
Manchester**Auditors' report to Ciba Speciality Chemicals (UK) Limited**

We have audited the balance sheet at 30 June 1997 which has been prepared under the historical cost convention and applicable accounting standards. The balance sheet has not been prepared for a financial year of the company.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the balance sheet. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, and to 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 balance sheet. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors, 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 balance sheet is 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 balance sheet.

Opinion

In our opinion the balance sheet has been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 which would have applied had the balance sheet been prepared for a financial year of the company.



Arthur Andersen
Chartered Accountants

22 August 1997

