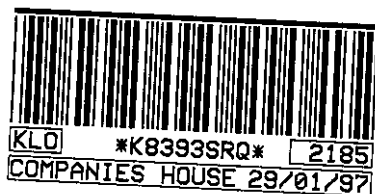


R. Delamore Limited

Abbreviated financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 1996
together with auditors' report

Registered number: 2466472



Auditors' report

Cambridge

To the Directors of R. Delamore Limited:

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages 3 to 6 together with the full financial statements of R. Delamore Limited for the year ended 31 March 1996. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that the company is entitled to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 3 and that the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared from the full financial statements.

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

We reported, as auditors of R. Delamore Limited, to the shareholders on 15 January 1997 on the company's financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1996, and our audit opinion was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 6 and 7.

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 circumstances of the company, 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. The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 to produce a cash flow statement, as it is a small company as defined by the Companies Act 1985.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN

Auditors' report (continued)

Cambridge

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 31 March 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Arthur Andersen

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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15 January 1997

Abbreviated balance sheet

31 March 1996

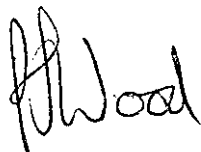
	Notes	1996 £	1995 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	2	403,992	432,852
Tangible assets	3	572,741	488,977
		<u>976,733</u>	<u>921,829</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	4	333,813	281,656
Debtors - due within one year	5	772,946	625,672
- due after one year	5	37,650	23,181
		<u>1,144,409</u>	<u>930,509</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(1,196,107)</u>	<u>(1,154,769)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(51,698)</u>	<u>(224,260)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>925,035</u>	<u>697,569</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	6	<u>(106,682)</u>	<u>(105,674)</u>
Net assets		<u>818,353</u>	<u>591,895</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	7	100,000	100,000
Share premium account		55,137	55,137
Profit and loss account		663,216	436,758
Total shareholders' funds - all equity		<u>818,353</u>	<u>591,895</u>

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Part 1 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that, in the directors' opinion, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company.

Signed on behalf of the Board

P J Wood

Director



15 January 1997

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

Notes to abbreviated financial statements

31 March 1996

1 Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceeding year, is set out below:

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

b) Intangible fixed assets

Purchased goodwill is capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over 20 years.

c) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are shown at original historical cost less depreciation and provision for permanent diminutions in value. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Greenhouses	-	12.5% per annum
Plant and machinery	-	25% per annum
Motor vehicles	-	25% per annum

d) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis, plus a reasonable proportion of propagation overheads based on normal levels of activity, where applicable.

Net realisable value is based on estimated normal selling price, less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal. Provision is made for obsolete, slow-moving or defective items where appropriate.

e) Taxation

Corporation tax is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Advanced corporation tax payable on dividends paid or provided for in the year is written off, except when recoverability against corporation tax payable is considered to be reasonably assured.

Deferred taxation (which arises from differences in the timing of the recognition of items, principally depreciation, in the financial statements and by the tax authorities) has been calculated on the liability method. Deferred taxation is provided on timing differences, which will probably reverse at the rates of tax likely to be in force at the time of reversal. Deferred taxation is not provided on timing differences which, in the opinion of the directors, will probably not reverse.

Notes to abbreviated financial statements (continued)

2 Intangible fixed assets

The movement in the year was as follows:

	Purchased goodwill £
Cost	
Beginning and end of year	560,500
Amounts written off	
Beginning of year	127,648
Amortisation	28,860
End of year	156,508
Net book value	
Beginning of year	432,852
End of year	403,992

Purchased goodwill is amortised over 20 years, which the directors estimate to be the period over which benefits may reasonably be expected to accrue from the acquisition of the business.

3 Tangible fixed assets

The movement in the year was as follows:

	1996 £	1995 £
Cost		
Beginning of year	919,875	667,057
Additions	287,695	278,338
Disposals	(20,209)	(25,520)
End of year	1,187,361	919,875
Depreciation		
Beginning of year	430,898	302,031
Charge	190,926	145,537
Disposals	(7,204)	(16,670)
End of year	614,620	430,898
Net book value		
Beginning of year	488,977	365,026
End of year	572,741	488,977

Notes to abbreviated financial statements (continued)

3 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Included in the above are assets held under hire purchase contracts with a net book value of £100,736 (1995 - £103,713).

In the opinion of the directors, there is no material difference between the book value and the current open market value of the greenhouses.

4 Stocks

	1996 £	1995 £
Finished goods, raw materials and consumables	<u>333,813</u>	<u>281,656</u>

5 Debtors

	1996 £	1995 £
Amounts falling due within one year	772,946	625,672
Amounts falling due after more than one year	<u>37,650</u>	<u>23,181</u>
	<u>810,596</u>	<u>648,853</u>

6 Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	1996 £	1995 £
Medium term loan	50,000	100,000
Obligations under hire purchase contracts	<u>56,682</u>	<u>5,674</u>
	<u>106,682</u>	<u>105,674</u>

7 Called-up share capital

	1996 £	1995 £
<i>Authorised, allotted, called-up and fully paid</i>		
110,000 Ordinary shares of 50p each	55,000	55,000
90,000 Ordinary 'A' shares of 50p each	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>