SILVERDELL MICROBIOLOGY LTD ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000



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AUDITORS' REPORT TO SILVERDELL MICROBIOLOGY LTD UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 4, together with the financial statements of the company for the period ended 30 September 2000 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

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 considered 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 2 to 4 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 19.2.01

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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

	Notes	2000		1999	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		34,702		45,135
Investments	2		-		1,801
			34,702		46,936
Current assets					
Stocks		10,043		18,311	
Debtors		90,716		80,845	
Cash at bank and in hand		36,945		12,975	
		137,704		112,131	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(47,384)		(35,636)	
Net current assets			90,320		76,495
Total assets less current liabilities			125,022		123,431
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			(4 E47)		(40.405
more than one year			(1,547) ————		(12,185
			123,475		111,246
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Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	3		50,000		50,000
Profit and loss account			73,475		61,246
Shareholders' funds			123,475		111,246
Equity interests			93,475		81,246
Non-equity interests			30,000		30,000
			123,475		111,246

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Director

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

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:

Land and buildings Leasehold

Straight line over the life of the lease

Plant and machinery Fixtures, fittings & equipment 15% per annum on cost 15% per annum on cost

Motor vehicles

25% per annum on reducing balance

1.4 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over 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.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.6 Stock and work in progress

Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.7 Pensions

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

1.8 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.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

2	Fixed assets	Tangible	Investments	Total
		assets £	£	£
	Cost	Z.	r.	r.
	At 1 June 1999	112,465	1,801	114,266
	Additions	17,697	1,001	17,697
	Disposals	(18,514)	(1,801)	(20,315)
	At 30 September 2000	111,648		111,648
	Depreciation		,	
	At 1 June 1999	67,330	_	67,330
	On disposals	(7,013)	-	(7,013)
	Charge for the period	16,629	-	16,629
	At 30 September 2000	76,946		76,946
	Net book value			
	At 30 September 2000	34,702	•	34,702
	At 31 May 1999	45,135	1,801	46,936
3	Share capital		2000	1999
	Austhornicad		£	£
	Authorised 70,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each		70,000	70,000
	30,000 7.5 % Redeemable cum. Preference shares of £ 1 each		30,000	30,000
			100,000	100,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid			
	20,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each		20,000	20,000
	30,000 7.5 % Redeemable cum. Preference shares of £ 1 each		30,000	30,000
			50,000	50,000

The 7.5% Redeemable Cumulative Preference Shares may be redeemed at the choice of the company, on or after 1 January 2000. The company shall redeem the whole of the preference shares outstanding on 1 January 2005. There is no premium payable on redemption.

4 Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent company is Silliker bioMerieux Inc.