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ABC DRUGSTORES LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005





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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of chemist shops

The company continued to expand by the acquistion of new retail shops

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4

The directors do not recommend payment of an ordinary dividend

Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the Balance Sheet date, the company acquired new retail shops, licences and carried out improvements totalling £927,385

After the year end, the company entered into a new loan and overdraft facility amounting to £12 million. The amount is used for the refinance of its existing borrowings and the purchase of new outlets

Future developments

The directors would like to continue the policy of expansion

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2005

N P Beilby

C R Beilby

Directors' interests

The directors' interests in the shares of the company were as stated below

	Ordinary	shares of £1 each
	31 December 2005	1 January 2005
N P Beilby	326,999	326,999
C R Beilby	1	1
Charitable donations	2005	2004
	£	£
During the year the company made the following payments		
Charitable donations	15,250	-
		

Auditors

The company has by elective resolution dispensed with the obligation to appoint auditors annually in accordance with section 386(1) of the Companies Act 1985. Therefore, the auditors, FSPG, will be deemed to be reappointed for each succeeding financial year.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

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. 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,
- -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 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.

On behalf of the board

N P Beilby

Director

17 July 2007

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO ABC DRUGSTORES LIMITED

UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985UNDER SECTION 247B OF **THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 17, together with the financial statements of ABC Drugstores Limited for the year ended 31 December 2005 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985

This report is made solely to the company in accordance with Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report on abbreviated accounts 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, 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 abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246A 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 section 246A(3) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2006/3 "The special auditor's report on abbreviated accounts in the United Kingdom" issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that provision

17 July 2007

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

21 Bedford Square London WC1B 3HH

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

	Notes	2005 £	2004 £
Gross profit		5,538,081	4,698,472
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(1,060,494) (3,955,371)	(867,695) (3,443,137)
Operating profit	2	522,216	387,640
Loss on disposal of licenses		-	12,766
Profit on ordinary activities before interest		522,216	400,406
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	3 4	10,538 (552,275)	12,050 (439,504)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(19,521)	(27,048)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	•	•
Loss for the year	13	(19,521)	(27,048)

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations

ABBREVIATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Note	2005 es £	2004 £
Loss for the financial year	(19,521)	(27,048)
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	2,322,878	3,598,400
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	2,303,357	3,571,352

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2005

		2	005	2	004
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	6		14,975,000		12,105,000
Tangible assets	7		1,438,903		1,302,178
			16,413,903		13,407,178
Current assets					
Stocks	8	2,467,047		1,700,920	
Debtors	9	2,180,117		2,212,312	
Cash at bank and in hand		280,951		708,354	
		4,928,115		4,621,586	
Creditors, amounts falling due within					
one year	10	(13,410,353)		(5,666,278)	
Net current liabilities			(8,482,238)		(1,044,692)
Total assets less current liabilities			7,931,665		12,362,486
Creditors, amounts falling due after					
more than one year	11		(45,856)		(6,780,034)
			7,885,809		5,582,452
Capital and reserves	4.5		007.000		007.000
Called up share capital	12		327,000		327,000
Revaluation reserve	13		9,013,977		6,691,099
Profit and loss account	13		(1,455,168)		(1,435,647)
Shareholders' funds	14		7,885,809		5,582,452

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

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 17 July 2007

N P Beilby Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

		2005	•	2004
	£	£	£	£
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(1,302,702)		1,696,460
		(1,502,702)		1,030,400
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest received	10,538		12,050	
Interest paid	(538,263)		(397,691)	
Interest element of finance lease rentals	(14,012)		(9,220)	
Net cash outflow for returns on investments				
and servicing of finance		(541,737)		(394,861)
Constal associations				
Capital expenditure Payments to acquire intangible assets	(547,122)		(349,600)	
	• •		(506,415)	
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(378,732)		41,000	
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	<u> </u>		41,000	
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(925,854)		(815,015)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before management of liquid resources and financing		(2,770,293)		486,584
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		(2,170,200)		400,004
Financing				
New long term bank loan	-		129,807	
Other new short term loans	9,395,896		760,193	
Repayment of long term bank loan	(6,718,261)		(25,111)	
Repayment of other short term loans	- (24 507)		(666,897)	
Capital element of hire purchase contracts	(31,587)		(75,822) ———	
Net cash outflow from financing		2,646,048		122,170
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year		(124,245)		608,754

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

1	Reconciliation of operating profit to n operating activities	et cash (outflow)/infl	ow from	2005	2004
	operating activities			£	£
	Operating profit			522,216	387,640
	Depreciation of tangible assets			242,007	205,097
	Profit on disposal of tangible assets			· -	(21,000)
	Increase in stocks			(766,127)	(316,827)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors			32,195	(354,515)
	(Decrease)/Increase in creditors within c	one year		(1,332,993)	1,795,549
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operat	ing activities		(1,302,702)	1,695,944
2	Analysis of net debt	1 January 2005	Cash flow	Other non- cash changes	31 December 2005
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash				
	Cash at bank and in hand	708,354	(427,403)	-	280,951
	Bank overdrafts	(427,485)	303,158	-	(124,327)
		280,869	(124,245)	-	156,624
	Bank deposits Debt	-	-	-	-
	Finance leases	(116,877)	16,520	_	(100,357)
	Debts falling due within one year	(760,193)	(9,395,896)	-	(10,156,089
	Debts failing due after one year	(6,718,261)	6,718,261	-	-
		(7,595,331)	(2,661,115)	-	(10,256,446
	Net debt	(7,314,462)	(2,785,360)		(10,099,822)
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to mo	vement in net debt		2005	2004
				£	£
	(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year			(124,245)	608,754
	Cash inflow from increase in debt and le	ase financing		(2,661,115)	(267,187)
	Movement in net debt in the year			(2,785,360)	341,567
	Opening net debt			(7,314,462)	(7,656,029)
	Closing net debt			(10,099,822)	(7,314,462

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of retail pharmacy licences

1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), which have been applied consistently (except as otherwise stated)

1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts

1.4 Retail Pharmacy Licences

Retail Pharmacy Licences are included in intangible fixed assets at market value. They are not amortised, as they do not have a finite economic life, but are subjected to an annual impairment test

1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows

Land and buildings Leasehold

Equipment

Fixtures and fittings

over the remaining life of the lease

25%/10% per annum straight line

15% per annum on net book value

16 Leasing

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term

17 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value

18 Deferred taxation

The accounting policy in respect of deferred tax has been changed to reflect the requirements of FRS19 - Deferred tax. Deferred tax is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

2	Operating profit	2005	2004
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	242,007	205,097
	Operating lease rentals		
	- Plant and machinery	5,866	2,983
	- Other assets	612,935	535,460
	Auditors' remuneration	12,500	8,000
	Profit on disposal of tangible assets	-	(21,000)
3	Investment income	2005	2004
		£	£
	Bank interest	1,779	1,478
	Other Interest	8,759	10,572
		10,538	12,050
4	Interest payable	2005	2004
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	537,690	23,071
	On loans repayable after five years	-	387,138
	Lease finance charges	14,012	9,220
	On overdue tax	-	20,000
	Other interest	573	75
		552,275	439,504
5	Taxation	552,275 ————	439,504

No provision has been made for deferred tax on gains, recognised on revaluing licences to their market value. Such tax would only become payable if the licences were sold without it being possible to claim rollover relief. At present it is not envisaged that any tax will become payable in the foreseeable future.

No provision has also been made for deferred tax on other timing differences on the basis that the company has unused trading losses carried forward

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

Intangible fixed assets	
	Retail
	Pharmacy
	Licences
	£
Cost	
At 1 January 2005	12,105,000
Additions	547,122
Written off against reserves	2,322,878
At 31 December 2005	14,975,000
Net book value	
At 31 December 2005	14,975,000
At 31 December 2004	12,105,000

The Retail Pharmacy Licences were valued on an open market value basis on 17 March 2006 by Henry Perlow Group, in respect of their value as at 31 December 2005

The historical cost of the Retail Pharmacy Licences is £5,861,165 (2004 - £5,314,043)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

7	Tangible fixed assets					
		Land and buildings Leasehold	Equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	Cost or valuation					
	At 1 January 2005	451,559	304,542	1,225,873	24,809	2,006,783
	Additions	24,960	100,376	241,421	11,975	378,732
	At 31 December 2005	476,519	404,918	1,467,294	36,784	2,385,515
	Depreciation	 		•		
	At 1 January 2005	55,834	158,234	486,357	4,180	704,605
	Charge for the year	48,543	64,753	122,010	6,701	242,007
	At 31 December 2005	104,377	222,987	608,367	10,881	946,612
	Net book value	- 13. 11.				
	At 31 December 2005	372,142	181,931	858,927	25,903	1,438,903
	At 31 December 2004	395,725	146,308	739,516	20,629	1,302,178

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows

	Equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Net book values			
At 31 December 2005	135,704	25,903	161,607
At 31 December 2004	148,819	20,629	169,448
	<u></u>		
Depreciation charge for the year			
At 31 December 2005	28,785	6,701	35,486
At 31 December 2004	26,954	3,626	30,580

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

8	Stocks	2005 £	2004 £
	Finished goods and goods for resale	2,467,047	1,700,920
9	Debtors	2005	2004
		£	£
	Trade debtors	1,695,146	1,474,551
	Other debtors	282,087	554,934
	Prepayments and accrued income	202,884	182,827
		2 190 117	2 242 242
		2,180,117 	2,212,312
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2005	2004
10		2005 £	2004 £
10	Bank overdraft and loans	2005	200 4 £ 427,485
10	Bank overdraft and loans Other loans	2005 £ 10,280,416	2004 £ 427,485 760,193
10	Bank overdraft and loans Other loans Net obligations under finance leases	2005 £ 10,280,416 - 54,501	2004 £ 427,485 760,193 55,104
10	Bank overdraft and loans Other loans Net obligations under finance leases Trade creditors	2005 £ 10,280,416 - 54,501 2,643,064	2004 £ 427,485 760,193 55,104 4,157,204
10	Bank overdraft and loans Other loans Net obligations under finance leases Trade creditors Taxes and social security costs	2005 £ 10,280,416 - 54,501 2,643,064 206,564	2004 £ 427,485 760,193 55,104
10	Bank overdraft and loans Other loans Net obligations under finance leases Trade creditors	2005 £ 10,280,416 - 54,501 2,643,064	2004 £ 427,485 760,193 55,104 4,157,204
10	Bank overdraft and loans Other loans Net obligations under finance leases Trade creditors Taxes and social security costs Other creditors	2005 £ 10,280,416 - 54,501 2,643,064 206,564 130,000	2004 £ 427,485 760,193 55,104 4,157,204 186,039 - 80,253

The bank overdraft and loans are secured as outlined in note 12 to the accounts

Included in trade creditors is £1,039,908 (2004 - £1,772,661) which is secured by way of a debenture in favour of AAH Pharmaceuticals Limited

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

200	2005 £	Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year
6,718,26	-	Bank loans
61,77	45,856	Net obligations under finance leases
6,780,03	45,856	
		Analysis of loans
		Analysis of loans Not wholly repayable within five years by instalments
7,478,45	_	Other loans
7,470,40	10,156,089	Wholly repayable within five years
7,478,45	10,156,089	
(760,19	(10,156,089)	Included in current liabilities
6,718,26	-	
3,677,48	-	Instalments not due within five years
		Loan maturity analysis
760,19	-	In more than one year but not more than two years
3,040,77	-	In more than two years but not more than five years
3,677,48		In more than five years
nd leaseho		The bank overdraft and loans are secured by legal charges over the coproperties. The bank overdraft and loans are guaranteed by AAH Pharmac
		Net obligations under finance leases
64,13	64,094	Repayable within one year
72,72	53,928	Repayable between one and five years
136,85	118,022	
(19,97	(17,665)	Finance charges and interest allocated to future accounting periods
116,87	100,357	
116,87 (55,10	100,357 (54,501)	Included in liabilities falling due within one year

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

12	Share capital	2005 £	2004 £
	Authorised	•	_
	1,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000,000	1,000,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	327,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	327,000	327,000
13	Statement of movements on reserves	Revaluation	Profit and
		reserve	loss
		£	£
	Balance at 1 January 2005	6,691,099	(1,435,647)
	Loss for the year Revaluation during the year	- 2,322,878	(19,521)
	revaluation during the year	2,522,676	
	Balance at 31 December 2005	9,013,977	(1,455,168) ————
14	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2005	2004
14	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders funds	3	£
	Loss for the financial year	(19,521)	
	Other recognised gains and losses	2,322,878	3,598,400
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	2,303,357	3,571,352
	Opening shareholders' funds	5,582,452	2,011,100
	Closing shareholders' funds	7,885,809	5,582,452
			

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

15 Financial commitments

At 31 December 2005 the company was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases in the year to 31 December 2006

		Land and buildings			Other
		2005	2004	2005	2004
		£	£	£	£
	Operating leases which expire				
	Within one year	3,000	3,000	3,919	3,919
	Between two and five years	27,000	27,000	-	-
	In over five years	598,500	523,500	-	-
		628,500	553,500	3,919	3,919
16	Directors' emoluments			2005	2004
•				£	£
	Emoluments for qualifying services			14,691	13,149

17 Transactions with directors

The following directors had loans during the year. The movement on these loans are as follows

•	Amount o	Amount outstanding	
	2005	2004	ın year
	£	£	£
N Beilby	123,761	211,395	390,310

Interest has been charged at an official rate

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2005

18 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the vear was

•	2005 Number	2004 Number
Retail	136	127
Administration	13	14
	149	141
Employment costs	2005	2004
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,054,581	2,751,285
Social security costs	233,752	199,094
	3,288,333	2,950,379

19 Related party transactions

The company is controlled by the director N P Beilby

Mr N P Beilby has given a personal guarantee of £2,000,000 in respect of the loan facilities

20 Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the Balance Sheet date, the company acquired new retail shops, licences and carried out improvements totalling £927,385 (2004 - £1,086,040)

After the year end, the company entered into a new loan and overdraft facility amounting to £12 million. The amount is used for the refinance of its existing borrowings and the purchase of new outlets.