Company number: 2296071

RELOCATION AND INVENTORY

SERVICES LIMITED

Statement of accounts

for the year ended

31st December 2000



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 2000.

Activities and business review

The company has not traded during the year and is not expected to do so in the foreseeable future.

Results and dividend

The company neither received income nor incurred expenditure during the year.

The directors do not propose the payment of a dividend in respect of the year.

Directors and their interests

The directors throughout the year were as follows:

A.L. Vosper

A.T.A. Wates (resigned 22nd January 2001)

The directors have no shareholding interests required to be reported under Section 234 (3) of the Companies Act 1985.

On 22nd January 2001 J.C.B. Houlton and T.A.D. Wates were appointed as directors.

Auditors

The auditors, Slater Maidment, continue in office in accordance with an elective resolution.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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A.L. VOSPER SECRETARY

28h June 2001

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

RELOCATION AND INVENTORY SERVICES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 5 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 4.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 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 judgments 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 31st December 2000 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Slater Mardment

LONDON 281 June 2001

SLATER MAIDMENT Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year			
Amount owed to group undertaking		59,340	59,340
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES BEING TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£(<u>59,340</u>)	£(<u>59,340</u>)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	1	100	100
Profit and loss account - deficit	2	(59,440)	(<u>59,440</u>)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS - DEFICIT		£(<u>59,340</u>)	£(<u>59,340</u>)

Approved by the Board on

T.A.D. Wates DIRECTOR

31ST DECEMBER 2000

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

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iii) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (iv) 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 are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

ACCOUNTING POLICY

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Called up share capital

2000 and 1999

Authorised 1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each

£1,000

Issued and fully paid 100 Ordinary shares of £1 each

£100

2. Profit and loss account

The company neither received income nor incurred expenditure during the year and accordingly no profit and loss account or statement of recognised gains and losses are presented.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31ST DECEMBER 2000

3. Contingencies

The company has guaranteed liabilities of its immediate parent company and a fellow subsidiary undertaking to their bankers. As at 31st December 1999 these companies had no net borrowings.

The company has entered into indemnities, with other group undertakings, to third parties in respect of performance bonds granted on behalf of a fellow subsidiary undertaking.

4. Related party transactions

The company is not required to report details of group transactions because it is a subsidiary included in the consolidated accounts of Wates Group Limited.

5. Ultimate parent company

The company's immediate parent company and ultimate parent company are Wates Estate Agency Services Limited and Wates Group Limited.