Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 1996

Registered number 2149581



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Principal activities

The company's principal activities are the provision of import, export and administrative services.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1995: £50,000).

Directors

The directors of the company who served during the year are listed below:

M Cole GAW Valvona (resigned 7 May 1997) CE Morf

Directors' interests

No directors had any beneficial interests at any time during the year in the shares, debentures or rights to subscribe for shares or debentures in the company or any group company.

Special resolution

A resolution under section 250 of the Companies Act 1985 dispensing with the requirement to re-appoint auditors annually is currently in effect.

By order of the board

Michael Cole

M Cole
Director

Mitre House 160 Aldersgate Street London

Statement of 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 affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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Auditors' report to the members of CBS Broadcast Services Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 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 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 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 31 December 1996 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 21 Cotober 1997

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 December 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Turnover	2	1,434,080	1,364,283
Cost of sales		(714,371)	(683,350)
Gross profit		719,709	680,933
Administrative expenses		(730,795)	(671,535)
Other operating income		22,177	19,692
Operating profit		11,091	29,090
Other income		-	1,654
Interest receivable and similar income	3	3,095	5,886
Interest payable and similar charges		(4,610)	<u>.</u>
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4-7	9,576	36,630
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(12,295)	(16,581)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after			
taxation		(2,719)	20,049
Dividends paid and proposed	9	-	(50,000)
Retained loss for the year		(2,719)	(29,951)
Retained profit at beginning of year		127,340	157,291
Retained profit at end of year		124,621	127,340

There were no discontinued activities during either year.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than shown above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained loss for the year as stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

Balance sheet at 31 December 1996

	Note		1996		1995
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible assets	10		71,227		97,045
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	11	245,094 143,181		219,929 124,747	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(334,879)		344,676 (314,379)	
Net current assets			53,396		30,297
Total assets less current liabilities and net assets			124,623		127,342
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	14		2 124,621		2 127,340
Shareholders' funds - equity	15		124,623		127,342

The financial statements were approved by the board of the directors on 2157 October 1997 and were signed on its behalf by:

Michael Gro

M Cole 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. The figures for turnover and cost of sales in 1995 have been restated to eliminate inter-divisional trading. There has been no effect on the profit on ordinary activities before tax reported for 1995.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost accounting rules.

Cash flow statement

The company qualifies as a small company under the terms of Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985. As a consequence it is exempt from the requirement to publish a cash flow statement.

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. These expected useful economic lives were revised during the year. The principal useful economic lives used during the year are:

Leasehold improvements3 to 10 yearsComputer equipment3 to 5 yearsMotor vehicles3 yearsFixtures and fittings5 to 8 years

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are taken to the profit and loss account.

Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of services supplied, excluding value added tax.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation, using the liability method, on all material timing differences to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pension costs

A pension scheme with two sections providing a defined contribution plan and a defined benefits plan based on final pensionable pay, is operated by CBS Broadcast Services Limited Pension Fund on behalf of this company.

Defined contribution plan

Contributions to the defined contribution plan are charged to the profit and loss account as they became payable by the company.

Defined benefit plan

Contributions to the defined benefit plan are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the company.

Operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term in arriving at operating profit.

2 Turnover

The geographical analysis of turnover and the split between internal and external sales is as follows:

1996	1995
£	£
674,562	613,682
319,742	275,054
439,776	475,547
1,434,080	1,364,283
493,366	888,358
940,714	475,925
1,434,080	1,364,283
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Notes (continued)

3 Interest receivable

		1996 £	1995 £
	Bank interest receivable	3,095	5,886
4	Profit before taxation		
		1996 £	1995 £
	Profit before taxation is stated after charging		
	Auditors' fees	8,050	18,000
	Hire of other assets - operating leases	57,218	71,262
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	37,168	37,198

Remuneration of the company's auditors for provision of non audit services (solely taxation) to the company was £4,800 (1995: £4,799).

5 Remuneration of directors

The directors received no remuneration in respect of their duties as directors of the company in either the current or prior year.

Notes (continued)

6 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was:

	1996 Number	1995 Number
Operations	4	4
Administration	6	6
	10	10
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were:		
	1996	1995
	£	£
Wages and salaries	324,013	283,266
Social security costs	27,371	26,994
Other pension costs	20,952	17,427
	372,336	327,687

7 Pension costs

A pension scheme, with two sections providing a defined contribution plan and a defined benefits plan based on final pensionable pay, is operated by CBS Broadcast Services Limited Pension Fund on behalf of the company and certain employees of related companies. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of any group company. The pension costs of the scheme paid by the company were £20,952 (1995: £17,427). An amount of £13,968 (1995: £13,140) is included in prepayments, which represents prepaid contributions at the balance sheet date.

Defined benefit plan

The contributions to this plan are determined by an independent qualified actuary on the basis of a valuation of the plan at 1 November 1994 using the Projected Unit method. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments and the rates of increases in salaries and pensions. It was assumed that the investment returns would be 8.5% per annum, that salary increases would average 7.0% per annum and that present and future pensions would increase at the rate of 3.0% per annum.

The actuarial valuation showed that the market value of the plan's assets was £1,370,000 at 1 November 1994 and that the actuarial value of those assets represented 95% of the benefits that had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings (the funding level). The company contributions were set at 6.8% of pensionable salaries as from 1 November 1994 to ensure the shortfall in the value of the assets is eliminated over the remaining service lives of the existing employees.

Notes (continued)

8	Taxation		
		1996	1995
		£	£
	UK corporation tax at 33% (1995: 33%) on the profit for the year on		
	ordinary activities	10,961	21,596
	Under/(over) provision in respect of prior years	1,334	(5,015)
		12,295	16,581
9	Dividends		
		1996	1995
		£	£
	Dividends on equity shares	-	50,000

Notes (continued)

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Machinery and equipment	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At beginning of year	158,308	118,146	47,410	323,864
Additions	-	-	11,400	11,400
Disposals		-	(695)	(695)
At end of year	158,308	118,146	58,115	334,569
Depreciation				
At beginning of year	127,174	70,119	29,526	226,819
Disposals	-	-	(645)	(645)
Charge for year	19,475	11,894	5,799	37,168
At end of year	146,649	82,013	34,680	263,342
Net book value				
At 31 December 1996	11,659	36,133	23,435	71,227
At 31 December 1995	31,134	48,027	17,884	97,045

Notes (continued)

11 Debtors

		1996	1995
		£	£
	Trade debtors	125,267	24,428
	Amounts owed by group companies:		21,120
	Parent company and fellow subsidiary undertakings	53,766	119,888
	Other debtors	11,410	17,072
	Prepayments and accrued income	54,651	49,935
	ACT recoverable	-	8,606
		245,094	219,929
2	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1996	1005
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Notes (continued)

13 Deferred taxation

No provision for deferred taxation has been made in the financial statements. The total potential liability for deferred taxation is as follows:

		Total potential (asset)/liability	
		1996	1995
		£	£
	Tax effect of timing differences because of:		
	Excess of depreciation over tax allowances	(158)	(2,437)
	Other short term timing differences	4,609	4,330
		4,451	1,893
			
14	Called up share capital		
		1996	1995
		£	£
	Authorised		
	100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
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	Issued, allotted, called up and fully paid	•	
	2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
			

Notes (continued)

15 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

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	£	£
Opening shareholders' funds	127,342	157,293
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	(2,719)	20,049
	124,623	177,342
Dividend	-	(50,000)
Closing shareholders' funds	124,623	127,342
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16 Lease commitments

The company leases buildings on short term leases. The rent payable under these leases is subject to renegotiation at intervals specified in each lease. The company pays all insurance, maintenance and repairs in respect of these properties. The total rental payable under operating leases in the next year is as follows:

	1996		1995	
	Land and buildings	Other	Land and buildings	Other
	£	£	£	£
Date of lease termination:				
Within one year	-	1,143	-	_
Expiring between two and five				
years inclusive	51,558	4,517	65,637	6,555
				
	51,558	5,660	65,637	6,555

17 Ultimate parent company

During the year ended 31 December 1996, the company's ultimate parent company was Westinghouse Electric Corporation, a company incorporated in the United States of America. Copies of Westinghouse Electric Corporation's financial statements for the years ended 31 December 1996 and 31 December 1995 may be obtained from 11 Stanwix Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, Pa 15222-1384.

The results and assets of the company as at 31 December 1996 and 31 December 1995 are not consolidated in the accounts of any group undertaking other than Westinghouse Electric Corporation.