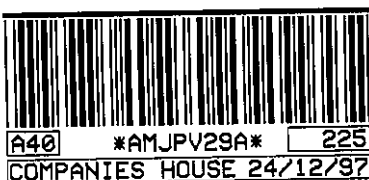


**GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT
LIMITED**

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 1997



Company no 2774189

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 1997

Company registration number: 2774189

Registered office: The Tower Building
Staverton
Nr Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 6SR

Directors: Mr John M Oates (Chairman)
Mr Charles M H Pullon (Vice chairman)
Mr Ian D Cran (Executive)
Mr John F Monaghan (Executive)
Mr Keith Birtles
Mr David J Lawrence
Dr Patrick St L Lush
Mr Clifford M Ride

Secretary: Mr John F Monaghan

Bankers: Barclays Bank plc
18 Southgate Street
Gloucester
GL1 2DJ

Solicitors: City of Gloucester
City Secretary and Solicitor
North Warehouse
The Docks
Gloucester
GL1 2EP

Auditors: Grant Thornton
Registered auditors
Chartered accountants
The Quadrangle
Imperial Square
Cheltenham
GL50 1PZ

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 1997

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**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE DIRECTORS OF
GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT LIMITED PURSUANT
TO SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 together with the full financial statements of Gloucestershire Airport Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1997.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with the provisions of 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 in accordance with those provisions and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to prepare abbreviated accounts, and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with the provisions of section 246 of the Act and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.



**GRANT THORNTON
REGISTERED AUDITORS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

CHELTENHAM

Date:

16 OCT 1997

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT LIMITED

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

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

The principal accounting policies of the company have remained unchanged from the previous year and are set out below.

TURNOVER

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts. Rental income is recognised when due from tenants. The rents which relate to unexpired periods are included in deferred income.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Plant and machinery	10%
Motor vehicles	10%
Office equipment	10%

STOCKS

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

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PENSION FUNDS

Defined benefit scheme

The pension costs charged against profits are based on actuarial methods and assumptions designed to spread the anticipated pension costs over the service lives of the employees in the scheme, so as to ensure that the regular pension cost represents a substantially level percentage of the current and expected future pensionable payroll. Variations from regular cost are spread over the average remaining service lives of current employees in the scheme.

LEASED ASSETS

All leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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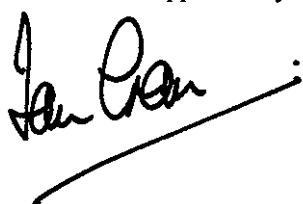
ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 1997

	Note	1997 £	1997 £	1996 £	1996 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	1		282,129		290,040
Current assets					
Stocks		7,218		10,181	
Debtors		184,172		221,648	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,702,053		125,231	
		1,893,443		357,060	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2	(400,822)		(270,938)	
Net current assets			1,492,621		86,122
Total assets less current liabilities			1,774,750		376,162
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2		(116,464)		(140,193)
			1,658,286		235,969
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	3		870,442		110,752
Profit and loss account			787,844		125,217
			1,658,286		235,969

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

The abbreviated accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 16 OCT 1997

I D Cran



Director

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these abbreviated accounts.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 1997

1 FIXED ASSETS

	Tangible fixed assets £
Cost	
At 1 April 1996	405,559
Additions	52,966
Disposals	(30,000)
At 31 March 1997	428,525
Depreciation	
At 1 April 1996	115,519
Charge for the year	42,627
Eliminated on disposals	(11,750)
At 31 March 1997	146,396
Net book amount at 31 March 1997	282,129
Net book amount at 31 March 1996	290,040

2 CREDITORS

Creditors include £35,637 (1996: £46,949) falling due for repayment after 5 years from the balance sheet date.

Creditors amounting to £162,793 (1996: £184,316) are secured.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE AIRPORT LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 1997

3 SHARE CAPITAL

	1997 £	1996 £
Authorised		
435,221 A Ordinary shares of £1 each	435,221	55,376
435,221 B Ordinary shares of £1 each	435,221	55,376
	<u>870,442</u>	<u>110,752</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
435,221 A Ordinary shares of £1 each	435,221	55,376
435,221 B Ordinary shares of £1 each	435,221	55,376
	<u>870,442</u>	<u>110,752</u>

Allotments during the year

The company made an allotment of 379,845 A Ordinary £1 shares and 379,845 B Ordinary £1 shares at par.