Company Registration No. 2484952 (England and Wales)

SHILDON THERMOPLASTICS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2001

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2001

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2001.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the manufacture of thermoplastic materials.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 May 2000:

J Coupe

I Carlin

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary	Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	
	30 April 2001	1 May 2000	
J Coupe	4	4	
1 Carlin	20	20	

J Coupe's interest in the share capital of the parent company is disclosed in that company's accounts.

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that BKR Haines Watts be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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 period. 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;
- 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 to 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SHILDON THERMOPLASTICS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 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.

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 30 April 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BKR Haines Watts

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

5 December 2001

3 Osborne Terrace Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 1NE

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2001

		2001	2000
	Notes	£	£
Turnover		965,506	964,609
Cost of sales		(685,421)	(664,868)
Gross profit		280,085	299,741
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(17,800) (224,938)	(13,718) (229,325)
Operating profit	2	37,347	56,698
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(956)	-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		36,391	56,698
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(6,332)	(8,732)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		30,059	47,966
Dividends		(25,000)	(58,000)
Retained profit/(loss) for the year	11	5,059	(10,034)
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The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2001

		20	01	200	00
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		40,624		18,919
Current assets					
Stocks		41,203		109,620	
Debtors	6	483,780		1,211,953	
		524,983		1,321,573	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(362,538)		(1,147,642)	
,	•	(502,550)		(1,147,042)	
Net current assets			162,445		173,931
Total assets less current liabilities			203,069		192,850
Creditors: amounts falling due after					
more than one year	8		(5,160)		_
			197,909		192,850
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Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	10		100		100
Profit and loss account	11		197,809		192,750
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	12		197,909		192,850
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 5/10/0/

Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2001

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery

16% reducing balance basis

1.4 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

1.7 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

2	Operating profit	2001	2000
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	6,110	3,604
	Directors' emoluments	35,714	26,400

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under money purchase pension schemes amounted to 1 (2000 - 1).

3	Interest payable	2001 £	2000 £
	Hire purchase interest	956	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2001

4	Taxation 20	01	2000
	U.K. current year taxation	£	£
		'96	9,645
		36	1,890
		32	44 525
	Prior years	32	11,535
	U.K. corporation tax	_	(2,803
			0.722
	6,3	===	8,732
5	Tangible fixed assets		
			Plant and
			machinery etc
			£
	Cost		_
	At 1 May 2000		54,539
	Additions		27,815
	At 30 April 2001		82,354
	Depreciation		
	At 1 May 2000		35,620
	Charge for the year		6,110
	At 30 April 2001		41,730
	Net book value		
	At 30 April 2001		40,624
	At 30 April 2000		18,919
			====
	Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:	ws:	
			Plant and
			machinery
	Net book values		£
	At 30 April 2001		12,653
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	Depreciation charge for the year		
	30 April 2001		1,947

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2001

6	Debtors	2001 £	2000 £
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings and undertakings in which the	81,561	186,808
	company has a participating interest Other debtors	402,219	1,020,231 4,914
		483,780	1,211,953
7	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2001	2000
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	26,351	160,230
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts	4,380	-
	Trade creditors	43,064	89,080
	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	252 470	005.000
	Taxation and social security	252,176 18,091	885,903 12,293
	Other creditors	18,476	136
		362,538	1,147,642
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8	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2001	2000
	•	£	£
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts	5,160	<u>-</u>
	Net abligations and artists are set		
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts Repayable within one year	5,287	-
	Repayable between one and five years	6,217	-
		11,504	-
	Finance charges and interest allocated to future accounting periods	(1,964)	-
		9,540	-
	Included in liabilities falling due within one year	(4,380)	-
		5,160	
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2001

9 Provisions for liabilities and charges

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements and the amounts not provided are as follows:

		2001	Not provided 2000	2001	Provided 2000
		£	£	£	£
	Accelerated capital allowances	4,236	3,136	_	-
			=======================================		
10	Share capital			2001	2000
				£	£
	Authorised				
	100 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each			100	100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid				
	100 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each			100	100

11 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

			Profit and loss account
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	Balance at 1 May 2000		192,750
	Retained profit for the year		5,059
	Balance at 30 April 2001		197,809
12	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2001	2000
		£	£
	Profit for the financial year	30,059	47,966
	Dividends	(25,000)	(58,000)
	Net addition to/(depletion in) shareholders' funds	5,059	(10,034)
	Opening shareholders' funds	192,850	202,884
	Closing shareholders' funds	197,909	192,850
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13 Contingent liabilities

The company has cross guarantee arrangements with its bankers in respect of overdraft facilities of the parent company and fellow subsidiaries.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2001

14 Control

The ultimate parent company is Coupe Construction Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

15 Related party transactions

During the year the company undertook the following transactions with Coupe Construction Limited, its parent company:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Management charge	130,000	130,000
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During the year the company undertook the following transactions wis subsidiary:	ith Coupe Line Limited, it	s fellow
	2001	2000
	£	£
Sales	340,579	227,132
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The amounts due to related parties at the year end were as follows:

	2001 £	2000 £
Coupe Construction Limited (parent company)	252,176	885,903
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The amounts due from related parties at the year end were as follows:

	2001 £	2000 £
Coupe Line Limited (fellow subsidiary)	377,710	993,109
M & M Concrete Limited (fellow subsidiary)	17,723	20,336
Coupe Plant Hire Limited (fellow subsidiary)	6,786	6,786
		