Company No: 2605549

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MAY 1995



DIRECTOR

A.D. Watts

SECRETARY

V.A. Watts

REGISTERED OFFICE

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AUDITORS

Fraser Russell Chartered Accountants Liverpool Victoria House 91/99 New London Road Chelmsford, Essex.

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

The director presents his report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 May 1995.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

We continue to make progress by increasing our turnover by approximately 50% which is reflected in a substantial increase in profitability and net worth, which progress is due to an excellent all round team effort combined with an impressive list of new accounts involving brand name companies.

Our NAMAS accreditation, testing number 1444, as well as our MAFF authorisation, testing No. PAPO/L/159, have assisted us in gaining market share, where we offer clients an excellent all round professional service combined with 'value for money'. Our laboratory staff, ably led by our Principal Microbiologist Garry Mills, AIBMS, continue to receive excellent results in their participation in external QA Schemes organised by both the PHLS and MAFF. Their involvement in these schemes enhances the technical staffs' professionalism and their overall technical excellence in the services we provide and assists in meeting ongoing training needs for NAMAS purposes.

We are now consolidating and hope to expand our services to Local Authorities and similar entities where we are applying to or have applied to become authorised contractors/consultants, and this should lead to more business on a tender basis. We still aggressively advertise our services in a number of trade journals involving segments interested in our services. As such we have budgeted for a further increase in turnover this year, which could lead to more job opportunities. We are continuing to enter for a number of small business awards which may augment our profile in the market place.

We continue to receive able advice from our professional advisors, namely our accountants Fraser Russell, Chelmsford Office, and our bankers, National Westminster Bank PLC, Colchester Business Centre.

We will continue to concentrate in those areas in which we are familiar and have the expertise.

DIVIDEND AND TRANSFER TO RESERVES

The director has accrued a dividend amounting to £375, in accordance with the rights attaching to certain classes of shares as set out in the note on share capital.

It is proposed that the retained profit of £12,192 is transferred to reserves.

FIXED ASSETS

Full disclosure of all matters relating to fixed assets is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (Continued)

DIRECTOR AND HIS INTERESTS

The director at the balance sheet date and his interests in the company at that date and at the beginning of the year, were as follows:

	Class of share	<u>Number o</u> 1995	f shares 1994
A.D. Watts	Ordinary shares Preference shares	15,999 30,000	15,999

DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the director is 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 director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable him to ensure that the financial statementscomply with the Companies Act 1985. He is 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.

CLOSE COMPANY

The company is a close company as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Fraser Russell, are willing to be reappointed in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Board

Date: 28 June 1995

V Watts Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF SILVERDELL MICROBIOLOGY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of the director and auditors

As described on the Director's Report the company director is 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 director 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 affairs of the company as at 31 May 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

FRASER RUSSELL Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

Date: 28 June 1995

Liverpool Victoria House 91/99 New London Road Chelmsford, Essex.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

	Notes	1995 £	1994 £
TURNOVER		136,870	92,078
Cost of sales		(54,118)	(37,042)
GROSS PROFIT		82,752	55,036
Administrative expenses		(68,809)	(51,349)
OPERATING PROFIT	2	13,943	3,687
Interest payable	. 3	(1,376)	(591)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		12,567	3,096
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	<u>-</u>	
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		12,567	3,096
Dividends including non-equity interests	6	(375)	
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	14	12,192	3,096

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 6 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MAY 1995

		19	95	199	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					÷
Tangible assets	7		49,974		32,846
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks Debtors	8 9	13,632 37,275		8,863 21,091	
		50,907		29,954	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(31,179)		(14,355)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	•		19,728		15,599
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			69,702		48,445
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(21,939)		(42,875)
			47,763		5,570
CAPITAL AND RESERVES INCLUDING NON-EQUITY INTERESTS					
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	13 14		50,000 (2,237)		20,000 (14,430)
			47,763		5,570

The financial statements were approved by the board on 28 June 1995 and signed on its behalf by

A.D. Watts

Director

The notes on pages 6 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 TURNOVER

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

1.3 DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:-

Leasehold properties	Straight	line over	r the I	life of	the	lease
Plant and machinery	15% per	annum on	cost			
Fixtures and fittings	15% per	annum on	cost			
Motor vehicles	25% per	annum on	reduci	ing bala	ance	

1.4 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is calculated as follows:

Raw materials - cost of purchase on first in, first out basis
Work in progress - cost of raw materials and labour together with
attributable overheads.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

1.5 DEFERRED TAXATION

Provision is made by the liabilty method on all net adverse timing differences which are expected to be reversed in the foreseeable future.

1.6 LEASING AND HIRE PURCHASE

Assets acquired under finance leases or hire purchase contracts are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Finance charges and interest are taken to the profit and loss account in constant proportion to the remaining balance of capital repayments or net obligations outstanding.

1.7 DIVIDENDS

Dividends due on cumulative preference shares are provided for on a time accrued basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

2.	OPERATING PROFIT	1995 £	1994 £
	The operating profit is stated after charging:-	a.	•
	Depreciation Auditors' remuneration	7,556 750	4,954 750
3.	INTEREST PAYABLE	1995 £	1994 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts and on loans repayable in full within five years Hire purchase interest	1,222 154	591 -
		1,376	591
4.	DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYEES	1995 £	1994 £
	Staff costs:-		
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	50,065 4,329	31,091 1,581
		54,394	32,672
	The average weekly number of employees during the year was made up as follows:	Number	Number
	Director Technical staff	1	1
	Administration	2 2	2
		5 	4
	Director's emoluments:-	£	£
	Remuneration for management		
	services	17,705	13,306

5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

At the balance sheet date the company has estimated losses of £16,763 to be carried forward against future trading profits.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

6. DIVIDENDS	1995 £	1994 £
Non-equity interests	~	~
Preference:- Accrued dividend not paid	375	~
	375	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

7. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Land & buildings	Plant & machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Motor vehicles	Total £
Cost					
At 1 June 1994 Additions Disposals	3,857 - -	26,790 4,577 -	11,786 1,326 (343)	3,019 19,051	45,452 24,954 (343)
At 31 May 1995	3,857	31,367	12,769	22,070	70,063
Depreciation					
At 1 June 1994 Charge for year On disposals	268 154 -	6,715 4,705	4,143 1,915 (73)	1,480 782	12,606 7,556 (73)
At 31 May 1995	422	11,420	5,985	2,262	20,089
Net book value at 31 May 1995	3,435	19,947	6,784	19,808	49.974
Net book value at 31 May 1994	3,589	20,075	7,643	1,539	32,846
				1995 £	1994 £
Analysis of net book Short leasehold	value of .	land and bi	ııldıngs:	3,435	3,589
Included above are a contracts as follows		under fina	ance leases	or hire p	urchase
				1995 £	1994 £
Net book values:					
Motor vehicles				18,654	-
				18,654	
Depreciation charge	for the yea	ar:			
Motor vehicles				397	-
				397	_

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

8.	STOCKS	1995 £	1994 £
	Raw materials and consumables Work in progress	9,679 3,953	6,295 2,568
		13,632	8,863
9.	DEBTORS	1995 £	1994 £
	Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	29,558 5,225 2,492	14,521 5,225 1,345
		37,275	21,091
10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	1995 £	1994 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors Proposed dividend Taxes and social security costs	12,939 1,925 375 5,095	5,340 1,579 - 4,037
	Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	5,380 3,820 1,645	1,843 1,556
		31,179	14,355
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	1995 £	1994 £
	Loans	7,200	6,941
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts Directors loan account	9,865 4,874	35,934
		21,939	42,875

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

12.	BORROWINGS	1995 £	1994 £
	The company's borrowings are repayable as follows:		
	In one year, or less or on demand Between one and two years Between two and five years In five years or more	12,939 2,120 3,810 1,270	5,340 591 3,810 2,540
		20,139	12,281
	Loan Details:		
	Nat West Loan Wholly Repayable within 5 years	4,450	4,191
	Long Term Nat West Loan Part Repayable within 5 years	6,350	6,350
		10,800	10,541
	Amounts due within five years	9,530	8,001
	Instalments not due within five years	1,270	2,540

Details of security:

The loans are secured by way of a mortgage debenture dated 11.8.93 over all monies due now or in the future to National Westminster Bank; together with a director's guarantee limited to £33,440 dated 8.2.95.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

13.	SHARE CAPITAL	1995 £	1994 £
	Authorised		
	Equity interests:		
	70,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	70,000	100,000
	Non-equity interests:		
	30,000 7.5% Cum. Preference Shares of £1 each	30,000	_
		100,000	100,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Equity interests:		
	20,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	20,000	20,000
	Non-equity interests:		
	30,000 7.5% Cum. Preference Shares of £1 each	30,000	_
		50,000	20,000
14.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
		1995 £	1994 £
	Accumulated losses at 1 June 1994 Retained profit for the year	(14,429) 12,192	(17,526) 3,096
	Accumulated losses at 31 May 1995	(2,237)	(14,430)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1995

15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1995 £	1994 £
Profit for the financial year Dividends	12,567 (375)	3,096
Shareholders' funds at 1 June 1994	12,192 35,571	3,096 2,474
Shareholders' funds at 31 May 1995	47,763	5,570
Represented by:-		
Equity interests Non-equity interests	17,763 30,000	5,570
	47,763	5,570