



**Ceramic Industry Certification
Scheme Limited**

Abbreviated financial statements

31 December 1996

Registered number 1871628





Festival Way
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire ST1 5TA

Report of the auditors to the directors of
Ceramic Industry Certification Scheme Limited
pursuant to paragraph 24 of schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 3 to 6 together with the financial statements of Ceramic Industry Certification Scheme Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 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 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 December 1996, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 19 May 1997 we reported, as auditors of Ceramic Industry Certification Scheme Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 13.

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.



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Report of the auditors to the directors of
Ceramic Industry Certification Scheme 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 December 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

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Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

19 May 1997

Ceramic Industry Certification Scheme Limited

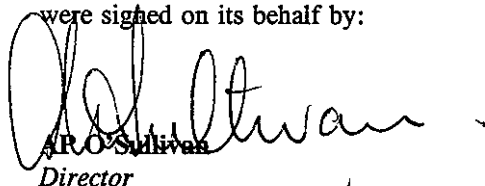
Balance sheet

at 31 December 1996

	Note	1996 £000	1995 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	1	2
Current assets			
Stock		-	1
Debtors		122	136
Cash at bank and in hand		73	37
		<u>195</u>	<u>174</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>(127)</u>	<u>(119)</u>
Net current assets		<u>68</u>	<u>55</u>
Net assets		<u>69</u>	<u>57</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	3	-	-
Profit and loss account		<u>69</u>	<u>57</u>
Equity reserves		<u>69</u>	<u>57</u>

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the basis that the company qualifies as a small company.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 6 FEBRUARY 1997 and were signed on its behalf by:


P.O. Sullivan
Director

Ceramic Industry Certification Scheme Limited

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

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

Related party transactions

The company has, in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard No: 8, taken advantage of the exemption from reporting the transactions between the company and British Ceramic Research Limited since 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled by the group and the consolidated financial statements in which the company are consolidated are publicly available.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	-	10% on written down value
Computer system	-	20% on cost

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Leases

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a 'finance lease'. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

All other leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

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Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Stocks

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

Pensions

Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the company.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from services to customers during the year.

2 Tangible fixed assets

	£000
<i>Cost</i>	
At beginning and end of year	4
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<i>Depreciation and diminution in value</i>	
At beginning of year	2
Charge for year	1
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At end of year	3
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<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 December 1996	1
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At 31 December 1995	2
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Notes *(continued)*

3 Called up share capital

	1996	1995
	£	£
<i>Authorised</i>		
10,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

4 Ultimate holding company

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of British Ceramic Research Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.