

Abbreviated accounts

for the year ended 30 June 1997

Company registration

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Auditor's report to Castle Group Limited

pursuant to section 247B of the Companies Act 1985.

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 7 together with the financial statements of Castle Group Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 June 1997.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

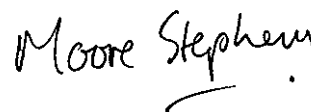
We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 7 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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13 August 1998



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Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants

CASTLE GROUP LIMITED

Balance sheet

as at 30 June 1997

	Note	£	£	1996 £	1996 £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	2		30,950		32,669
Tangible assets	3		169,363		118,523
Investments	4		14,994		15,014
			<u>215,307</u>		<u>166,206</u>
Current assets					
Stocks		166,540		157,546	
Debtors		213,384		259,369	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,503		199	
		<u>381,427</u>		<u>417,114</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	362,063		382,472	
Net current assets			19,364		34,642
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>234,671</u>		<u>200,848</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	5		113,193		98,882
Provisions for liabilities and charges			5,372		4,853
Net assets			<u>116,106</u>		<u>97,113</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	6		18		18
Profit and loss account			116,088		97,095
Shareholders' funds			<u>116,106</u>		<u>97,113</u>

Approved by the board of directors on 13 August 1998.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.


 P.C. Hudson
 Director

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 30 June 1997

1 Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention adopting the following principal accounting policies.

1.01 Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets has been provided at various rates which are anticipated to amortise the cost over the assets' expected useful lives. Indicative annual rates are:—

Plant & machinery	15%	reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	25%	reducing balance basis
Fixtures, fittings, tools & equipment	15%–30%	straight line basis
Hire stock	10%	straight line basis

1.02 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.03 Turnover

Turnover comprises sales to customers of goods and services net of value added tax. Turnover also includes grants receivable.

1.04 Deferred taxation

It is the directors' policy to provide for deferred taxation only to the extent that a liability is anticipated to arise in the foreseeable future.

1.05 Research and development

Research and development expenditure is charged to profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred.

1.06 Leases

Assets acquired under finance lease agreements, including hire purchase agreements, are capitalised and the corresponding liability is included in creditors. Finance lease interest is charged to the profit and loss account and is calculated using the actuarial method. Operating lease rentals are charged against profits of the period to which they relate.

1.07 Government grants

Government grants received in respect of expenditure charged to the profit and loss account during the year have been included in the profit and loss account.

1.08 Goodwill

Purchased goodwill is capitalised and amortised over its expected useful economic life which is anticipated to be no longer than 20 years.

1.09 Cash flow statement

The company is not required to prepare a cash flow statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 since it qualifies as a small company.

1.10 Consolidation

The company is not required to produce group accounts as it qualifies as a small-sized group.

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2 Intangible assets

	£
Cost	
As at 30.06.96	34,388
Acquired	—
As at 30.06.97	<u>34,388</u>
Amortisation	
As at 30.06.96	1,719
Provided in year	1,719
As at 30.06.97	<u>3,438</u>
Net book value	
As at 30.06.96	<u>32,669</u>
As at 30.06.97	<u>30,950</u>

3 Tangible assets

	£
Cost	
As at 30.06.96	206,065
Additions	133,691
Own work capitalised	3,443
Disposals	(75,575)
Transferred to current assets	(4,601)
As at 30.06.97	<u>263,023</u>
Depreciation	
As at 30.06.96	87,542
Provided in year	35,438
Released on disposal	(29,320)
As at 30.06.97	<u>93,660</u>
Net book value	
As at 30.06.96	<u>118,523</u>
As at 30.06.97	<u>169,363</u>

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4 Investments – investments in subsidiaries

	Castle Associates Limited	General Acoustics Limited	Peters Medical Equipment Limited	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
As at 30.06.96	14,994	10	10	15,014
Additions/disposals	–	(10)	(10)	(20)
As at 30.06.97	14,994	–	–	14,994
Provisions				
As at 30.06.96	–	–	–	–
Disposals/repayments	–	–	–	–
As at 30.06.97	–	–	–	–
Net book value				
As at 30.06.96	14,994	10	10	15,014
As at 30.06.97	14,994	–	–	14,994

Class of shares held	Ordinary
Percentage of capital held	99.96%
Aggregate capital & reserves at 30 June 1997	£15,000
Profit for the year to 30 June 1997	£11,437

Principal activities:

Castle Associates Limited

– The company received interest on an inter-company loan during the year.

The total investment in subsidiaries under the equity method of valuation amounts to £14,994.

5 Secured borrowings

	£	1996 £
Bank loans and overdrafts falling due within one year	44,377	48,199
Bank loans due wholly or in part after five years :–		
Instalments due within 1–2 years	3,082	2,874
Instalments due within 3–5 years	11,302	10,479
Instalments due thereafter	34,345	38,819
	<u>93,106</u>	<u>100,371</u>

The bank loan and overdraft are secured by a debenture over the assets of the company and cross-guarantees relating to the borrowings of the subsidiary company. The bank loan is repayable by equal monthly instalments over thirteen years, concluding in April 2008, and bears interest at commercial rates.

6 Share capital

	£	1996 £
Authorised:		
Ordinary £1 'A' shares	1,000	1,000
Ordinary £1 'B' shares	1,000	1,000
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Issued & fully paid:		
Ordinary £1 'A' shares	8	8
Ordinary £1 'B' shares	10	10
	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>

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7 Related party transactions

The company paid rent of £26,505 during the year to Envirometrics Limited, a company of which P. R. Bull and P. C. Hudson are directors and P.R. Bull is a major shareholder. The company also paid rent of £3,500 to both P.R. Bull and P.C. Hudson.

Included in creditors falling due within one year are loans from two of the directors of the company for the following amounts:

	£
P R Bull	34,403
P C Hudson	10,929

During the year a motor vehicle was sold by the company to S A Bull, an employee of the company and son of P R Bull for £2,500 compared to a net book value of £4,805.