# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

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LONDON

Registered Number: 2757907

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## For the year ended 31 December 1994

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The principal activity of the company is investment holding.

The results for the year are set out in the Profit & Loss Account on page 4.

#### **DIRECTORS AND SHARE INTERESTS**

Directors who held office at the end of the year and their disclosable interests in shares, as recorded in the register of directors' interests:-

		At 1.1.94	At 31.12.94
A C Lovell M D Hunter	a	7,793	7,793
P J Costain W Gerretsen	b	200,343	261,295

P J Hill

resigned 14.2.94

- a Costain Group PLC shares of 25p each
- b Options to acquire Costain Group PLC shares of 25p each

Directors' liability indemnity cover is maintained by the ultimate parent company, Costain Group PLC.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

-B W RACE **SECRETARY** 

**REGISTERED OFFICE** 

111 Westminster Bridge Road

London SE1 7UE

Date:

1 0 MAY 1995

# COSTAIN OVERSEAS HOLDINGS LIMITED STATEMENT OF 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. The directors are required to ensure that those financial statements are based on suitable accounting policies consistently applied, are prepared on the going concern basis and are supported by judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and identify and explain any material departures from applicable accounting standards.

The directors are also responsible for keeping proper accounting records and they have general responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF COSTAIN OVERSEAS HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 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 of 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 31 December 1994 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

MPMG

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors LONDON 10 May 1495
Date

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

# For the year ended 31 December 1994

	Notes	1994 £	1993 £
Administrative expenses		(500)	(500)
Operating loss		(500)	(500)
Provision against investment in subsidiary undertakings		(204,707)	-
Dividends from subsidiary undertakings		204,707	-
Interest receivable: On amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	,	232,509	572,866
Exchange gain/(loss)		477,547	(494,423)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	709,556	77,943
Taxation	4	(76,563)	(188,881)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	10	632,993	(110,938)

Movements on reserves are set out in note 10.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year and loss for the prior year.

All operating loss is attributable to continuing operations.

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#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### As at 31 December 1994

	Notes	1994 £	1993 £
Fixed assets	_		
Investments	5	4,030,057	3,984,764
Current assets			,
Debtors	6	801,155	-
Debtors - due after more than one year	6		7,975,318
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(209,157)	(132,095)
Net current assets		591,998	7,843,223
Total assets less current liabilities		4,622,055	11,827,987
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than			
one year Other creditors	8		7,838,925
Net assets		4,622,055	3,989,062
Capital and reserves	9	4,100,000	4,100,000
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	10	522,055	(110,938)
Shareholders' funds		4,622,055	3,989,062
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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **31 December 1994**

#### **Accounting policies**

#### 1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Standards under the historical cost convention.

#### Foreign currency transactions

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at year end exchange rates. Exchange differences on such items and on transactions completed in the ordinary course of business are dealt with in profit on ordinary activities.

#### **Cashflow statement**

As the cashflow statement in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company, Costain Group PLC, complies with the conditions of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 ("FRS 1"), the company is exempt under FRS 1 from the requirements to prepare a separate cashflow statement.

#### 2. Profit on ordinary activities

	1994 £	1993 £
Profit on ordinary activities is after charging:	-	
Exchange gain/(loss)	477,547	(494,423)
Auditors remuneration - audit	500	500

The exchange gain arose on the loan to Costain Group Services (Australia) which was repaid during the year.

#### 3. Emoluments of Directors

No emoluments were paid to the Directors of the company during the year (1993 £nil). There were no staff employed during the year (1993 nil).

#### Taxation

On profit for the period: United Kingdom corporation tax at 33% Overseas taxation	182,445 (105,882)	188,881
	76,563	188,881

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 31 December 1994

•	<u>Investments</u>		
			Subsidiary Undertakings £
	Cost		<b>↓</b>
	At 1 January 1994 Additions		3,984,764 250,000
	At 31 December 1994		4,234,764
	Provisions		·
	At 1 January 1994		-
	Provided in year		204,707
	At 31 December 1994		204,707
	Net book value		
	At 31 December 1994		4,030,057
	At 31 December 1993		3,984,764
	Investments in subsidiary undertakings		
	Subsidiary undertakings	% of equity held	Country of incorporation
	Oxney Pty Limited	100	
	Costain Group Services (Australia) Pty Limited	100*	
	Costain Property Management Pty Limited	100*	
	Nisaki Pty Limited	100*	
	Hunges International Bouw-en Constructiebedrijf BV	100	The Netherland

<sup>\*</sup> Shares held by subsidiary undertaking

All undertakings are incorporated in Australia except where otherwise stated. All holdings are of ordinary shares except Oxney Pty Limited and Costain Group Services (Australia) Pty Limited where respectively Costain Overseas Holdings and Oxney Pty Limited hold ordinary and preference shares.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

## 31 December 1994

6.	<u>Debtors</u>			1994 £	1993 £
	Amounts falling due within one y Amounts owed by parent compar Other debtors			777,904 23,251	r -
	Amounts falling due after more t Amounts owed by subsidiary und		-	<del>-</del>	7,975,318
			_	801,155	7,975,318
7.	Creditors: amounts falling due Corporation tax Accruals and deferred income	within one yes	ar	208,157 1,000	131,595 500
				209,157	132,095
8.	Creditors: amounts falling due Amounts owing to parent compar		n one year	-	7,838,925
9.	Share capital	1994			1993
	Ordinary shares of £1 each, fully paid	£ Authorised 4,100,000	£ <u>Issued</u> 4,100,000	£ Authorised 4,100,000	£ <u>Issued</u> 4,100,000
10.	Profit and loss account				
	At 1 January 1994 Profit for the period			•	£ 0,938) 2,993
	At 31 December 1994			522	2,055

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

#### 31 December 1994

#### 11. Contingent liabilities

The company has entered into cross guarantees together with the parent company and certain fellow Group undertakings for loans and overdraft facilities made available to the Group. These facilities are included in the Group financial statements and amount to £17.7m (1993 £15.4m) and US\$206.0m (1993 US\$222.8m).

#### 12. <u>Ultimate parent company</u>

The only Group of undertakings of which the company is a member and for which Group financial statements are drawn up is that of the ultimate parent company, Costain Group PLC, a company incorporated in England and Wales. A copy of the Group financial statements of Costain Group PLC may be obtained from the registered office of Costain Group PLC, 111 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7UE.

The company is exempt from preparing Group financial statements (under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985), as it is included in the consolidated financial statements for the ultimate parent company.

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its Group.