Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 1998

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I Perfect

S T Trott

Secretary

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Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 1998

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1998.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company is that of commercial cleaning and supply of cleaning materials.

Directors and their Interests

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the company are as stated below:

	Ordi	Ordinary shares	
	1998	1997	
I Perfect	-	-	
S T Trott	-	-	

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 affairs 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 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

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Pritchard Fellows & Co be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

This report was approved by the Board on and signed on its behalf by

I Perfect Director

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of London Property Maintenance (Cleaning) Ltd.

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

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 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 the 31 December 1998 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Pritchard Fellows & Co

Registered Auditor

245 Main Road Sidcup Kent DA14 6OS

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Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 1998

Continuing operations

•		1998	1997
	Notes	£	£
Turnover	2	2,667,893	2,032,054
Cost of sales		(1,782,904)	(1,334,628)
Gross profit		884,989	697,426
Administrative expenses Other operating income		(704,985) -	(625,162) 3,043
Operating profit	3	180,004	75,307
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(4,705)	(5,242)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		175,299	70,065
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(37,046)	(19,315)
Retained profit for the year	ar	138,253	50,750
Retained profit brought for	ward	193,430	142,680
Retained profit carried fo	rward	331,683	193,430

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years.

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1998

		1998		1997	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7		154,970		110,281
Current Assets					
Stocks		22,376		7,027	
Debtors	8	491,173		352,049	
Cash at bank and in hand		24,895		12,342	
		538,444		371,418	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(320,871)		(259,299)	
Net Current Assets			217,573		112,119
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			372,543		222,400
Creditors: amounts falling due					
after more than one year	10		(40,760)		(28,870)
Net Assets			331,783		193,530
Capital and Reserves					
Called up share capital	11		100		100
Profit and loss account			331,683		193,430
Equity Shareholders' Funds	12		331,783		193,530

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on and signed on its behalf by



Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1998

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 made during the year.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings

and equipment

15% Reducing Balance

Motor vehicles

- 25% Reducing Balance

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 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK.

3.	Operating profit	1998	1997	
		£	£	
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		•	
	Depreciation of tangible assets	46,526	33,719	
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	3,453	21,769	
	Auditors' remuneration	6,020	7,000	

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1998

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4.	Interest payable and similar charges		1998 £	1997 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts Hire purchase interest		- 4,705	393 4,849
			4,705	5,242
5.	Directors' emoluments			
	Remuneration and other benefits		1998 £ 29,002	1997 £ 26,656
6.	Taxation		1998 £	1997 £
	UK current year taxation UK Corporation Tax		37,046	19,315
7.	Tangible assets	Fixtures, fittings equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost At 1 January 1998 Additions Disposals	37,974 19,085	177,073 88,442 (35,706)	215,047 107,527 (35,706)
	At 31 December 1998	57,059	229,809	286,868
	Depreciation At 1 January 1998 On disposals Charge for the year	18,589 - 5,770	86,177 (19,394) 40,756	104,766 (19,394) 46,526
	At 1 January 1998 On disposals	-	(19,394)	(19,394)
	At 1 January 1998 On disposals Charge for the year	5,770	(19,394) 40,756	(19,394) 46,526

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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

		19	98	19	97
	Asset description	Net book value £	Depreciation charge	Net book value £	Depreciation charge
	Motor vehicles	92,732	•	56,146	18,715
8.	Debtors				
				1998 £	1997 £
	Trade debtors Other debtors			364,200	
	Prepayments and accrued income			44,984 81,989	
				491,173	352,049
9.	Creditors: amounts falling due			1998	1997
	within one year			£	£
	Net obligations under finance leases				
	and hire purchase contracts			35,710	18,765
	Trade creditors			60,702	
	Corporation tax			51,558	
	Other taxes and social security costs			89,043	
	Accruals and deferred income			83,858	54,658
				320,871	259,299
40				4000	400=
10.	Creditors: amounts falling due			1998	1997
	after more than one year			£	£
	Net obligations under finance leases				
	and hire purchase contracts			40,76	0 28,870
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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 1998

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11.	Share capital	1998 £	1997 £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid equity		
	100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
12.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds		
		1998	1997
		£	£
	Profit for the year	138,253	50,750
	Opening shareholders' funds	193,530	142,780
		331,783	193,530

13. Related party transactions

During the year the company paid Mr Baldwin consultancy fees of £ 65021 through an unincorporated business, that of Town & Country Services which is wholly owned by him.

Mr I Perfect was paid consultancy fees of £ 26000 through Abacus Accounting, an unincorporated business which is wholly owned by him.

14. Ultimate parent undertaking

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

15. Going concern

The directors have prepared these financial statements on the basis that the company's creditors will not withdraw their facilities in the foreseeable future.