

The replacement cost of stock does not materially exceed the balance sheet value.

7 DEBTORS

	1997 £	1996 £
Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	920 104,095	853 66,030
	105,015	66,883

Included in prepayments is an amount of £36,510 (1996: £36,510) in respect of rental deposits not repayable until the expiry of the respective leases.

8 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1997	1996
	£	£
Trade creditors	222,710	108,650
Amounts owed to group undertakings	534,927	120,431
Social security and other taxes	22,518	13,384
Other creditors	15,797	10,448
Current taxation	23,000	25,000
Accruals	62,083	178,060
Proposed dividend	547,914	423,250
	1,428,949	879,223
		

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PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		
Deferred taxation		
	1997 £	1996 £
At 1 August 1996	55,200	47,000
Charge for the year	31,300	8,200
At 31 July 1997	86,500	55,200
The provision for deferred taxation relates wholly to accelerated capital allowances.		
SHARE CAPITAL		
	1997	1996
	£	£
Authorised		
998 ordinary shares of 10p each	100	100
2 'A' ordinary shares of 10p each		-
	100	100
Allotted, called up and fully paid	2	2
	Number	Number
Ordinary shares of 10p each	18	18
'A' ordinary shares of 10p each	2	2
	20	20

Rights to dividends and priority on winding up

In accordance with the company's Articles of Association, 'A' ordinary shares do not rank for dividends except on a winding up of the company. Both class of share carry equal voting rights.

11 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	199 7 £	1996 £
Profit for the year Dividends	547,914 (547,914)	423,250 (423,250)
Net movement in shareholders' funds		-
Shareholders' funds at 1 August 1996	50,389	50,389
Shareholders' funds at 31 July 1997	50,389	50,389

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12 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 July 1997 the company had capital commitments amounting to £74,000 in respect of a new store which opened on 15 September 1997 (1996: nil).

LEASING COMMITMENTS

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Operating lease commitments amounting to £196,169 (1996: £152,680) are due within one year. The commitments to make payments included in this sum expire as follows:

	Land and buildings 1997 £	Other 1997 £	Land and buildings 1996 £	Other 1996 £
Within one year Between two and five years Over five years	16,000 29,000 138,500	- 12,669 -	28,000 118,500	840 5,340
	183,500	12,669	146,500	6,180

14 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Any bank loans or overdrafts are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets.

The company has provided a composite guarantee and debenture to GiroCredit Bank Aktiengesellschaft der Sparkassen in respect of amounts owing by the parent undertaking. In addition, the company has also entered into an "Intra-Group Loan Agreement" in respect of providing loan facilities to the parent undertaking.

15 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

In the opinion of the director, the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling related party is Anglian Fast Foods Limited which is registered in England and Wales. There is no ultimate controlling related party.

16 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Financial Reporting Standard Number 8 on group companies and does not disclose details of intra-group transactions.