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REPORT AND GROUP ACCOUNTS ZEON CHEMICALS EUROPE LIMITED

December 31, 1990



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02343599

DIRECTORS REPORT

The directors present their report and the group accounts for the year ended December 31, 1999.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The accounts for the year ended December 31, 1990 consolidate the results of the subsidiary companies for the first time. The subsidiary interests in Zeon Europe Gmbh were established in 1989 and were not consolidated in that year as they were immaterial. The group trading coss for the year after taxation and minority interests amounted to £669,000 (1989 Company £367,000 loss). The comparatives for December 31, 1990 relate to the individual company only.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The group's principal activities during the year continued to be the manufacture and sale of synthetic rubber.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The group has continued to expand the core activities of the business. This has resulted in a significant increase in sales to £26,676,000.

The directors are encouraged by this increased level of sales achieved.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The directors intend to continue to develop the product and market range of the business.

FIXED ASSETS

The changes in fixed assets during the year are summarised in note 11 to the accounts.

SHARE CAPITAL

During the year the share capital of the company was increased from £5,000,000 to £7,100,000.

An issue was made, at par, on October 12, 1990 of 1,638,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in full satisfaction of a loan from the ultimate parent undertaking.

An issue, was made at par on November 8, 1990 of 462,000 ordinary shares of £1 each to assist with the expansion plans of the company.

A further issue of share capital has been made since the balance sheet date. On March 20, 1991 the share capital was increased from £7,100,000 to £8,300,000 by the issue of 1,200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each at par. This issue will enable the company to continue to develop in accordance with its medium term objectives.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors during the year were as follows:-

Mt K Toyama

Mr T Kuragano (Appointed December 10, 1990)

Mr Toyama heid one, £1 ordinary share in the company as at December 31, 1990.

Mr T Kuragano resigned as director on July 1, 1991.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year the group made charitable contributions of £3,009.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board.

Secretary

27-9-91

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS to the members of Zeon Chemicals Europe Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 20 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group at December 31, 1990 and of the loss and source and application of funds of the group for the year then ended any have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants

27, September 1991

ZEON CHEMICALS EUROPE LIMITED

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended December 31, 1990

for the year ended December 31, 1990	Notes	Group Year Ended December 31 1990 £'000	Company 11 Months to December 31 1989 £'000
TURNOVER	2	26,676	7,113
Cost of sales		22,990	5,653
		3,686	1,460
Distribution costs Administration expenses		1,044 4,006	247 1,752
		<u>5,050</u>	<u>1,999</u>
OPERATING LOSS	3	(1,364)	(539)
Interest receivable Interest payable	5 6	191 (533)	177 (234)
		<u>(342)</u>	<u>(57)</u>
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BE EXCEPTIONAL ITEM	EFORE	(1,706)	(596)
Exceptional item	7	924	229
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(782)	(367)
Taxation	8	_	-
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		(782)	(367)
Minority interests		113	-
RETAINED LOSS FOR THE YEAR	9	<u>(669</u>)	<u>(367</u>)

A statement of the movement on reserves can be found in Note 21.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET

at December 31, 1990

	Notes	1990 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Intangible assets Tangible assets Investments	10 11 12	91 7,855 89
		<u>8,035</u>
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13 14	6,155 6,908 2,062
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	15,125 9,855
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>5,270</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		13,305
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	7,157
MINORITY INTERESTS		96
		6,052
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	20 21	7,100 (1,048)
		<u>6,052</u>

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BALANCE SHEET at December 31, 1990

	Notes	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	10	91	96
Tangible assets	11	7,662	6,902
Investments	12	330	330
		8,083	7,328
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	13	2,901	2,245
Debtors	13	3,683	2,744
Cash at bank and in hand	14	1,404	2,744 1,947
Cash at bank and in hand		1,404	1,547
		7,988	6,936
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	2,821	1,841
Within Old year	~~	_,,,,	-7
NET CURRENT ASSETS		5,167	5,095
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT		****	
LIABILITIES		13,250	12,423
CREDITORS: amounts falling due			
after more than one year	17	7,011	7,785
		<u>6,239</u>	4,638
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	20	7,100	5,000
Profit and loss account	21	(861)	(362)
		<u>6,239</u>	4,638
. /		0,400	4,020

Director

27. 9. 1991

GROUP STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLIC for the year ended December 31, 1990	Group 1990	Company 1989
SOURCE OF FUNDS	£'000	£'000
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	(669)	(367)
Adjustment for items not involving the movement o	f funds:	
Depreciation Unrealised exchange gain	541 (924)	301 (229)
Amortisation of goodwile	` 5	4
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	8	-
Investment in subsidiary not previously consolidated	<u>330</u>	_ - -
	<u>(40</u>)	76
DOTAL OFFICE ATTENDED ON A ODER ATTONIC	 ,	(<u>291</u>)
TOTAL GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS	(<u>709</u>)	(<u>291</u>)
FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES Proceeds of share issues	2,100	5,000
Receipt of long term loan	1,759	8,014
Proceeds of sale from fixed assets	2	
	<u>3,861</u>	<u>13,014</u>
	<u>3,152</u>	12,723
APPLICATION OF FUNDS Purchase of tangible fixed assets	1,504	7,198
Purchase of subsidiary		330
Purchase of goodwill	1,61 <u>9</u>	100
Conversion of loans to cripital	1,012	
MOVEMENT IN WORKING CAPITAL	<u>3,123</u>	<u>7,628</u>
	29	<u>5,095</u>
COMPONENTS OF MOVEMENT ON WORKING		
Stocks	3,910 4,164	2,245 2,744
Debtors Creditors	4,104 (<u>7,974</u>)	(1,841)
	100	3,148
MOVEMENT IN NET LIQUID FUNDS		
Bank and cash Bank overdraft	115 (<u>186</u>)	1,947
	<u>(71</u>)	<u>1,947</u>
	29	<u>5,095</u>

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Zeon Chemicals Europe Limited and its subsidiaries Zeon Europe and Zeon Deutschland Gmbh drawn up to December 31.

No group accounts were prepared in 1989 as the subsidiary undertaking, Zeon Europe Gmbh was not material at that date. Comparative figures relating to 1989 refer to the company only.

No profit and loss account is presented for Zeon Chemicals Europe Limited as provided by section 230(3) of the Companies Act 1985.

Undertakings other than subsidiary undertakings in which the group has acquired an investment during the year representing not less than 20% of the voting rights as at December 31, 1990 are not included as associated undertakings within the consolidated accounts as financial information in respect of the period to December 31, 1990 is not available. The Directors are of the opinion that such amounts are not material.

Goodwill

Goodwill is the difference between the amount paid on the acquisition of the business and the aggregate fair value of its separable net assets. It is being written off in equal instalments over the directors' estimate of its useful economic life of 20 years.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings

- over 50 years

Leasehold land and buildings

- over the lease term

Plant and machinery

- over 5 to 20 years

at December 31, 1990

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off as incurred.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is estimated that tax will be payable.

Foreign currencies

Company

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

Group

The accounts of overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The exchange difference arising on the retranslation of opening net assets is taken directly to reserves.

Pensions

The holding company (Zeon Chemicals Europe Limited) operates a defined benefit pension scheme. Contributions are made by the company to a separately administered fund. Contributions to these funds are charged to the profit and loss account of the holding company so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives. Variations in pension costs, which are identified as a result of actuarial valuations, are amortised over the average expected remaining working lives of employees.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

at December 31, 1990

2 TURNOVER

Turnover comprises the invoice value of goods and services supplied by the company stated net of value added tax.

The geographical split of turnover can be analysed as follows:

			1990 £'000	1989 £'000
	Euro	ed Kingdom pean Countries of the World	6,872 19,127 <u>677</u>	3,233 3,427 453
			<u>26,676</u>	<u>7.113</u>
3	OPE	RATING LOSS		
	(a)	This is stated after charging/(crediting)	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
		Auditors' remuneration	40	14
		Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held	516	301
		under finance leases	25	-
		Operating lease rentals	57	-
		Amortisation of goodwill	5	4
		Directors' emoluments	89	43
		Exchange loss	<u>50</u>	-
	(b)	Directors' remuneration Other emoluments (including pension contributions)	<u>89</u>	<u>43</u>

The emoluments of the chairman who was also the highest paid director was £89,000 (1989:£43,000).

There were no emoluments received by the other director of the company.

4	STAFF COSTS	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	1,719 204 143	917 60 174
		2,066	1,151
	The average weekly number of employees during	ng the year was made	up as follows:-
		1990 No.	1989 No.
	Office management Production Rese rch and development	27 54 6	11 54 6
		<u>87</u>	<u>71</u>
5	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
	Bank Interest Receivable	<u>191</u>	<u>177</u>
6	INTEREST PAYABLE	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
	Bank loans and overdraft wholly repayable within five years Other loans not wholly repayable	39	•
	within five years	479	234
	Finance charges payable under finance leases	15	•
		533	234

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7	7 EXCEPTIONAL ITEM	1990 £000	1989 £'000
	Unrealised exchange gain	924	<u>229</u>

The profit and loss account includes an exchange gam arising on the retranslation of a long term loan which is denominated in Japanese Yen. The inclusion of this gain represents a departure from the statutory requirement that only realised profit may be included in the profit and loss account. The directors consider that this accounting treatment, which is in accordance with SSAP20, is necessary in order to give a true and fair view.

8 TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

There are tax losses of approximately £3,400,000 available to carry forward to utilise against future taxable profits.

9 LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PARENT COMPANY

The loss dealt with in the accounts of the parent company was £499,000 (1989 £367,000).

10 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group	Goodwill £'000
Cost As at January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1990	100
Amortisation As at January 1, 1990 Provided during the year	4 5
As at December 31, 1990	9
Net book value at December 31, 1990	<u>91</u>
Net book value at January 1, 1990	<u>96</u>
Company	Goodwill £'000
Cost As at January 1, 1990 and December 31, 1990	<u>100</u>
Amortisation As at January 1, 1990 Provided during the year	4 5
As at December 31, 1990	<u> </u>
Net book value at December 31, 1990	<u>91</u>
Net book value at January 1, 1990	<u>96</u>

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11 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group	Land &	Buildings Freehold	Short Leasehold	Plant & Machinery	Total
	a	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or vali					
At January		449	1,154	5,955	7,558
Prior year a		449	<u>(360</u>)	-	(360)
Restated, a	t eost	449	794	5,955	7,198
Additions		-	•	1,504	1,504
Disposals				<u> (16)</u>	<u>(16)</u>
At Decemb	er 31, 1990	449	<u>794</u>	7.443	<u>8,686</u>
Depreciation	m:				
At January		1	9	291	301
Prior year a		~	<u>(5)</u>	-	<u>(5</u>)
Restated	•	$\overline{1}$	4	$2\overline{91}$	296
Disposals		-		(6)	(6)
Charge for	the year	5	22	<u>514</u>	
_	oer 31, 1990	<u>5</u> <u>6</u>	<u>22</u> <u>26</u>	799	<u>541</u> 831
	-	_		 -	
Net book v	alue at:				
December:	31, 1990	<u>443</u>	<u>768</u>	<u>6,644</u>	<u>7,855</u>
January 1,	1990	<u>448</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>5,664</u>	<u>6,902</u>

The net book value of plant and machinery above includes an amount of £193,000 (1989; £nil) in respect of assets held under finance lease.

Company	Land &	Buildings		Plant &	
		Freehold	Short Leasehold	Machinery	Total
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuat	ion				
At January 1,	1990	449	1,154	5,955	7,558
Prior year adju			(360)	<u> </u>	(360)
Restated, at c		449	794	5,955	7,198
Additions		-	•	1,285	1,285
Disposals				(16)	(16)
At December	31, 1990	449	794	7,224	8,467
Depreciation:					
At January 1,	1990	1	9	291	301
Prior year adju	astment	.=	<u>(5)</u>	_=	<u>(5)</u> 296
Restated		1	4	291	296
Disposals		-	•	(6)	(6)
Charge for the	e year	5	<u>22</u>	488	<u>515</u>
At December	31, 1990	<u>5</u> <u>6</u>	<u>22</u> <u>26</u>	773	<u>515</u> <u>805</u>
Net book valu	e at:				
December 31,	1990	443	<u>768</u>	<u>6,451</u>	<u>7,662</u>
January 1, 199	00	<u>448</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>5,664</u>	6,902

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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12 INVESTMENTS

Group	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
Cost of investment in associated undertakings	<u>89</u>	<u>Nil</u>

Zeon Europe Gmbh holds:-

- (i) 49.9% of the ordinary share capital of Zeon France SA a company incorporated in France.
- (ii) 50% of the ordinary share capital of Zeon Italy srl a company incorporated in Italy.

These investments which were acquired when the companies were incorporated during 1990 are not included as associated undertakings within the consolidated accounts. Audited financial information in respect of the period to December 31, 1990 is not available. The directors are of the opinion that such amounts are not material.

As at December 31, 1991 the unaudited financial statements of the associated companies indicated that the group share of their net assets was:

	£'000	
Zeon France SA	23	
Zeon Italy sri	<u>.7</u>	
Company	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
Shares in subsidiary indertaking	<u>330</u>	<u>330</u>

The company holds 60% of the ordinary share capital of Zeon Europe GmbH, a company incorporated in Germany. The principal activity of the company is the distribution of nitrile rubbers.

Zeon Europe Gmbh holds 100% of the ordinary share capital of Zeon Deutschland Gmbh a company incorporated in Germany on August 14, 1990. These shares were issued at par to Zeon Europe Gmbh for a consideration of £168,000. The principal activity of the company is the distribution of nitrite rubbers.

13 STOCKS	Group	Company	
	1990	1990	1989
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Raw materials	539	539	438
Work in progress	61	61	35
Finished goods	5,555	2,301	1,772
	6,155	2,901	2,245

Current obligations

Non current obligations

14	DEBTORS	Group	Col	прану
		1990	1990	1989
		£'000	£'000	£'000
	Trade debtors	5,831	2,403	2,573
	 Amounts owed by group and related compa 	onies 848	1,114	-
	Other debtors	174	125	129
	Prepayments and accrued income	55	41	42
		-		
		<u>6,908</u>	<u>3,683</u>	<u>2,744</u>
15	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within			
	one year	Group	Con	прачу
	•	199c	1990	1989
		£'000	£.000	£'000
		2000	2 000	2 000
	Bank overdraft	186	-	-
	Trade creditors	2,989	484	1,318
	Obligations under finance leases	54		
	Amounts owed to parent undertaking	973	973	370
	Amounts owed to subsidiary undertaking	,,,,	236	370
	Amounts owed to other group companies	4,521	138	7
		•		-
	Taxes and social security costs	75 22	34	-
	Other creditors	22	18	-
	Accruals	1,035	938	149
		9,855	2,821	<u>1,841</u>
16	OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASES AND HI	RE PURCHASE CO		
			1990	
	Group	Notes	£'000	
	Amounts payable:			
	within one year		54	
	between two and five years		191	
	after five years		5	
	artor in a yours		.,	
	_		250	
	Less:			
	Finance charges allocated to			
	Future periods		(50)	
			200	
	Finance leases are analysed as follows:		<u>200</u>	
	Carrent obligations	15	51	

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16 OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASES AND HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS (continued)

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as foilows:-

	Group			1990	
	-			Land and Buildings £'000	Equipnient £'000
	Operating leases which expire: Within one year Between two and five years Over five years			- 58 1	2 20
				_	
				<u>59</u>	22
17	CREDITORS: amounts falling due after	more than			
	one year	Notes	<i>Group</i> 1990 £'000	1990 £'000	ompany 1989 £'000
	Obligations under finance leases Loans due after more than five years	16	146 <u>7.011</u>	<u>7,011</u>	<u>7,785</u>
			<u>7,157</u>	<u>7,011</u>	<u>7,785</u>

The long term loans are denominated in yen and secured by a floating charge over the assets of the business. The loans comprising the above amount are as follows:-

£6,101,000 loan repayable on March 29, 1996. Interest payable annually in arrears at 4.25% (variable).

£762,600 loan repayable on March 29, 1996. Interest payable annually in arrears at 4.25% (variable).

£148,000 loan repayable on March 29, 1997. Interest payable annually in arrears at 7.125% (variable).

18 PENSION COMMITMENTS

From January 1, 1990 to March 31, 1990 the company participated in the BP Pension Fund. The pension cost for this period was equal to the contributions of £42,000 paid by the company.

Since April 1, 1990, the company has operated a defined benefit pension scheme which is funded by the payment of contributions to a separately administered trust fund. The requirements of SSAP24 have been implemented for the first time in the year ended December 31, 1990.

18 PFNSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The pension cost of the scheme is determined with the advice of a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations. The most recent valuation was carried out as at April 1, 1990 using the Projected Unit method, together with the following main assumptions:

Rate of interest	9½% per annum
Salary increases	8% per annum
Increases to pension in payment	5% per annum
Dividend growth rate	5½% per annum

The valuation showed that the market value of the scheme's assets at April 1, 1990 amounted to £2,919,000 and the actuarial value of the assets was sufficient to cover 121% of the benefits that had accrued to members, after allowing for the effect of figure increases in their earnings. The surplus has been spread forward over the expected service lives of the scheme membership as a variation. The pension expense for the period April 1, to December 31 was £102,000, giving a pension charge of £144,000 for the full year.

19 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Group

Amounts authorised and contracted for but not provided in the accounts amounted to £126,000 for the group (1989; £nil). These relate to computer equipment to be acquired by means of a finance lease.

Company

There are no capital commitments contracted for or authorised by the directors as at December 31, 1990 (1989; £nil).

20 SHARE CAPITAL

SHAME ON THE	Authorised		Allotted, called up & fully paid	
	1990 £'000	1989 £'000	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>7,100</u>	<u>5,000</u>	7,100	5,000

D ring the year the authorised share capital was increased by 2,100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. Shares were allotted as follows:-

On October 12, 1990, 1,638,000 ordinary shares of £1 each were issued at par in full satisfaction of a loan from the ultimate parent undertaking.

On November 8, 1990 a further 462,000 ordinary shares of £1 each were issued at par to assist the with the expansion plans of the company.

21 RESERVES

Group	Note	Revaluation reserve £'000	Profit and loss account £'000
At January 1, 1990		355	(362)
Prior year adjustment	22	(<u>355</u>)	
As restated		-	(362)
Unconsolidated reserves brought	forward	l	(20)
Exchange difference on investment in subsidiary undertakt	ing	-	3
Retained losses for the year		<u>-</u>	<u>(669</u>)
At December 31, 1990		-	(<u>1,048</u>)
Company	Note	Revaluation reserve £'000	Profit and loss account £'000
At January 1, 1990		355	(362)
Prior year adjustment	22	(<u>355</u>)	_ _
As restated		•	(362)
Retained losses for the year		-	(499)
At December 31, 1990		-	<u>(861</u>)

22 PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

The prior year adjustment relates to a change in accounting policy so as to account for all land and buildings at historic cost. The accounting policy has been changed as it is believed that the new policy will give a fairer presentation of the results and of the financial position of the business.

2. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On March 20, 1991 1,200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each were issued at par.

The issue will enable the company to continue to develop in accordance with its medium term objectives.

24 PARENT UNDERTAKING

The directors regards Nippon Zeon Company Limited, a company incorporated in Japan, as being the ultimate parent undertaking.