

Abbreviated financial statements

31 December 1996

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Report of the auditors to Atlas Cleaning Limited pursuant to Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5 together with the financial statements of Atlas 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 the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

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 to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated accounts are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 26 September 1997

Balance sheet at 31 December 1996

| | Note | | 96 | 19 | 995 |
|--|------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Fixed assets Tangible assets | 2 | £ | £ 189,399 | £ | £ 277,658 |
| Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand | | 5,000 584,132 3,053 | | 5,000 401,427 772 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 3 | 592,185 | | 407,199 (608,657) | |
| Net current liabilities | | | (56,139) | | (201,458) |
| Net assets | | | 133,260 | | 76,200 |
| Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account Revaluation reserve | 4 | | 100 124,511 8,649 | | 100 76,100 |
| Equity shareholders' funds | | | 133,260 | | 76,200 |

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 27th fug ask, 1997 and were signed on its behalf by:

NJ Earley Director

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.

The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 to prepare a cash flow statement as it is entitled to the filing exemptions as a small company under sections 246 to 249 of the Companies Act 1985 when filing accounts with the Registrar of Companies.

Fixed assets and depreciation

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

Plant and machinery

33.33% per annum on cost

Equipment and motor vehicles

- 25% per annum on cost

In accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 19, investment properties are revalued annually by the directors. No depreciation or amortisation is provided in respect of freehold investment properties.

Stocks

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

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 invoiced by the company during the year, exclusive of value added tax.

Notes (continued)

4 Share capital

| Authorised | 1996 £ | 1995 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid 100 ordinary shares of £1 each | 100 | 100 |

5 Related party transactions

Atlas Cleaning Limited services exclusively Atlas Contractors Limited's cleaning contracts, a company under the direct control and ownership of NJ Earley and RW Empson. During the year Atlas Cleaning Limited sold cleaning services to the value of £4,078,699 (1995: £2,519,946) to Atlas Contractors Limited and recharged overheads of £78,040 (1995: £54,391). All transactions between the company and Atlas Contractors Limited are made on an arm's-length basis.

During the year the company made rental payments of £36,000 (1995: £12,213) to the directors self-administered pension scheme. The rent is in respect of the companies' offices and is a normal commercial rent.

Included in note 8 is the amount owed by Atlas Contractors Limited. At the year end no amount was owed to the directors' pension scheme.

6 Post balance sheet event

Subsequent to the year end, the investment property held was sold by the company for £94,950.

On 31 July 1997 the company acquired 96.67% of the share capital of a company called Temple Security Limited. The consideration paid was £250,000.

Notes (continued)

2 Tangible fixed assets

| | £ |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Cost | |
| At beginning of year | 522,751 |
| Additions | 65,712 |
| Disposals | (101,354) |
| Revaluation | 4,662 |
| At end of year | 491,771 |
| Depreciation | |
| At beginning of year | 245,093 |
| Charge for year | 72,053 |
| On disposals | (10,787) |
| Revaluation | (3,987) |
| At end of year | 302,372 |
| Net book value | |
| At 31 December 1996 | 189,399 |
| At 31 December 1995 | 277,658 |
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During the year the directors revalued the remaining investment property to its estimated current market valuation based upon the selling value achieved in February 1997.

3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 1996 | 1995 |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank overdraft | 53,961 | 211,336 |
| | 648,324 | 608,657 |
| | | |

Included within creditors: amounts falling due within one year is a bank overdraft amounting to £53,961 (1995: £211,336) which is secured by means of a fixed charge over the freehold property and book debts and a floating charge over all other assets of the company.