# STRACHAN & HENSHAW (MANCHESTER) LIMITED (Registered No. 2029377)

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

and

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the

**52 WEEK PERIOD ENDED** 

**28 DECEMBER 2001** 



## STRACHAN & HENSHAW (MANCHESTER) LIMITED

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited accounts of the company for the 52 week period ended 28 December 2001.

#### PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is The Weir Group PLC, which is registered in Scotland.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity remains the management of the group business and the review of potential investment opportunities.

Following a decision by its parent company to withdraw from the nuclear sector, the company decided to discontinue operations and ceased to take any further customer orders after 5th July 2001. All outstanding contract work has been completed since that date and the operations of the company ceased.

#### RESULTS & PROPOSED DIVIDEND

The directors report that the company has made a Profit on ordinary activities after tax of £347,000 (2000: Loss £1,508,000).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

#### **EMPLOYMENT POLICIES**

The company's employment policies and, in particular, those relating to the employment of disabled persons, are set out in detail in the directors' report of The Weir Group PLC, the ultimate parent company.

#### DIRECTORS

The names of those who were directors of the company during the year were, and their interests in the ordinary shares of the Weir Group PLC were:-

		28 De 20	ecember 01	29 De 20	cember 00
•			Non		Non
Messrs		Beneficial	Beneficial	Beneficial	Beneficial
K G A Gamble	(Resigned 06.11.01)	-	-	_	-
K E Grove		-	-	•	-
M W Hardy		-	-	-	-
P D Brooks			-	-	-
D L Smillie		-	•	-	-

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

Messrs K E Grove, M W Hardy, P D Brooks and D L Smillie were at 28 December 2001 directors of Strachan & Henshaw Ltd and their interest in the ordinary shares of The Weir Group plc are listed in the Report of the Directors of Strachan & Henshaw Ltd.

#### **AUDITORS**

On 28 June 2001, Ernst & Young, the Company's auditor, transferred its entire business to Ernst & Young LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The Directors consented to treating the appointment of Ernst & Young as extending to Ernst & Young LLP with effect from 28 June 2001. A resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's auditor will be put to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.



By order of the Board K E Grove Director

Ashton House PO Box 103 Ashton Vale Road Bristol BS99 7TJ

15 m May 2002

#### STRACHAN & HENSHAW (MANCHESTER) LIMITED

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts 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 enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STRACHAN & HENSHAW (MANCHESTER) LIMITED

We have audited the company's accounts for the year ended 28 December 2001 which comprise the Accounting Policies, the Profit & Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 15. These accounts have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the accounts, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 28 December 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young LLP Registered Auditor

Glasgow 15 May 2002

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### (a) BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

#### Fundamental accounting concept

The accounts have been prepared on a break up basis as the company ceased to trade during the year.

#### Historical Cost Basis

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention (modified to include the revaluation of certain land and buildings). The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and with the Companies Act 1985.

#### (b) CONSOLIDATION

In accordance with S228 of the Companies Act 1985, the company is exempt from the obligation to prepare and deliver group accounts as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Weir Group PLC registered in Scotland, which produces group accounts. Accordingly the accounts present information about the company and not the group.

#### (c) **DEFERRED TAX**

Deferred tax is provided on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future, calculated at the rate at which it is estimated that tax will be payable.

#### (d) FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated to sterling at the exchange rates ruling at the Balance Sheet date except where amounts are covered by forward foreign exchange contracts. Differences on exchange are dealt with through the Profit and Loss Account as they arise other than those on work-in-progress contracts, which are incorporated into the contract assessment.

#### (e) LEASING

Assets obtained under finance leases are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the lease and represents a constant portion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding. Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

#### (f) RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions, conferred in FRS 8, from disclosing transactions with related parties that are part of The Weir Group PLC group of companies.

#### (g) CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The company has taken advantage of the exemption, conferred in FRS 1 (revised), from presenting their own Cash Flow Statement.

## PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE 52 WEEK PERIOD ENDED 28 DECEMBER 2001

	Note	28 December 2001 £000	29 December 2000 £000
Administration costs Other operating income Amounts written off investments		2	(138) 2 (1,364)
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE INTEREST AND TAX		2	(1,500)
Exceptional items	4	340	-
Interest and other income	2	(16)	(12)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX		326	(1,512)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	21	4
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		347	(1,508)
Dividends proposed			
TRANSFERRED TO/(FROM) RESERVES	13	347	(1,508)

#### STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS OR LOSSES

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year above

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 28 DECEMBER 2001

	Note	28 December 2001 £000	29December 2000 £000
FIXED ASSETS Investments	6	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS	7	. 120	1 400
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7	129 95	1,428 94
		224	1,522
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,091)	(2,395)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(867)	(873)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(867)	(873)
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year	9	-	(341)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	10	-	<del>-</del>
		(867)	(1,214)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up share capital	11	100	100
Capital Redemption Reserve	13	25	25
Profit and loss account SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	13 12	(992)	(1,339)
SUAKEHOLDEKS FUNDS	12	(867)	(1,214)

These accounts were approved by the board of directors on 15th May 2002

K E Grove Director

M W Hardy Director

NOTE	ES TO THE FINANCIAL	STA	TEMENTS	28 December 2001	29 December 2000
1.	PROFIT/(LOSS) BEI	FOR	E INTEREST AND TAX	£000	£000
	Profit/(Loss) on ordina And tax is stated after of	-		2	(142)
	Auditors' remuneration - audit - non audit	and	expenses	-	3
2.	INTEREST AND OT	HER	RINCOME		
	Interest receivable	-	on bank deposits	7	42
	Interest payable	-	to group undertakings to bank overdraft	(21) (2)	(24) (30)
				(16)	(12)
3.	TAXATION				
	Profit and Loss Account: Credit based on the resu 28 December 2001.		the 52 week period ended		
	Corporation tax at 30% (	(2000	):30%)		. 4
	Adjustments to prior yea Corporation tax	rs:		<u>21</u> <u>21</u>	4
4.	EXCEPTIONAL ITE	EMS		28 December 2001 £000	29December 2000 £000
	Business Sale Group Loan Written O	ff		(1) 341	-
				340	

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DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES		•
	28 December 2001	29 December 2000
	Number	Number
Average monthly number of persons employed		
By the company	<del>-</del>	
	£000	£000
Staff costs:		
Wages, salaries, social security and pension costs	-	-
	28 December	29December
	2001 £000	2000 £000
Directors' remuneration:		
Aggregate emoluments	· <u>-</u>	32
	28 December	29 December
	2001	2000
	£000	£000
Highest paid director:		
Emoluments		32

## 6 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	28 December 2001	29 December 2000
Shares in Subsidiaries	£000	£000
Cost: 30 December 2000 Amounts Provided:	2,516	2,516
At January 2000	2,516	1,152
Amounts provided during the year	<del></del>	1,364
At 29 December 2000	2,516	2,516
Net Book Value	_	<u> </u>

Subsidiary companies of the group during the period were:

	Country of		Proportion of
Subsidiary	Incorporation	Nature of Business	Shares held
Bridgetest Technical Services	England	Dormant	
Limited			100%
Capstead Systems Limited	England	Dormant	100%
FEL International Limited	England	Engineering – Incorporated on 6 March 1990	100%
S & H Dormant 3	England	Dormant	100%
S & H Dormant 5	England	Dormant	100%
Nuclear & General Engineering	England	Engineering - Incorporated	
Limited		on 9 April 1990	100%
Cunnington & Cooper Limited	England	Engineering – Incorporated	
		on 14 April 1986	100%
S & H Dormant 4	England	Dormant	100%
S & H Dormant 1	England	Dormant	100%
Harmcatch Limited *	England	Dormant	100%
Wingove & Rogers Limited *	England	Dormant	100%
S & H Dormant 2	England	Dormant	100%

<sup>\*</sup> These companies are wholly owned subsidiary companies of Cunnington & Cooper Limited

7.	DEBTORS		29 December
		2001 £000	2000 £000
	Trade Debtors	£000	<b>2000</b>
	Corporation Tax	1	-
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	264	1,563
	Amounts provided against group debtors	(136)	(136)
		129	1,428
8.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		
	•	28 December	29 December
		2001	2000
		£000	£000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings Corporation Tax Accruals and deferred income	1,080 - 11	2,306 72 17
		1,091	2,395
9.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	28 December 2001	29 December 2000
	Group loans - repayable between one and five years not by instalments – unsecur	ed -	341
		-	341

#### 10. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

#### **DEFERRED TAXATION**

There are no amounts of Deferred Tax provided in the year.

### 11. SHARE CAPITAL

	28 December 2001 £000	29 December 2000 £000
Authorised share capital: Ordinary shares of £1 each	150	150
Allotted, called-up and fully paid: Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

## 12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	28 December 2001 £000	29 December 2000 £000
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	347	(1,508)
Opening shareholders' funds Closing shareholders' funds	(1,214) (867)	<u>294</u> <u>(1,214)</u>

#### 13. RESERVES

	Capital Redemption Reserve £000	Profit & Loss Account £000	Total £000
At 30 December 2000	25	(1,339)	(1,314)
Retained profit for year At 28 December 2001	25	347 (992)	347 (967)

#### 14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND SECURITIES

The company has given a guarantee in relation to the overdraft and loan facilities extended to The Weir Group PLC and certain subsidiary companies.

The net debt on hand of the other companies party to these facilities at 28 December 2001 amounted to £1,591,000. (2000: £1,871,000.)

#### 15. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The directors consider that The Weir Group PLC (registered in Scotland) is the company's ultimate parent company. This is the only parent undertaking for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the company is a member. The address from which copies of these accounts are available to the public is: The Weir Group PLC, 149 Newlands Road, Cathcart, Glasgow, G44 4EX.