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A&E BRIDGEN & SON LIMITED

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED **31 DECEMBER 1999**

REGISTERED NUMBER: 03185052

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COMPANY INFORMATION AT 31 DECEMBER 1999

DIRECTORS

M. J. Poole, Esq. Mrs. E. A. Poole (appointed 14 December 1999)

SECRETARY

Mrs. E. A. Poole

BUSINESS ADDRESS

Ospringe Nurseries Brogdale Road Faversham Kent

AUDITORS

Larkings
Chartered Accountants
31 St. George's Place
Canterbury
Kent
CT1 1XD

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Rose Lane Canterbury Kent

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COMPANY PURSUANT TO SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 6 together with the full financial statements of the company prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1999.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE 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 the company's entitlement to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to 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 prepared in accordance with section 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 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 section 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Larkings

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 31 St. George's Place

Canterbury

Kent

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Date: 5 H. Jue 2000

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1999

			1999	1	1998
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	2				
Tangible assets			309,107		337,344
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		269,148		272,799	
Debtors		315,566		338,073	
Cash at bank and in hand		6,131	_	33	
		590,845		610,905	
CREDITORS: amounts falling					
due within one year	3	(591,862)	_	(629,308)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	}		(1,017)		(18,403)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			308,090	-	318,941
CORRENT LIABILITIES			300,030		310,341
CREDITORS: amounts falling d	ue after				
more than one year			(56,808)		(77,537)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITY	ŒS				
AND CHARGES			(7,185)		(9,225)
NET ASSETS			244,097	=	232,179
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	4		2		2
Share premium account	•		88,754		88,754
Profit and loss account			155,341		143,423
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS'				-	
FUNDS			244,097		232,179

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

Approved by the board of directors on 30 5 00 and signed on its behalf by:

M(J. Poole, Esq.

Director

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Consolidation

The company forms part of a small group. The ultimate parent company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful life:

Plant and machinery	10% on net book value
Office furniture	25% on net book value
Motor vehicles	25% on net book value
Greenhouses and buildings	5% on cost
Roadways and car parks	5% on cost

Stocks

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

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to this scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate. These contributions are invested separately from the company's assets.

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2. FIXED ASSETS

	Tangible assets £
Cost:	-
At 1 January 1999	419,579
Additions	26,113
Disposals	(30,000)
At 31 December 1999	415,692
Depreciation:	
At 1 January 1999	82,235
Charge for year	52,626
On disposals	(28,276)
At 31 December 1999	106,585
Net book value:	
At 31 December 1999	309,107
At 31 December 1998	337,344
	

3. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

Included in creditors are bank loans and overdrafts payable within one year amounting to £131,335 (1998 £178,535) which are secured.

4. SHARE CAPITAL

	1999 £	1998 £
Authorised:	₩	~
Equity interests:		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
Equity interests:		
Ordinary Shares of £1 each	2	2

5. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is Amblesite Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom which is wholly owned by the company director Mr M. J. Poole.

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6. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

	1999	1998 £
	£	
Amounts owed to directors		
M.J. Poole Current Account	1,839	2,487

During the year the current account of director Mr. M. J. Poole was overdrawn to a maximum amount of £1950.

The company rents a cottage from the director Mr. M. J. Poole at a cost of £6,000 per annum.