# REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

# WTS Group Limited

Report and Financial Statements

Period Ended

30 November 1996





# Annual report and financial statements for the period ended 30 November 1996

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#### **Directors**

M Wickens

P Southgate

C Watson

R Fitch

# Secretary and registered office

D Legge

120 Campden Hill Road, London, W8 7AR.

# Company number

2311781

# **Auditors**

BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA.

#### Report of the directors for the period ended 30 November 1996

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the period ended 30 November 1996.

The company changed its accounting reference date during the period from 31 March to 30 November.

## Principal activities

The company continued to be a holding and management company during the period.

#### Results and dividends

The profit and loss account is set out on page 4 and shows the loss for the period.

#### Directors and their investments

The directors of the company during the period and their interests in the ordinary share capital of the company were as follows:

			ary shares p each		ary shares p each
		30.11.96	31.3.96	30.11.96	31.3.96
M Wickens		-	152,490	175,000	-
P Southgate		-	152,490	175,000	-
R Fitch	(appointed 28 November 1996)	-	_	-	-
C Watson	(appointed 28 November 1996)	-	-	-	-

In accordance with the Articles of Association none of the directors retire by rotation.

#### Share capital

During the period, the following share capital movements occurred:

On 22 November 1996 a resolution was passed to convert 24,900 5p Ordinary 'B' shares, authorised but unissued, into 24,900 5p Ordinary 'A' shares, authorised but unissued.

On 27 November 1996 a resolution was passed to convert 304,980 issued 5p Ordinary 'A' shares into 304,980 issued 5p Ordinary 'B' shares. On the same date a resolution was passed to convert 206,720 5p Ordinary 'B' shares, authorised but unissued, into 206,720 5p Ordinary 'A' shares authorised but unissued. On 28 November 1996, 1,426,640 5p Ordinary 'A' shares were issued for a total consideration of £100,000.

# Report of the directors for the period ended 30 November 1996 (Continued)

#### 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 year. 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; and
- 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 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 reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Auditors**

BDO Stoy Hayward have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Board

D Legge

Secretary

Date 7/1/98

#### Report of the auditors

#### To the shareholders of WTS Group Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 10 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 misstatements, 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 30 November 1996 and of its result for the period ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

**BDO STOY HAYWARD** 

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London

7 January 1998

WTS GROUP LIMITED

Profit and loss account for the period ended 30 November 1996

	Note	Period ended 30 November 1996 £	Year ended 31 March 1996 £
Turnover		227,207	241,643
Cost of sales		-	17,386
		227,207	223,757
Administrative expenses	2	328,435	492,229
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Operating loss		(101,228)	(268,472)
Bank interest payable	3	-	141
Retained loss for the period	10	(101,228)	(268,613)
Retained loss brought forward		(365,458)	(96,845)
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Retained loss carried forward		(466,686)	(365,458)

All recognised gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account. All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

## Balance sheet at 30 November 1996

	Note	30 Nove	mber 1996 £	31 Ma:	rch 1996 £
Fixed assets Investments	6		90,000		90,807
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	355,250		354,829	
Net current liabilities			(355,250)		(354,829)
			(265,250)		(264,022)
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account	8 9		89,165 112,271 (466,686)		17,833 83,603 (365,458)
Shareholders' funds			(265,250)		(264,022)

All amounts included within capital and reserves relate to equity.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on

7/1/98

Paul Southgate

Director

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements

## Notes forming part of the financial statements for the period ended 30 November 1996

#### 1 Accounting policies

## Accounting conventions

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

## Subsidiary undertaking

The company has not consolidated the results of its subsidiary undertaking because the group qualifies as a small sized group within the meaning of section 248 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents sales to external customers and management charges levied upon subsidiary undertakings at invoiced amounts less value added tax.

#### Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. Contributions are recognised in the profit and loss account when they become payable.

## 2 Administrative expenses

L	Authinistrative expenses	Period ended 30 November 1996 £	Year ended 31 March 1996 £
	Administrative expenses include:		
	Pension costs	13,981	19,351
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services	4,000	5,000
	Directors' remuneration - compensation for loss of office	68,654	9,120
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3	Interest payable		
	Bank interest	-	141

# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the period ended 30 November 1996 (Continued)

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The average weekly number of employees, including directors, during the period was 4 (1996 - 5).

	Period ended 30 November 1996 £	Year ended 31 March 1996 £
Staff costs (including directors) consist of:		
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs Compensation for loss of office	147,500 16,351 13,981 68,654 ————————————————————————————————————	336,667 34,020 19,351 9,120 399,158
5 Directors  Directors' emoluments		
Remuneration Pension contribution	110,790 13,981 ————————————————————————————————————	211,740 16,000 ——————————————————————————————————
Emoluments (excluding pension contributions) Highest paid director Pension	51,799 6,990	120,241 8,000

# 6 Investments

	Subsidiary undertakings		
	30 November 1996 £	31 March 1996 £	
Cost at 31 March 1996 Additions Write off of Worldbrand set up costs	90,807 - (807)	4 90,803 -	
Cost at 30 November 1996	90,000	90,807	

# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the period ended 30 November 1996 (Continued)

#### 6 Investments (Continued)

The following were subsidiary undertakings during the period.

Name	Country of incorporation or registration	Proportion of share capital held	Nature of business
Wickens Tutt Southgate Limited	England	100%	Strategic planning and design consultancy
Worldbrand Limited (formerly known as Elos Limited)	England	100%	Dormant
Worldbrand Design Consultants (US) In	c USA	100%	Dormant
Worldbrand Design Consultants (Cad) In	nc Canada	100%	Dormant
CATO WTS Limited	England	50%	Dormant

During the period ended 30 November 1996 Wickens Tutt Southgate Limited made a loss of £460,338 (31 March 1996 - profit of £149,886) and at 30 November 1996 it had net liabilities of (£171,197) (31 March 1996 - net assets of £289,141). All other companies were dormant throughout the year.

# 7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	30 November 1996 £	31 March 1996 £
Bank overdraft (secured)	11,758	7,058
Trade creditors	2,938	23,513
Other creditors including taxation and social security	81,115	70,993
Accruals and deferred income	71,017	7,307
Due to subsidiary undertaking	188,422	245,958
	355,250	354,829

The bank overdraft is secured by a specific charge over the leasehold property.

# Notes forming part of the financial statements for the period ended 30 November 1996 (Continued)

8	Share capital		
	•	30 November 1996 £	31 March 1996 £
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	Authorised		
	5p 'A' Ordinary shares	71,332	75,000
	5p 'B' Ordinary shares	28,668	25,000
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		100,000	100,000
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	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	5p 'A' Ordinary shares	71,332	15,249
	5p 'B' Ordinary shares	17,833	2,584
		89,165	17,833
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Ordinary 'A' shares receive distributions ahead of Ordinary 'B' shares. Both 'A' and 'B' Ordinary shares entitle holders to one vote per share.

9	Share premium	£
	At 1 April 1996	83,603
	Premium arising on the issue of 'A' ordinary shares of 5p each	28,668
	At 30 November 1996	112,271

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the period ended 30 November 1996 (Continued)

10	Movement in shareholders' funds	30 November 1996 £	31 March 1996 £
	Shareholders' funds at 31 March 1996 Loss for period Share capital issued	(264,022) (101,228) 100,000	4,591 (268,613)
	Shareholders' funds at 30 November 1996	(265,250)	(264,022)

#### 11 Contingent liabilities

The company has guaranteed the bank overdrafts of certain other group companies. At 30 November 1996 the amount guaranteed was £106,339 (1996 - £238,565).

#### 12 Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 1, "Cash Flow Statements", not to prepare a cash flow statement.

#### 13 Parent company

The parent company of WTS Group Limited is Rodney Fitch and Company Limited, a company registered in England.

#### 14 Related party transactions

During the period the company charged management charges of £227,207 to Wickens Tutt Southgate Limited, a subsidiary company.

#### 15 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes the company will continue to trade. The validity of this assumption is dependent on the support of the shareholders of the ultimate parent company and the support of the company's bankers.

Rodney Fitch and Company Limited has undertaken to provide financial support to WTS Group Limited under an investment agreement in which it has agreed to provide additional funds up to the sum of £400,000 to the Group. At the period end £175,000 of this facility had been utilised by the Group.

If the company was unable to trade, adjustments would have to be made to reduce the value of assets to their recoverable amount and to provide for any further liabilities that may arise.