

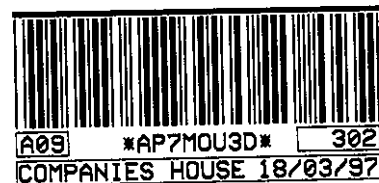


AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited

Abbreviated financial statements

31 December 1996

Registered number 2425430





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Report of the auditors to the directors of
AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited
pursuant to paragraph 24 of schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 3 to 6 together with the financial statements of AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 3 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 31 December 1996, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 13 March 1997 we reported, as auditors of AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 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.



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Report of the auditors to the directors of
AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited
pursuant to paragraph 24 of schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 (*continued*)

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 31 December 1996 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

*Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors*

13 March 1997

AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited


Balance sheet

at 31 December 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	33,716	30,831
Current assets			
Stocks		580,196	275,572
Debtors		273,308	266,489
Cash at bank and in hand		112,931	15,367
		<u>966,435</u>	<u>557,428</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>(1,062,257)</u>	<u>(460,782)</u>
Net current (liabilities)/assets		<u>(95,822)</u>	<u>96,646</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>(62,106)</u>	<u>127,477</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>(387,512)</u>	<u>(431,854)</u>
Net liabilities		<u>(449,618)</u>	<u>(304,377)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	3	19,304	19,304
Profit and loss account		<u>(468,922)</u>	<u>(323,681)</u>
Equity shareholders' funds - deficit		<u>(449,618)</u>	<u>(304,377)</u>

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the basis that the company qualifies as a small company.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 27th Feb 1997 and were signed on its behalf by:


I.W. Jones
Director

AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of AVL Medical Instruments AG and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that company.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the holding company has provided assurances that they will continue to provide all necessary financial support to the company for the foreseeable future.

Related party transactions

Exemption has been taken (as per Financial Reporting Standard No 8) from reporting the transactions between AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited and AVL Medical Instruments AG since 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled by the group, and the consolidated financial statements in which AVL Medical Instruments UK Limited are consolidated are publicly available.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Motor vehicles	-	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % per annum on a straight line basis
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	-	15% per annum on a straight line basis

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Stocks

Stock are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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Notes *(continued)*

1 Accounting policies *(continued)*

Leases

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a 'finance lease'. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

All other leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services to customers during the year.

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Notes (continued)

2 Tangible fixed assets

	£
<i>Cost</i>	
At beginning of year	97,804
Additions	20,213
Disposals	(19,663)
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At end of year	98,354
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<i>Depreciation</i>	
At beginning of year	66,973
Charge for year	17,328
On disposals	(19,663)
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At end of year	64,638
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<i>Net book value</i>	
At 31 December 1996	33,716
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At 31 December 1995	30,831
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3 Called up share capital

	1996	1995
	£	£
<i>Authorised</i>		
50,000 ordinary shares of 1 Swiss franc each	19,304	19,304
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<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
50,000 ordinary shares of 1 Swiss franc each	19,304	19,304
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4 Ultimate holding company

The ultimate holding company is AVL Medical Instruments AG, a company incorporated in Switzerland.