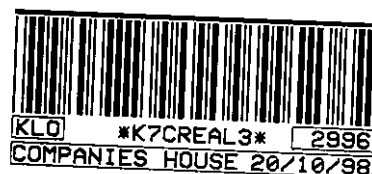


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## L.L.S. Holdings Limited

Abbreviated accounts 31 December 1997

Registered number: 2781951



# ARTHUR ANDERSEN

## Auditors' report

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Reading

**To the Directors of L.L.S. Holdings 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 L.L.S. Holdings Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1997.

### **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 246(6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and report our opinion to you.

### **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 deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered have been properly prepared from those financial statements. 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 full financial statements.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies act 1985 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.



**Arthur Andersen**  
**Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors**

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25 September 1998

## Balance sheet

31 December 1997

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	2	102,241	98,469
Investment in subsidiary	3	100	100
		<u>102,341</u>	<u>98,569</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors		547,947	607,312
Cash at bank and in hand		41,892	35,002
		<u>589,839</u>	<u>642,314</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		<u>(270,088)</u>	<u>(229,983)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>319,751</u>	<u>412,331</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>422,092</u>	<u>510,900</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up share capital	4	10,000	10,000
Profit and loss account		412,092	500,900
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>		<u>422,092</u>	<u>510,900</u>

Signed on behalf of the Board on 25 September 1998



J.R. Sandom  
Director

## Notes to accounts (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year, is set out below.

#### a) *Basis of accounting*

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

#### b) *Tangible fixed assets*

Fixed assets are shown at original historical cost, less depreciation provided to date.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a reducing balance basis over its expected useful life at 25% per annum.

#### e) *Investments*

Fixed asset investments are shown at costs less amounts written off. Provisions are made for permanent reductions in value.

#### f) *Taxation*

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences only to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, except that the deferred tax effects of timing differences arising from pensions and other post-retirement benefits are always recognised in full.

#### g) *Pension costs*

The company contributes to personal pension schemes for its directors and employees. The contributions made are charged to profit and loss account in the period payment is due. All contributions had been paid at the balance sheet date.

#### h) *Foreign currency*

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date. Any gain or loss arising from a change in exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is included as an exchange gain or loss in the profit and loss account.

## Notes to accounts (continued)

### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### i) Leases

Assets held under finance leases, which confer rights and obligations similar to those attached to owned assets, are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and their useful lives. The capital elements of future lease obligations are recorded as liabilities, while the interest elements are charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the leases to produce a constant rate of charge on the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term, even if the payments are not made on such a basis.

### 2 Tangible fixed assets

Company	Plant and Equipment £	Motor Cruiser £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 1997	6,747	22,000	103,689	132,436
Additions	544	-	35,628	36,172
Disposals	-	-	(12,500)	(12,500)
31 December 1997	<u>7,291</u>	<u>22,000</u>	<u>126,817</u>	<u>156,108</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 1997	1,687	9,625	22,655	33,967
Additions	1,401	3,094	22,632	27,127
Disposals	-	-	(7,227)	(7,227)
31 December 1997	<u>3,088</u>	<u>12,719</u>	<u>38,060</u>	<u>53,867</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
31 December 1997	<u>4,203</u>	<u>9,281</u>	<u>88,757</u>	<u>102,241</u>
31 December 1996	<u>5,060</u>	<u>12,375</u>	<u>81,034</u>	<u>98,469</u>

Included above are motor vehicles held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts with a net book value of £4,809.

## Notes to accounts (continued)

### 3 Fixed asset investments

#### *The company*

The following are included in the net book value of fixed asset investments:

	1997 £	1996 £
Subsidiary undertakings	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

At both 31 December 1997 and 31 December 1996, the company owned 100% of the ordinary share capital of The Sandom Partnership Limited which is incorporated in the UK and whose principal activity is that of a design and marketing consultancy.

In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the company's investment in the subsidiary undertaking is not less than the amount included in the balance sheet.

### 4 Called up share capital

	1997 £	1996 £
<i>Authorised</i>		
10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>		
10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>