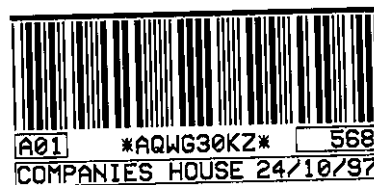


ASHS LIMITED

Abbreviated Accounts

for the period ended 31st December 1996

Company number: 3142746



Auditors Report
to the Directors of ASHS LIMITED

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 4 together with the full financial statements of ASHS LIMITED for the period ended 31st December 1996. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming whether the company is entitled to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from the full financial statements.

In our opinion the company is entitled under Section 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Part 1 of Schedule 8 to the Act in respect of the period ended 31st December 1996 and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Schedule.

We set out below the text of our audit report dated 25th September 1997 to the members on the full financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the period ended 31st December 1996.

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 1 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and report our opinion to you.

Basis of Opinion

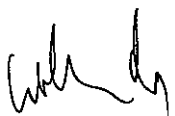
We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements 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 information and explanations which we consider 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 preparation of the 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 31st December 1996 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

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Wilkins Kennedy
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors

25th September 1997

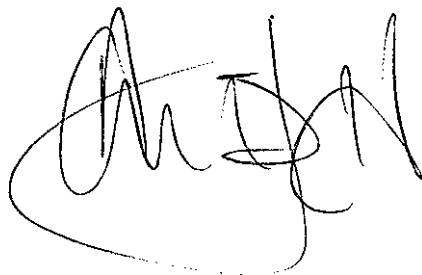
Abbreviated Balance Sheet

As At 31st December 1996

	Notes	1996 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible fixed assets	2	14,010
Current Assets		
Stock		63,470
Debtors		37,313
Cash at bank and in-hand		77,932
		<u>178,715</u>
Creditors:		
Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(113,411)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>65,304</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>79,314</u>
Capital and Reserves		
Share capital	3	50,000
Profit and loss account		29,314
		<u>79,314</u>

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Part 1 of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985. In the opinion of the directors the company qualifies as a small company specified in Sections 246 and 247 of the Act.

Miss A. Hindmarch
Director
25th September 1997



Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts

For the period ended 31st December 1996

1 Principal Accounting Policies*Accounting Convention*

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards under the historical cost convention and incorporate the results of the principal activity which is described in the directors report and which is continuing.

Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance basis
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% straight line

Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Deferred Taxation

Provision is made for taxation deferred as a result of material timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounts purposes, using the liability method, only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the near future.

2 Fixed Assets

	Tangible Fixed Assets £
Cost	
Additions	18,680
	<u>18,680</u>
Depreciation	
Provided for year	(4,670)
	<u>(4,670)</u>
Net Book Value	
At 31st December 1996	<u>14,010</u>

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts

For the period ended 31st December 1996

3	Share Capital	1996
		£
	Authorised ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000
	Issued and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000
	During the year 50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each were issued at par	

4 Transactions With Directors

There were no transactions with directors during the period ended 31st December 1996 requiring disclosure.