London Property Maintenance (Cleaning) Limited
Abbreviated Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 1996

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Auditors' Report to London Property Maintenance (Cleaning) Limited pursuant to Paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated finanacial statements on pages 3 to 5 together with the financial statements of London Property Maintenance (Cleaning) 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 abbreviated financial statements 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 financial statements 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 financial statements 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 exemption 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 financial statements on pages 3 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

'We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 9 which have been prepared under the historic cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 (see continuation page) 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 whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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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 the 31 December 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 as applicable to small companies.'

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 the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- prepare the financial statements based 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.

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Abbreviated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1996

		1996		1995	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets Tangible assets Investments	2 2		97, 154 35, 000		128, 318 35, 000
			132, 154		163, 318
Current Assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	· .	356, 430 9, 891		433, 687 9, 788	
		366, 321		443, 475	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(219, 058)		(345, 117)	
Net Current Assets			147, 263		98,358
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			279,417		261,676
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		·	(1,612)		(22, 768)
Net Assets			277, 805		238,908
Capital and Reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	3		100 277, 705	·	100 238, 808
Equity Shareholders' Funds			277, 805		238,908

In preparing these Abbreviated financial statements:

- Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985.
- Advantage has been taken, in the preparation of the financial statements, of special exemptions applicable to small companies.
- In the opinion of the directors the company is entitled to those exemptions on the basis that it qualifies as a small company under Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on \(\frac{7}{\text{November 1997}}\)

Director

The notes on pages 4 to 5 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1996

1. Accounting Policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small company.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales during the year.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life and has been reasonably computed and consistently applied.

1.4 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost.

2.	Fixed assets	Tangible fixed	Investments	Total
		assets £	£	£
	Cost At 1 January 1996 Additions Disposals	234, 931 6, 707 (34, 601)	35,000	269, 931 6, 707 (34, 601)
÷	At 31 December 1996	207, 037	35,000	242,037
	Depreciation and At 1 January 1996 On disposals Charge for year	106, 613 (24, 727) 27, 997	- 	106, 613 (24, 727) 27, 997
	At 31 December 1996	109, 883		109, 883
	Net book values At 31 December 1996	97, 154	35,000	132, 154
	At 31 December 1995	128, 318	35,000	163,318

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3.	Share capital	1996 £	1995 £
	Authorised equity 100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid equity 100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

4. Ultimate parent undertaking

The company regards Meredith Corporation Limited, incorporated in England as its ultimate holding company.