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## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2000

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## **DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS**

DIRECTORS

M. E. Pearce N. M. Pearce J. N. Abrahams M. J. Sharman T. J. Thomson S. J. Tisdall

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

N. M. Pearce

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors submit their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 2 April 2000.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be that of retailing and hiring out party goods.

#### **YEAR 2000**

The directors are aware of the year 2000 problem and have considered the potential impact on the company's hardware and software systems. No problems have been encountered since the start of the year 2000 and the directors do not expect any to occur in the future. Accordingly, no provisions have been made in the accounts for costs relating to this problem.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors in office at 2 April 2000 are listed on page 2, all of whom served on the Board throughout the year, with the exception of S. J. Tisdall who was appointed on 14 January 2000.

#### **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

The directors' interests in the share capital of the company at 5 April 1999 and at 2 April 2000 as recorded in the register maintained by the company in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985, were as follows:

 company in accordance	with the provisions of the companies flet 1905, were as relieved.	
	2 April 2000	5 April 1999

(or date of appointment)

#### Ordinary shares of £1 each

M. E. Pearce	10,000	10,000
N. M. Pearce	17,500	17,500
J. N. Abrahams	11,000	11,000
M. J. Sharman	3,167	3,167
T. J. Thomson	-	-
S. J. Tisdall	500	500

#### **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 of the company for that year. In preparing those financial statements the directors are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Follow applicable Accounting Standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- d) 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 also responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors 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.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## **AUDITORS**

Menzies have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and in accordance with Section 385(2) of the Companies Act 1985 a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be submitted to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, (effective March 2000).

By Order of the Board

N. M. Pearce Secretary

### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

#### NON STOP PARTY SHOP LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 13 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, (effective March 2000) under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the company's financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial 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 2 April 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Neville house 55 Eden Street Kingston upon Thames Surrey KT1 1BW Menzies

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2000

	52 weeks to 2nd April 2000	52 weeks to 4th April 1999
Note	£	£
2	1,266,223	1,362,757
	468,556	506,043
	797,667	856,714
	786,440	828,295
	11,227	28,419
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	11,500	28,419
	6,237	6,998
2	5,263	21,421
	961	4,631
11	4,302	16,790
	2	2nd April 2000  Note £  2 1,266,223  468,556  797,667  786,440  11,227  273  11,500  6,237  2 5,263  961

## **BALANCE SHEET**

## 2 APRIL 2000

		200	00	199	9
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				-	
Tangible fixed assets	4		85,785		81,206
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		161,187		160,658	
Debtors	5	69,713		67,288	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,491		1,475	
CDEDITORS, amounts folling	_	232,391	_	229,421	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		210 676		200,297	
due within one year	6 _	210,676	_	200,297	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			21,715		29,124
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	107,500	•	110,330
CREDITORS: amounts falling					
due after more than one year	7		4,967		13,403
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES					
AND CHARGES	9		3,340		2,036
		•	99,193	•	94,891
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		:		:	<u>-</u>
Called up share capital	10		114,268		114,268
Share premium account			128,393		128,393
Profit and loss account	11		(143,468)		(147,770)
			99,193		94,891
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The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the special exemptions applicable to small companies, conferred by Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, (effective March

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 24th 2000

J. Sharman

**DIRECTORS** 

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2000

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies of the company have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000) and under the historical cost convention.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts.

#### Consolidation

The company has taken advantage of the statutory exemption not to prepare group accounts, by virtue of its size, as permitted by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985. The company has a dormant subsidiary company, Non Stop On-Line Limited formerly Red Balloon Limited. The results included in these financial statements relate to the company as an individual undertaking.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on the following bases to reduce the cost of the company's tangible fixed assets to their net realisable values over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Leasehold land and buildings Plant and equipment over the period of the lease between 15% and 33%

#### Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value means the estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation on the liability method for all short-term timing differences. Provision is also made for long-term timing differences, except to the extent that there is a reasonable probability of the tax not falling due for payment in the foreseeable future. Such tax not provided for is disclosed as a contingent liability.

#### Pension fund arrangements

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the directors. Contributions made by the company are charged to the profit and loss account as they arise.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2000

#### Lease commitments and hire purchase contracts

Payments under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Assets financed under hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives.

Assets financed under finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet at their fair value and are depreciated over the shorter of the term of the lease and their estimated useful economic lives.

Finance charges and interest in connection with finance leases and hire purchase contracts are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis.

### 2 TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation is attributable to the principal activity of the company.

The profit is stated after charging:

	52 weeks to 2nd April 2000	52 weeks to 4th April 1999
	£	£
Operating lease rentals	183,363	188,875
Depreciation	27,524	29,377
Amortisation	379	7,738
(Profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(7,025)	-
Auditors' remuneration	4,500	4,200
Aggregate directors' emoluments	81,635	63,956
Company pension contributions to directors money purchase schemes	7,015	4,990

Corporation tax has been charged at a rate of 20% (1999 - 21%)

## 3 PENSION COMMITMENTS

Three directors have benefits accruing under money purchase pension schemes to which the company contributes.

The charge to the profit and loss account in respect of pension contributions for the year is as follows:

	52 weeks to 2nd April 2000	52 weeks to 4th April 1999
	£	£
Defined contribution scheme	7,690	5,890
	7,690	5,890

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2000

## 4 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Land and buildings	Plant, machinery	Total
£	£	£
6.453	265,756	272,209
-		32,482
-	(20,772)	(20,772)
6,453	277,466	283,919
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3,041	187,962	191,003
379	27,524	27,903
-	(20,772)	(20,772)
3,420	194,714	198,134
3,412	77,794	81,206
3,033	82,752	85,785
	6,453 	### ### ##############################

## Financing

Details of tangible fixed assets held under hire purchase contracts, which are included above, are as follows:

		2000	1999
		£	£
	Net book value at 2 April 2000	7,074	8,186
	Depreciation charge for the year	574	7,557
5	DEBTORS	2000	1999
		£	£
	Trade debtors Others	7,914 61,799	11,422 55,866
		69,713	67,288

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2000

6	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		
		2000	1999
		£	£
	Bank loan and overdraft (secured)	16,199	29,093
	Trade creditors	99,921	106,675
	Social security and other taxes	32,321	31,788
	Others	62,235	32,741
		210,676	200,297
7	CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year		
		2000	1999
		£	£
	Bank loan (secured)	1,250	8,203
	Other creditors	3,717	5,200
		4,967	13,403
8	HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS		
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts:		
	•	2000	1999
		£	£
	Within one year	2,254	4,245
	Between two to five years	3,717	5,200
		5,971	9,445
a	PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		
y	TROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	2000	1999
		£	£
	Deferred taxation	3,340	2,036
		3,340	2,036
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2000

## **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements and the total potential liability, including the amount provided

are set out below:	Amount Provided		Potential Liability	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£	£	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	3,340	2,036	-	-
	3,340	2,036	-	-
Movements during the year were as follows:				
Deferred taxation			2000	1999
			£	£
At 5 April 1999 Provided			2,036 1,304	2,036
At 2 April 2000			3,340	2,036
CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL			2000	1999
			£	£
Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each			300,000	150,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each			114,268	114,268

On 29 March 2000, the authorised share capital was increase to £300,000 by the creation of 150,000 ordinary shares of £1 each to rank pari passu with the existing shares.

#### 11 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

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At 5 April 1999		
At 5 April 1999	£	£
Profit for the financial year	(147,770) 4,302	(164,560) 16,790
At 2 April 2000	(143,468)	(147,770)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2000

#### 12 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

The company is committed to making the following payments under operating leases over the next twelve months:

	Land and buildings	Other assets
	£	£
Contracts to expire:		
- within one year	113,100	3,478
- between two and five years	45,000	-
- after five years	23,000	-
	181,100	3,478

### 13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No single party controls the company.

At the year end the company was owed £1,232 (1999 - £1,662) from N M Pearce, a director and shareholder and was owed £2,153 (1999 - £636) from J N Abrahams, a director and shareholder.

The company also owed an amount of £13,500 (1999 - £13,500) to S Mortstedt, a shareholder via Nobleside Limited.

M J Sharman, a director and shareholder provided consultancy services to the company amounting to £11,402 (1999 - £10,197).

#### 14 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since 2 April 2000, the company has issued £100,000 of 15% Unsecured Convertible Loan Stock 2003-2005. The funds raised have been on lent to its 100% subsidiary, Non Stop On-Line Limited (formerly dormant as Red Balloon Limited), for the purpose of developing an on-line retail business in the company's products.