

COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED

REGISTERED NUMBER 2757907

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 December 2003

KPMG Audit Plc
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor
GATWICK



COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
For the year ended 31 December 2003

BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company is investment holding.

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

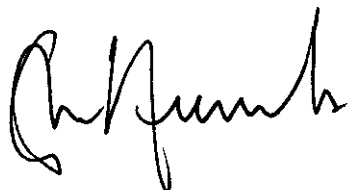
DIRECTORS AND SHARE INTERESTS

Directors who held office during the year and their disclosable interests in shares, according to the register of directors' interests were as follows:

		At 01.01.03	At 31.12.03
M D Hunter	a	779	779
	b	137,257	137,257
	c	82,125	82,125
C L Franks	a	393	393
	b	149,031	149,031

- a - Costain Group PLC ordinary shares of 10p each.
- b - Options granted on 11 October 2002 to acquire Costain Group PLC ordinary shares under the 2002 Long Term Incentive Plan.
- c - Options granted on 22 October 2002 to acquire Costain Group PLC ordinary shares under the 2002 Save As You Earn Share Option Scheme.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



CLIVE L FRANKS
SECRETARY
16 March 2004

REGISTERED OFFICE

Costain House, Nicholsons Walk
Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1LN

COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE PREPARATION OF
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2003

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 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;
- state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
For the year ended 31 December 2003

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 8.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

Basis of audit 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 2003 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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GATWICK

16 March 2004
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Date

COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
For the year end 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Cost of sales		-	-
Operating profit		-	-
Profit on liquidation of investment		-	2,880
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		-	2,880
Taxation		-	-
Results for the financial year	8	-	2,880

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result for the year and the profit for the preceding year.

All profits and losses are attributable to continuing operations.


THE NOTES ON PAGES 6 TO 8 FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET**

As at 31 December 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Current assets			
Debtors	5	4,109,671	4,109,671
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Net current assets		4,109,671	4,109,671
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Net assets		4,109,671	4,109,671
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Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	6	4,100,000	4,100,000
Profit and loss account	7	9,671	9,671
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Equity shareholders' funds	8	4,109,671	4,109,671
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 16 March 2004 and were signed on its behalf by:


..... Director
M D Hunter

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COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2003

1. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised), the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the ultimate parent company includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

TAXATION

Deferred taxation has been recognised as a liability or asset if transactions have occurred at the balance sheet date that give rise to an obligation to pay more taxation in future, or a right to pay less taxation in future. An asset is not recognised to the extent that the transfer of economic benefit in future is uncertain. Deferred tax assets and liabilities recognised have not been discounted.

2. Staff costs and remuneration of directors

There were no emoluments paid to directors in 2003 (2002: £nil)

There were no staff employed during the year (2002: nil)

3. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The auditor's remuneration was borne by another group company.

COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued
For the year ended 31 December 2003

4. Taxation	2003	2002
	£	£
Tax reconciliation:		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	-	2,800
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Tax at 30%	-	(840)
Profit relieved by capital losses	-	840
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Total current tax	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 5. Debtors	 2003	 2002
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed by parent company	4,109,671	4,109,671
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 6. Share capital	 2003 and 2002	
	Authorised	Issued and
		fully paid
	£	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	4,100,000	4,100,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 7. Profit and loss account		£
At 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2003		9,671
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COSTAIN CIVIL ENGINEERING LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS continued
31 December 2003

8. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds	2003	2002
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	-	2,880
Opening shareholders' funds	4,109,671	4,106,791
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Closing shareholders' funds	4,109,671	4,109,671
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9. Contingent liabilities

The company has entered into cross guarantees together with the ultimate parent company and certain fellow group undertakings for overdraft facilities made available to the group. At 31 December 2003 these liabilities amounted to £nil (2002: £0.2m) and are included in the group accounts of the ultimate parent company.

There are also contingent liabilities in respect of performance bonds and other undertakings entered into in the ordinary course of business.

10. Related parties transactions

The company is exempt under Financial Reporting Standard 8 from the requirements to disclose related party transactions with fellow subsidiary companies on the basis that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of the ultimate parent company, Costain Group PLC.

11. Ultimate parent undertaking

The largest and the smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up is that of the ultimate parent undertaking, Costain Group PLC, a company registered in England and Wales.

Copies of the group accounts of Costain Group PLC may be obtained from the registered office of the company, Costain House, Nicholsons Walk, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1LN.