Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 1994

Company number 183061 183064 (England and Wales)

Paul Steele Chartered Accountants 18 Newport Street Tiverton Devon



Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 1994

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1994.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity continues to be the sales of laboratory equipment.

Directors

The directors who served during the year and their beneficial interests in the company's issued ordinary share capital were:

	Number	of shares
	1994	1993
P J Hooper	70	70
C Bown	30	30

Directors' responsibilities

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 and 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 keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that 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.

Auditors

The auditors, Paul Steele Chartered Accountants, will be proposed for re appointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report was approved by the board on 12th June 1995, taking advantage of the special exemptions available to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

Mrs E C D Hooper Company secretary

Cthogo

1

Auditors' Report to the members of Vitech Scientific Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies on pages 5 and 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 December 1994 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.

Paul Steele

Chartered Accountants

Registered auditor

18 Newport Street Tiverton Devon EX16 6NL

12th June 1995

Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1994

	Notes	1994	1993
		£	£
Turnover	2	568,200	610,276
Cost of sales		296,726	373,444
Gross profit		271,474	236,832
Distribution costs		173,004	_
Administration costs		89,273	224,108
		262,277	224,108
Operating profit	3	9,197	12,724
Interest payable		9,111	12,353
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	,	86	371
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	_	-
Profit for the financial year	,	86	371
Dividends	5	-	-
Retained profit for the year		86	371

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the profit and loss account.

There were no acquisitions or discontinued operations during the current or preceding year.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1994

		19	994	19	993
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	6		59,038		25,766
Current assets					
Stocks		110,775		75,029	
Debtors	7	149,565		124,939	
Cash at bank and in hand		8		15	
	•	260,348		199,983	
Creditors:		-		•	
amounts falling due within one year	8	241,153		174,765	
Net current assets	•		19,195		25,218
Total assets less current liabilities			78,233		50,984
Creditors:			,		,
amounts falling due after more					
than one year	9	69,341		42,182	
Provision for liabilities and charges		, -			
	•		69,341		42,182
			8,892		8,802
Capital and reserves			<u> </u>		0,002
Called up share capital	11		105		100
Profit and loss account	12		8,787		8,702
Shareholders' funds	13		8,892		8,802

Approved by the board of directors on 12th June 1995 and signed on its behalf. The directors have relied on special exemptions available to small companies on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company by virtue of section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

P. Hooper

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1994

1 Accounting policies

• Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and incorporate the results of the principal activity which is described in the directors report and which is continuing.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles

25% reducing balance basis

Fixtures and fittings

25% reducing balance basis

Leasing and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Operating leases

rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Stock and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Notes to the financial statements cont. for the year ended 31st December 1994

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for taxation deferred as a result of material timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounts purposes using the liability method, only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the near future.

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.

Foreign currency transactions

Translation is done at the rate applicable at the date of transaction and assets and liabilities at the rate applicable on the balance sheet date.

2 Turnover

During the year the company earned its entire turnover in the United Kingdom. (1993 - 100%)

3 Operating profit

The operating profit is stated after charging:		
	1994	1993
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		
- owned by the company	2,809	3,069
- held under finance leases	5,655	6,407
Directors' emoluments	104,965	51,342
Auditors' remuneration	2,000	2,750
Interest element of hire purchase contracts	2,223	5,867
Exchange differences	(2,674)	4,349
4 Taxation		
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1994	1993
	£	£
UK current year taxation		
	-	-
	<u></u>	
	-	-
Prior years		
UK Corporation tax		
•		-
UK current year taxation UK corporation tax at 25% (1993 - 25%) Transfer to (from) deferred taxation Prior years UK Corporation tax		

If provision were made for deferred taxation on the basis of the full potential liability, the tax charge would increase by £nil (1993 £nil) due to accelerated capital allowances.

Notes to the financial statements cont. for the year ended 31st December 1994

5 Dividends

No dividends were paid or proposed during the year

6 Tangible fixed assets

v rung.wie nach assess	Motor vehicles	Fixtures and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost		,	
As at 1st January 1994	47,835	22,301	70,136
Additions	47,587	755	48,342
Disposals	(11,750)		(11,750)
As at 31st December 1994	83,672	23,056	106,728
Depreciation			
As at 1st January 1994	27,913	16,457	44,370
Charge for the year	8,464	1,649	10,113
Released on disposal	(6,793)		(6,793)
As at 31st December 1994	29,584	18,106	47,690
Net book value			
As at 31st December 1994	54,088	4,950	59,038
As at 31st December 1993	19,922	5,844	25,766

Included in motor vehicles above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts costing £36,024. The accumulated depreciation amounts to £8,551 of which £5,655 was charged in the current period.

7 Debtors

	1994	1993
	£	£
Trade debtors	83,183	74,800
Other debtors	66,382	50,139
Prepayments and accrued income	<u> </u>	
1 3	149,565	124,939

Included in debtors is an interest free loan of £53,274 (1993 - £46,820) to P J Hooper, a director. The maximum amount outstanding during the year was £78,260. No provision for non payment is considered necessary.

Notes to the financial statements cont. for the year ended 31st December 1994

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within	one year			
<u> </u>	•	1994	1993	
		£	£	
Bank loans and overdrafts (secured)		30,141	26,641	
Vital Scientific NV loan		10,875	14,000	
Net obligations under finance leases			•	
and hire purchase contracts	(secured)	8,830	7,892	
Trade creditors		130,470	80,767	
Corporation tax		-	-	
Other taxation and social security costs		31,518	13,371	
Accruals and deferred income		29,319	32,094	
		241,153	174,765	
9 Creditors: amounts falling due after n	ore then one	year		
		1994	1993	
		£	£	
Bank loans (secured)		25,755	1,640	
Vital Scientific NV loan		22,750	32,779	
Net obligations under finance leases				
and hire purchase contract	s (secured)	20,836	7,763	
		69,341	42,182	
10 Deferred taxation			•	
	Provide	d	Unprovi	ded
	1994	1993	1994	1993
	£	£	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances		-		-
				·
44.69				
11 Share capital				
		1994	1993	
0.1		£	£	
Ordinary shares of £1 each				
Authorised		10,000	10,000	
Allowed colled an and Caller and		4.5		
Allotted, called up and fully paid		105	100	

Notes to the financial statements cont. for the year ended 31st December 1994

12 Profit and loss accoun	12	Profit	and loss	accoun	t
---------------------------	----	--------	----------	--------	---

12 I font and loss account		
	1994	1993
	£	£
Balance at 1st January 1994	8,701	8,331
Profit retained for the year	86	371
Balance at 31st December 1994	8,787	8,702
13 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders funds		
	1994	1993
	£	£
Profit for the year	86	371
Dividend		
New additions during the year	86	371
Shareholders funds as at 1st January 1994	8,806	8,431
Shareholders funds as at 31st December 1994	8,892	8,802

14 Contingent liabilities

The company had contingent liabilities in respect of foreign exchange contracts and bonds given by the company's bankers amounting to £20,000 (1993 - £15,000)

15 Capital commitments

At the year end the company had capital commitments as follows.

	1994	1993
	£	£
Contracted for but not provided in these accounts		
Authorised by the directors but not contracted for		_

16 Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

The future minimum lease payments to which the company is committed under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are as follows:

	1994
	£
Within one year	12,939
Between one and two years	12,939
Between two and five years	10,938
	36,816
Interest included above	7,150
	29,666
Obligations payable within one year	8,830
Obligations due after more than one year	20,836