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**Central Weighing Limited**

Abbreviated Accounts

Year ended

30 June 1996

**REGISTRAR OF  
COMPANIES**



**BDO**

BDO Stoy Hayward  
Chartered Accountants

# **CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED**

**Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1996**

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## **Directors**

P S Jackson  
R W Stokes

## **Secretary and registered office**

P J D Langford, Unit 142, Hartlebury Trading Estate, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, DY10 4JB.

## **Company number**

1869891

## **Auditors**

BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA.

## CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED

### Auditors' report to Central Weighing Limited pursuant to paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985

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We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 8 together with the financial statements of Central Weighing Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 June 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 3 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 those 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 30 June 1996, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 8 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

#### *Other information*

On 14 January 1997 we reported, as auditors of Central Weighing Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 June 1996, and our report was as follows:

'We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 14 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 6 and 7.

#### *Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors*

As described on pages 1 and 2 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.

## CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED

Auditors' report to Central Weighing Limited pursuant to paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 (*Continued*)

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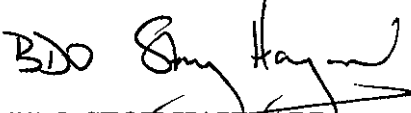
### *Basis of opinion*

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 30 June 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

  
**BDO STOY HAYWARD**  
Chartered Accountants  
and Registered Auditors  
London

14 January 1997

# CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED

## Balance sheet at 30 June 1996

	Note	1996	1995
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	2	2	2
Intangible assets	3	70,404	70,203
Tangible assets	4	58,492	64,392
		<u>128,898</u>	<u>134,597</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks		102,054	93,006
Debtors		515,122	350,603
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3,110</u>	<u>1,620</u>
		620,286	445,229
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	<u>541,197</u>	<u>376,008</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>79,089</u>	<u>69,221</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		207,987	203,818
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	6	22,054	37,769
<b>Provision for liabilities and charges</b>			
Deferred taxation		<u>21,205</u>	<u>20,614</u>
		<u>(43,259)</u>	<u>(58,383)</u>
		164,728	145,435
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	7	1,800	1,800
Share premium		59,200	59,200
Profit and loss account		<u>103,728</u>	<u>84,435</u>
		<u>164,728</u>	<u>145,435</u>

In preparing these abbreviated accounts we have relied upon sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that the company is entitled to the benefit of those sections as a small company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 14.1.97

P S Jackson )  
 ) Directors  
 R W Stokes )

*PS Jackson*  
*R Stokes*

The notes on pages 4 to 8 form part of these financial statements

# CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED

## Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1996

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### 1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

#### *Turnover*

Turnover represents sales to outside customers at invoiced amounts less value added tax.

#### *Depreciation*

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, except freehold land, over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates:

- Fixtures and fittings - 15% per annum on reducing balance
- Plant and machinery - 20% per annum on reducing balance

#### *Stocks*

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated as follows:

Raw materials - cost of purchase on first in, first out basis.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

#### *Deferred taxation*

Provision using the liability method, is made for deferred taxation arising on timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, to the extent that it can be reasonably foreseen that such deferred taxation will become payable in the future.

#### *Leased assets*

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ('finance leases'), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as amounts payable to the lessor. Depreciation on the relevant assets is charged to the profit and loss account.

All other leases are treated as 'operating leases'. Their annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1996 (*Continued*)

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### 1 Accounting policies (*Continued*)

#### *Foreign currencies*

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate 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 the transactions. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

#### *Deferred development expenditure*

Expenditure on pure and applied research is written off in the year in which it is incurred. Development expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred, except where it is separately identifiable and relates to a clearly defined project whose outcome can be assessed as profitable, with reasonable certainty. In these circumstances, the expenditure is capitalised as an intangible asset and amortised based on the directors' estimate of the benefit accruing, subject to a minimum write down of 25% per annum on cost.

#### *Pensions*

The company pays contributions on behalf of R W Stokes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents the contributions paid by the company to the fund in respect of the accounting period.

### 2 Investment

The investment is stated at cost and relates to the investment of 2 ordinary £1 shares in Central Measurement & Control Limited. This is a 100% subsidiary undertaking incorporated in England. The company reported a loss after tax of £864 for the year ended 30 June 1996. The capital and reserves of the company stood at £(5,857) as at 30 June 1996.

# CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1996 (*Continued*)

## 3 Intangible assets

	Deferred development expenditure £	Deferred market research expenditure £	Total deferred expenditure £
<i>Cost</i>			
At beginning of year	243,884	60,492	304,376
Additions	45,173	-	45,173
Fully amortised amounts eliminated	(60,961)	(60,492)	(121,453)
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At end of year	228,096	-	228,096
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<i>Amortisation</i>			
At beginning of year	173,681	60,492	234,173
Provided for the year	44,972	-	44,972
Fully amortised amounts eliminated	(60,961)	(60,492)	(121,453)
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At end of year	157,692	-	157,692
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<i>Net book value</i>			
At 30 June 1996	70,404	-	70,404
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At 30 June 1995	70,203	-	70,203
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# CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1996 (*Continued*)

## 4 Tangible assets

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>			
At beginning of year	90,785	58,666	149,451
Additions	526	5,813	6,339
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At end of year	91,311	64,479	155,790
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<i>Amortisation</i>			
At beginning of year	58,725	26,334	85,059
Provided for the year	6,517	5,722	12,239
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At end of year	65,242	32,056	97,298
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<i>Net book value</i>			
At 30 June 1996	26,069	32,423	58,492
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At 30 June 1995	32,060	32,332	64,392
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The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes an amount of £3,302 (1995 - £6,189) in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts. The related depreciation charge for the year was £583 (1995 - £1,261).

## 5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Creditors falling due within one year includes £83,345 which represents cash advances made to the company by Barclays Bank PLC in accordance with a debt factoring agreement. These advances are secured by a fixed and floating charge over all assets of the company.

## CENTRAL WEIGHING LIMITED

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1996 (*Continued*)

### 6 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	1996 £	1995 £
Bank loan	22,054	37,769
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The bank loan and overdraft are secured by a fixed and floating charge over all assets of the company. £14,167 (1995 - £14,167) of the bank loan is repayable between one and two years. The balance is due between two and five years. Interest is paid on the loan at a rate of 3.5% over base rate.

### 7 Called up share capital

	1996 £	1995 £
<i>Authorised</i>		
10,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<i>Issued, allotted and fully paid</i>		
1,800 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,800	1,800
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 8 Related party transactions

During the year consultancy fees amounting to £21,660 (1995 - £18,560) were paid to Barling Finance, a company in which P S Jackson has an interest. This transaction was in the normal course of business and on commercial terms.