Abbreviated Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 March 2004





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Director

JD Cannan

Secretary and registered office

S.A. Keane St Andrew's Dock Hull HU3 4PN

Company number

2113829

Auditors

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Report of the independent auditors

Independent auditors' report to Northern Prince Limited under section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements of Northern Prince Limited on pages 2 to 5 together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2004 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements 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 financial statements prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Our report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. No person is entitled to rely on this report unless such a person is a person entitled to rely upon this report by virtue of and for the purpose of the Companies Act 1985 or has been expressly authorised to do so by our prior written consent. Save as above, we do not accept responsibility for this report to any other person or for any other purpose and we hereby expressly disclaim any and all such liability.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did 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 financial statements prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated financial statements on pages 2 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

BDO STOY HAYWARD LLP

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Leeds

Date 7 Jan 2ms

Balance sheet at 31 March 2004

	Note	2004 £	2004 £	2003 £	2003 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets	2		-		454,175
Current assets Debtors		242,236		31,176	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(191,988)		(281,407)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			50,248		(250,231)
Total assets less current liabilities					203,944
Provision for liabilities and charges		-		(75,993)	
					(75,993)
			50,248		127,951
Capital and reserves					<u> </u>
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	3		1,000 49,248		1,000 126,951
Shareholders' funds			50,248		127,951
					

These financial statements have been 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 7 JANUARY 2005

JC Cannan Director Lbannan

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2004

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

The accounts have been prepared under the going concern concept because the ultimate parent company has agreed to provide support to enable the company to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, evenly over their expected useful lives.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date except that:

- deferred tax is not recognised on timing differences arising on revalued properties unless the company has entered into a binding sale agreement and is not proposing to take advantage of rollover relief; and
- the recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that the company anticipates to make sufficient taxable profits in the future to absorb the reversal of the underlying timing differences.

Deferred tax balances arising from underlying timing differences in respect of tax allowances on industrial buildings are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining those allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2004 (continued)

2	Tangible assets		Vessel
			£
	Cost or valuation		
	At 31 March 2003		5,299,691
	Disposals		(5,299,691)
	At March 2004		-
	Depreciation		4045.514
	At 31 March 2003		4,845,516
	Provided for the year		68,058
	Disposals		(4,913,574)
	At 31 March 2004		-
	Net book value		
	At 31 March 2004		-
			
	At 31 March 2003		454,175
			
3	Share capital		
		2004	2003
		£	£
	Authorised:		
	Ordinary Shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
			
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	Ordinary Shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
			

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2004 (continued)

4 Contingent liabilities

The company is party to a joint guarantee with its ultimate parent undertaking and fellow subsidiary undertakings in respect of the group overdraft which is secured, in part, by mortgages on certain vessels.

5 Ultimate Holding Company

The company's immediate parent undertaking is J Marr (Shipping) Limited, which includes the company in its group accounts. The immediate parent undertaking is registered in England and Wales and copies of its accounts are available from St Andrew's Dock, Hull, HU3 4PN.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is J Marr Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. J Marr Limited is the largest company which prepares group accounts which include the company. Copies of those accounts are available from its registered office, St Andrew's Dock, Hull, HU3 4PN.