

Rolls Laval Heat Exchangers Limited

**Directors' report and financial
statements**

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 1999.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is the design, development and manufacture of compact heat exchangers.

Business review and future developments

The results for the year are set out on page 4. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

The company has continued the execution of a significant contract to supply 15 heat exchanger units. Technical and design difficulties have been investigated and are in the course of resolution. The contract is due for completion in March 2001.

Further opportunities to bring the product to market will be explored during the forthcoming year. It is the intention of the joint venture partners to continue to support the business.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors serving during the year were:

RW Sunerton (Chairman)	
JW Cason	(resigned 3 February 2000)
G Gould	
U Granstrand	
HE Johnsson	
HG Mathiasson	
J Widung	
J King	(appointed 3 February 2000)

None of the directors had any beneficial interest in the share capital of the company.

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 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 applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a 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 to 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.

Notes (continued)

Year 2000

An analysis of significant Year 2000 risks to the Company was performed in order to determine the impact of the Year 2000 issue on all activities. From this, prioritised action plans were developed which were designed to address the key risks in advance of critical dates and without disruption to the underlying business process.

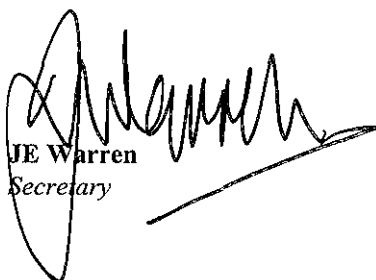
The majority of the cost of implementing the action plans was subsumed into the recurring activities of the Company.

The activities of the company to date have not been significantly disrupted by Year 2000 problems, although it must be recognised that with a problem of this nature, it is not possible to give any guarantees that no unforeseen problems will arise.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board


JE Warren
Secretary

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20 April 2000



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Auditors' report to the members of Rolls Laval Heat Exchangers Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 1, 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. 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 1999 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG

KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

20 April 2000

Profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 1999

	<i>Note</i>	Continuing operations	
		1999	1998
		£000	£000
Turnover	<i>1</i>	296	3,429
Cost of sales		(6,543)	(5,502)
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Gross loss		(6,247)	(2,073)
Administrative expenses		(2,426)	(981)
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Operating loss		(8,673)	(3,054)
Interest payable and similar charges	<i>2</i>	(811)	(806)
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Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	<i>3</i>	(9,484)	(3,860)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	<i>6</i>	1,625	1,228
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Loss for the financial year		(7,859)	(2,632)
Retained loss brought forward		(9,338)	(6,706)
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Retained loss carried forward		(17,197)	(9,338)
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The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

The reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds is shown in note 14 to the financial statements.

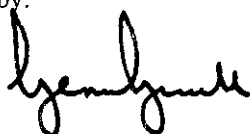
The company has no recognised gains or losses in either the current or preceding year other than those disclosed in the profit and loss account.

There is no difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the loss on an unmodified historical cost basis in either the current or preceding year.

Balance sheet
at 31 December 1999

	Note	1999 £000	1998 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	1,926	1,927
Current assets			
Stocks	8	688	371
Debtors	9	1,953	1,822
Cash at bank and in hand		3	220
		<u>2,644</u>	<u>2,413</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(6,161)</u>	<u>(2,553)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(3,517)</u>	<u>(140)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>(1,591)</u>	<u>1,787</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	<u>(15,596)</u>	<u>(10,943)</u>
Provisions for liabilities and charges	12	<u>-</u>	<u>(172)</u>
Net liabilities		<u>(17,187)</u>	<u>(9,328)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	13	10	10
Profit and loss account		<u>(17,197)</u>	<u>(9,338)</u>
Deficit in total equity shareholders' funds	14	<u>(17,187)</u>	<u>(9,328)</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 20 April 2000 and were signed on its behalf by:



G Gould
Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

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 preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards on the basis of continuing support from the joint venture parties. The company is dependent on continuing finance being made available to enable it to continue operating and to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

The joint venture parties have together guaranteed bank loan facilities of £11,500,000 and bank overdraft facilities of £500,000, drawings under which amounted to £11,500,000 and £262,486 respectively at 31 December 1999. Loans from the shareholders at 31 December 1999 were at an approved level of £5,000,000 of which £4,000,000 had been drawn down. The shareholders have confirmed their willingness to continue to provide support to the company for a period of at least twelve months in order to enable the company to continue to trade and pay its debts as they fall due. On this basis the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Cash flow statement

The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised 1996) to prepare a cash flow statement as it is entitled to the filing exemptions as a small company under sections 246 of the Companies Act 1985 when filing accounts with the Registrar of Companies.

Turnover

Turnover represents the value of sales and services to European customers and is stated after deducting value added tax. Turnover is recognised only upon completion of a discrete segment of an individual contract, usually the completion of an entire heat exchanger.

Pensions

The company is part of the defined benefit pension scheme operated by the Rolls-Royce plc Group. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme. Details of the scheme are set out in the Rolls-Royce plc group financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets

All tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis so as to write off the original cost less the estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold improvement	10 years
Fixtures and fittings	10 years
Plant and machinery	3-10 years

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition and net realisable value. Work in progress is valued based upon the cost of direct materials and labour plus attributable overheads on a normal level of activity.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Long term contracts

Profit on long term contracts is taken as the work is carried out if the final outcome can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The profit included is calculated on a prudent basis to reflect the proportion of the work carried out at the year end, by recording turnover and related costs (as defined in Stocks above) as contract activity progresses. Turnover recognition is detailed on page 6 of the financial statements. Revenues derived from variations on contracts are recognised only when they have been accepted by the customer. Full provision is made for losses on all contracts in the year in which they are first foreseen.

Payments on account in excess of work in progress net of foreseeable losses are included in creditors. Previously this amount was included as a provision, however the directors consider that the presentation better reflects the position and the comparative has been restated accordingly.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit or loss for the period and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax, at the projected rate of 30%, only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction or at the contracted rate if the transaction is covered by a forward exchange contract. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or, if appropriate, at the forward contract rate, and the gains and losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Assets held under finance leases or similar hire purchase contracts which confer rights and obligations similar to those attaching to owned assets are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and the corresponding liability to pay rentals is shown net of interest in the financial statements as obligations under finance leases. The capitalised costs less residual values of the assets are written off on a straight line basis over the useful lives of the assets concerned. The interest element of the payments is allocated to produce a proportionate annual charge throughout the lease period.

Operating leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

Government grants

Capital based government grants are included within accruals and deferred income in the balance sheet and credited to operating profit over the estimated useful economic lives of the assets to which they relate.

Revenue based government grants are credited to the profit and loss account so as to match them with the expenditure towards which they are intended to contribute.

Where a grant includes both capital and revenue components, the grant is credited to the profit and loss account over an appropriate period, to reflect the relative weightings of those components.

Research and development

Expenditure on research and development is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Notes (continued)

2 Interest payable and similar charges

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Amounts payable on bank loans and overdrafts	690	806
Amounts payable on other loans	121	-
	<u>811</u>	<u>806</u>

3 Loss on ordinary activities before taxation

The loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Development costs (current year expenditure)	116	207
Depreciation of owned tangible assets	299	298
Depreciation of assets held under finance leases	2	2
Directors' emoluments	131	79
Auditors' remuneration - audit work	15	10
- non audit work	-	1
Payments under operating leases:		
Plant and machinery	2	2
Other assets	26	26
Government grants	(96)	(96)
	<u></u>	<u></u>

4 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	1999 Number	1998 Number
Technical/production	32	31
Administration	17	18
	<u>49</u>	<u>49</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Wages and salaries	1,028	1,105
Social security costs	93	96
Other pension costs	65	67
	<u>1,186</u>	<u>1,268</u>

Notes (continued)

5 Directors' remuneration

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Aggregate directors' emoluments	131	79

6 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Consortium Relief receivable at 30.25% (1998: 31%)	1,454	1,375
Transferred from/(to) deferred taxation	171	(171)
	1,625	1,204
Adjustment in respect of prior years	-	24
	1,625	1,228

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £000	Leasehold improvements £000	Fixtures and fittings £000	Plant and machinery £000	Total £000
Cost					
At 1 January 1999	12	343	189	2,298	2,842
Additions	18	-	-	282	300
	30	343	189	2,580	3,142
Depreciation					
At 1 January 1999	4	121	76	714	915
Charge for the year	3	36	21	241	301
	7	157	97	955	1,216
Net book value					
At 31 December 1999	23	186	92	1,625	1,926
At 31 December 1998	8	222	113	1,584	1,927
Net book value of assets held under finance leases	-	-	-	3	3

Notes (continued)

8 Stocks and long term contracts

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Raw materials and consumables	688	371
Long term contract balances comprise:		
	1999 £000	1998 £000
Costs incurred to date	7,647	6,860
Foreseeable losses	(7,633)	(2,529)
Applicable payments on account	(14)	(4,331)
	-	-

9 Debtors

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Trade debtors	-	390
Amounts recoverable on contracts	75	56
Amounts owed by joint venture parties - consortium relief	1,654	1,376
Other debtors	224	-
	1,953	1,822

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Bank loans and overdrafts	262	-
Payments received on account	4,520	464
Trade creditors	492	405
Amounts owed to joint venture parties	290	427
Obligations under finance leases	1	5
Accruals and deferred income	542	936
Other taxation and social security creditors	54	316
	6,161	2,553

The bank overdraft is secured jointly by guarantees from Rolls Royce plc and Alfa Laval Limited.

Notes (continued)

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Bank loans	11,500	10,750
Amounts owed to joint venture parties	4,000	-
Obligations under finance leases	-	1
Accruals and deferred income	96	192
	<u>15,596</u>	<u>10,943</u>

The bank loan is secured jointly by guarantees from Rolls Royce plc and Alfa Laval Limited and is repayable in August 2001.

Interest on each bank advance consists of the aggregate of:

- the bank's margin at a rate of 0.45% per annum; and
- the cost of sterling deposits to the bank which is the rate per cent per annum at which sterling deposits are offered to the bank in the London Inter-Bank Market on the first day of an interest period in an amount equal or substantially similar to the amount being drawn down for a period equal or similar to such Interest Period; and
- other associated costs.

12 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Deferred taxation £000
At 1 January 1999	172
Amounts provided/(released) during the year	(172)
At 31 December 1999	-

The full potential liability for deferred taxation which represents the provision made is:

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Accelerated capital allowances	265	261
Short term timing differences	(58)	(89)
Losses	(207)	-
Full potential liability and provision (at 30%)	<u>-</u>	<u>172</u>

In addition, the company has unutilised corporation tax losses available for offset against future profits of approximately £4,800,000 (1998: £Nil).

Notes (continued)

13 Share capital

	1999 £000	1998 £000
<i>Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid:</i>		
5,000 "A" ordinary shares of £1 each	5	5
5,000 "B" ordinary shares of £1 each	5	5
	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>

The voting and other rights of the 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares are the same.

14 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Loss for the financial year	(7,859)	(2,632)
Deficit of shareholders' funds at beginning of year	(9,328)	(6,696)
	<u>(17,187)</u>	<u>(9,328)</u>

15 Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 1999 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	1999 £000	1998 £000
Expiring within 2 - 5 years	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>

16 Capital commitments

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Amounts contracted for, but not provided	<u>23</u>	<u>-</u>

17 Joint venture parties

The company is a joint venture undertaking between Rolls Royce plc and Alfa Laval Limited, each shareholder holding 50% of the issued share capital. Neither party to the joint venture has overall control. Both of the joint venture parties are registered in England and Wales. Copies of joint venture financial statements can be obtained from Rolls Royce plc, 65 Buckingham Gate, London, SW1E 6AT and Alfa Laval Limited, 7 Doman Road, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3DN.

Notes (continued)

18 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties during the year to 31 December 1999 and balances with related parties at that date are given below. All transactions are made at arm's length.

	Country	Sales to related party	Payment on account from related party	Purchases from related party	Amounts owed from related party	Amounts owed to related party	Group tax relief received from related party
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Rolls-Royce plc	UK			218	1,454	29	687
Rolls-Royce International Support Services	UK			45			
Rolls-Royce Power Engineering	UK			269		122	
Rolls-Royce Nuclear Engineering Services Limited	UK			1,675		55	
Alfa Laval Limited	UK		295	18	275	46	488
Alfa Laval Thermal AB	Sweden			85		8	
Alfa Laval Thermal Limited	USA					6	
Alfa Laval	Norway			2			
Tetra Pak Data Systems	Sweden			25		25	

Rolls-Royce plc

The company has a 50% interest in the share capital of Rolls Laval Heat Exchangers Limited and provides an interest bearing loan.

Rolls-Royce International Support Services

Rolls-Royce Power Engineering Ltd

Rolls-Royce Nuclear Engineering Services Limited

Members of Rolls-Royce Group, providing technical and personnel support services to Rolls Laval Heat Exchangers Limited.

Alfa Laval Limited

The company has a 50% interest in the share capital of Rolls Laval Heat Exchangers Limited and provides an interest bearing loan.

Alfa Laval Thermal AB

Member of the Alfa Laval Group providing thermal designs and other technical and marketing support to Rolls Laval Heat Exchangers Limited.

Notes *(continued)*

18 Related party transactions *(continued)*

Alfa Laval Thermal Limited

Alfa Laval A/S

Alfa Laval Norway

Market companies within the Alfa Laval Group - all sales of Rolls Laval Heat Exchangers Limited are through an Alfa Laval Market Company.

Tetra Pak Data Systems

Member of the Tetra Laval group providing IT services to Rolls Laval Heat Exchangers.