

CAPITOL HOMES LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 DECEMBER 1997
(Registered Number 2688127)



CAPITOL HOMES LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1997

The directors present their report on the affairs of the company, together with the accounts and auditors' report for the year ended 31 December 1997.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the group is property development.

The directors expect the company's level of activity to increase during the coming year and are satisfied that the increased level of activity envisaged will eliminate the accumulated deficit and restore the company's asset base.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The company's results are as follows:

	<u>1997</u> £	<u>1996</u> £
Accumulated deficit, beginning of year	(300,927)	(223,959)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	16,214	(76,968)
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Accumulated deficit, end of year	(284,713)	(300,927)
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The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1996 - £Nil)

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year are as follows:

RS Murray
M Croxen

None of the directors have any interests required to be disclosed under Section 234 of the Companies Act 1985.

The interests of the directors in the share capital of the ultimate parent undertaking, Sterling Capitol PLC, are disclosed in that company's accounts.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1997 (continued)

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial period 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 year. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 the group and to enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

PAYMENT OF SUPPLIERS

The Company does not have trade creditors and hence creditor days have not been calculated.

AUDITORS

The directors will place a resolution before the Annual General Meeting to appoint Price Waterhouse as auditors for the ensuing year.

By order of the Board



M Croxen
Secretary

29 May 1998

Price Waterhouse



AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CAPITOL HOMES LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on pages 1 and 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the company and of the group, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the company's state of affairs at 31 December 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PRICE WATERHOUSE
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors

29 May 1998

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	Year ended <u>31 December 1997</u> £	18 months ended <u>31 December 1996</u> £
TURNOVER	2	686,988	1,886,067
Cost of sales		<u>(583,476)</u>	<u>(1,868,056)</u>
GROSS PROFIT		103,512	18,011
Administrative expenses		<u>(15)</u>	<u>159</u>
OPERATING PROFIT		103,497	18,170
Interest receivable		2,563	2,927
Interest payable	3	<u>(87,607)</u>	<u>(98,065)</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE AND AFTER TAXATION	4	<u>18,453</u>	<u>(76,968)</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	<u>(2,239)</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR/PERIOD		16,214	(76,968)
Accumulated deficit, beginning of year/period		<u>(223,959)</u>	
Accumulated deficit, end of year/period		<u>(284,713)</u>	<u>(300,927)</u>

Turnover and operating profit are derived from continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the financial year.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this profit and loss account.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1997

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1997</u> £	<u>1996</u> £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	6	1,060,749	788,975
Debtors	7	138	14,763
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>425</u>	<u>37,591</u>
		1,061,312	841,329
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(1,345,925)</u>	<u>(1,142,156)</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(284,613)</u>	<u>(300,827)</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	9	100	100
Profit and loss account	11	<u>(284,713)</u>	<u>(300,927)</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS (EQUITY INTERESTS)		<u>(284,613)</u>	<u>(300,827)</u>

Signed on behalf of the Board:

M Croxen

Director



29 May 1998

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

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1997

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The company has not prepared a cash flow statement, as permitted by Financial Reporting Standard Number 1, because its parent company, Sterling Capitol PLC, has produced a consolidated cash flow statement including the cash flows of the company.

The company had net liabilities of £284,613 (1996: £300,827). However, the directors have prepared the accounts on the going concern basis because an undertaking has been received from the company's parent undertaking, Sterling Capitol PLC, to continue to provide financial support to the company to enable it to meet its debts as they fall due for the foreseeable future.

b) Taxation

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate. The benefit of taxable losses are surrendered to fellow group undertakings at no charge.

Deferred taxation is calculated on the liability method and is provided to the extent that the directors believe it is likely to become payable in the foreseeable future.

c) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Where the directors consider developments to be substantial with completion expected after more than one year and these developments have been financed from commencement by specific identifiable borrowings, the cost of these developments includes interest attributable to those borrowings up to the point of completion.

d) Turnover

Turnover represents the value of legally completed property sales net of related taxes.

2 SEGMENT INFORMATION

All of the company's turnover and operating profit before interest are derived from its principal activity in the United Kingdom.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1997 (continued)

3 INTEREST PAYABLE

Interest payable comprises:

	Year ended 31 December 1997 £	18 months ended 31 December 1996 £
Interest payable to other group undertakings	87,428	135,532
Bank interest	179	38
Interest capitalised	-	(37,505)
	<u>87,607</u>	<u>98,065</u>

4 PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	Year ended 31 December 1997 £	18 months ended 31 December 1996 £
Staff costs	-	-
Auditors' remuneration	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Auditor's remuneration and staff costs were borne by the company's ultimate parent undertaking Sterling Capitol PLC.

The average monthly number of persons employed by the company was 1 (1996: 1). None of the directors received any emoluments for their services to the company.

5 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Tax on profit on ordinary activities comprises UK corporation tax of £2,239 (1996: £Nil).

In the directors' opinion no provision is required for deferred taxation.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1997 (continued)

6 STOCKS

The net book value of stocks comprises:

	1997 £	1996 £
Properties held for development	1,060,749	788,975

Stocks include capitalised interest (gross of taxation) of £nil (1996: £37,505).

7 DEBTORS

Amounts falling due within one year:

	1997 £	1996 £
Other debtors		
- VAT	138	763
- Other	-	14,000
	<u>138</u>	<u>14,763</u>

8 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1997 £	1996 £
Amounts owed to other group undertakings	1,343,686	1,140,307
Corporation tax	2,239	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	1,849
	<u>1,345,925</u>	<u>1,142,156</u>

9 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	1997 £	1996 £
Authorised		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1997 (continued)

10 MOVEMENT IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The movement in equity shareholders' funds during the period may be summarised as follows:

	1997 £	1996 £
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	16,214	(76,968)
Net increase/(reduction) in equity shareholders' funds	16,214	(76,968)
Opening equity shareholders' funds	(300,827)	(223,859)
Closing equity shareholders' funds	(284,613)	(300,827)

11 RESERVES

The company's reserves comprises its profit and loss account which cannot be distributed.

12 GUARANTEES AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 1997 the company had outstanding commitments under normal trading contracts amounting to £174,000 (1996: £659,000).

13 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate parent company is Sterling Capitol PLC, a company registered in England and Wales. Group accounts have been prepared by this company and are not normally available to the public.

Transactions with other companies within the Sterling Capitol Group are not disclosed as the Company has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 "Related Party Disclosures".