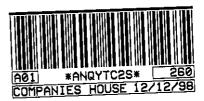
Speciality Care (Rest Care) Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

28 February 1998 Registered number 3257061



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the period from 1 July 1997 to 28 February 1998.

Principal activities and business review

The principal activities of the company during the period were the provision of nursing and residential home facilities for the care of the frail elderly and learning disability clients.

The results for the period under review can be seen in the profit and loss account on page 5.

Proposed dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

M Stratford (appointed 26 February 1998)

G Blackoe (appointed 26 February 1998)

TF Nicholson (resigned 26 February 1998)

AL Robinson (resigned 26 February 1998)

DG Cormack (resigned 17 December 1997)

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial period had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company at 28 February 1998. Their interests in the shares of the company's parent company, Speciality Care Limited (formerly Speciality Care PLC), are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

Directors' report

Auditors

Following a change in ownership of the Speciality Care Group, KPMG will not be seeking re-appointment as auditors.

By order of the board

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M Stratford

Director

Hillcairnie St Andrews Road DROITWICH Worcestershire WR9 8DJ

13 October 1998

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 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.



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Report of the auditors to the members of Speciality Care (Rest Care) Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements 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 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 28 February 1998 and of its profit for the period from 1 July 1997 to 28 February 1998 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Krmg

KPMG

13 October 1998

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

Profit and loss account

for the period ended 28 February 1998	Note	8 months to 28 February 1998 £	9 months to 30 June 1997 £
Turnover Cost of sales	1	206,517 (131,364)	238,362 (150,809)
Gross profit Administrative expenses		75,153 (48,674)	87,553 (30,482)
Operating profit Interest payable and similar charges	5	26,479	57,071 (157)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2- 4 6	26,479 (6,109)	56,914 (18,938)
Profit for the financial period		20,370	37,976

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the period.

All of the turnover and operating profit for the period relates to continuing operations.

Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

for the period ended 28 February 1998	8 months to 28 February 1998 £	9 months to 30 June 1997 £
Retained profit for the financial period Shareholders' funds at 30 June 1997	20,370 37,978	37,976 2
Shareholders' funds at 28 February 1998	58,348	37,978

Balance sheet

at 28 February 1998

	Note	28 Fel	bruary 1998		une 1997
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible fixed assets	7		852,087		865,806
Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8 9	1,469 14,127 77,151		1,533 8,303 77,726	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	92,747 (886,486)		87,562 (913,390)	
Net current liabilities			(793,739)		(825,828)
Total assets less current liabilities			58,348		39,978
Provisions for liabilities and charges	11		<u>.</u>		(2,000)
Net assets			58,348		37,978
Capital and reserves Called up equity share capital Profit and loss account	12 13		2 58,346		2 37,976
Equity shareholders' funds			58,348		37,978

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 13 October 1998 and were signed on its behalf by:

M Stratford Director

M.a. Westford

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 in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and under the historical cost accounting rules. The company's ultimate parent company, Craegmoor Healthcare Company Limited, has confirmed its policy of providing financial support to the company and on the strength of this assurance the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard No.1 (revised 1996) to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Speciality Care Limited (formerly Speciality Care PLC) and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that company.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Fixtures

15% per annum

Plant and equipment

15% per annum

Computer equipment

 $33^{1}/_{3}\%$ per annum

No depreciation is provided on trading property on the basis that the directors consider it essential to maintain the buildings to such a standard that their residential values are at least equal to their book value.

Leases

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a 'finance lease'. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

All other leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

Stocks

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

Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit 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 only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services during the period. Turnover is attributed to the provision of nursing and residential home facilities for the care of the elderly frail and learning disability clients.

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated	8 months to 28 February 1998 £	9 months to 30 June 1997 £
after charging		
Auditors' remuneration Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets: Owned Hire of equipment - rentals payable under operating leases	15,826 2,133	7,809 3,189

The auditors' remuneration is discharged by Speciality Care Limited (formerly Speciality Care PLC), the parent company.

3 Remuneration of directors

	8 months to	9 months to
	28 February 1998	30 June 1997
	£	£
Directors' emoluments:		
As directors	-	-

4 Staff numbers and costs

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

follows:	Number of employees 8 months to 9 months 28 February 1998 30 June 199		
Directors Health care (including part time employees)	3 28	3 29	
	31	32	
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:	8 months to 28 February 1998 £	9 months to 30 June 1997 £	
Wages and salaries Social security costs	112,062 6,129	126,065 6,713	
	118,191	132,778	
5 Interest payable and similar charges			
	8 months to 28 February 1998 £	9 months to 30 June 1997 £	
Bank interest		157	
6 Taxation			
	8 months to 28 February 1998 £	9 months to 30 June 1997 £	
Group relief payable at 31% (1997:32 ¹ / ₂ %) - current period Group relief receivable at 31% - prior period	9,823 (1,714)	16,938	
Deferred taxation at 31% - prior period	(2,000)	2,000	
	6,109	18,938	

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £	Total £
Cost At beginning of period Additions Disposals	991,469 - -	151,722 2,988 (881)	1,143,191 2,988 (881)
At end of period	991,469	153,829	1,145,298
Depreciation At beginning of period Charge for period	186,513	90,872 15,826	277,385 15,826
At end of period	186,513	106,698	293,211
<i>Net book value</i> At 28 February 1998	804,956	47,131	852,087
At 30 June 1997	804,956	60,850	865,806
8 Stocks		28 February 1998 £	30 June 1997 £
Food, cleaning and sundry stocks		1,469	1,533
9 Debtors			20 Inc. 1007
		28 February 1998 £	30 June 1997 £
Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income		10,842 10 3,275	4,382 - 3,921
		14,127	8,303

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	28 February 1998 £	30 June 1997 £
Trade creditors Amounts due to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	2,674 832,328 34,113 17,371	8,541 853,304 41,407 10,138
	886,486	913,390

11 Provision for liabilities and charges

The amounts provided for deferred taxation and the amount not provided are set out below

	28 Feb	ruary 1998	30 Ju	ine 1997
	Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
	£	£	£	£
Difference between accumulated depreciation and amortisation and capital allowances	-	-	2,000	-

12 Called up equity share capital

	28 February 1998 £	30 June 1997 £
Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid: Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2

13 Reserves

	28 February 1998 £	30 June 1997 £
At beginning of period Retained profit for the period	37,976 20,370	37,976
At end of period	58,346	37,976

14 Contingent liability

The company has entered into a cross guarantee with its bankers and Speciality Care Limited (formerly Speciality Care PLC) and other subsidiary undertakings. The contingent liability at 28 February 1998 was £2,188,538.

15 Ultimate parent company

Craegmoor Healthcare Company Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, is the company's ultimate parent company.