Report and Financial Statements

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

Mr O Bakary

Mr M Mansour

Mr Y I L Mansour

Mr Y M L Mansour

Mr J Masters

Mr D Mitchell (retired 30 November 1999)

SECRETARY

Abogado Nominees Limited

REGISTERED OFFICE

100 New Bridge Street London EC4V 6JA

BANKERS

National Westminster Bank Plc 118 High Street Slough Berkshire SL1 1JQ

SOLICITORS

Baker & McKenzie 100 New Bridge Street London EC4V 6JA

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants Columbia Centre Market Street Bracknell Berkshire RG12 1PA

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is to act as a distributor of Unatrac International for the marketing, promotion and resale in East and West Africa of Caterpillar machinery and parts. Unatrac Limited also provides administrative services to Unatrac International in respect of the sales of these products.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 5.

Unatrac Ltd has been handling the Caterpillar machinery and parts export business to East and West Africa since 1 November 1997. Continuing liberalisation of these economies increases the opportunities for the sale of Caterpillar machines, lift trucks and parts. However, civil unrest in Africa in 1999 has had a dramatic effect on potential sales.

2000 should ultimately see the effects of the return of civilian rule in Nigeria, and strong product support sales in the mining sector in Ghana.

DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (1998 - £nil).

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors, who served during the year, are detailed on page 1.

The directors' interests in the ordinary shares of the Company at 31 December 1999 and at 31 December 1998 were:

	Ordinary shar	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	1999	1998	
	No.	No.	
Mr M Mansour	200,000	200,000	
Mr Y I L Mansour	200,000	200,000	
Mr Y M L Mansour	200,000	200,000	

YEAR 2000

Following their initial review, the Directors continue to be alert to the potential risks and uncertainties surrounding the year 2000 issue. As at the date of this report, the Directors are not aware of any significant factors which have arisen, or that may arise, which will affect the activities of the business, however, the situation is still being monitored. Any future costs associated with this issue cannot be quantified but are not expected to be significant.

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

J Masters Director

25 / 7/ 2000.

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 as at the end of the financial year 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;
- 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 are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNATRAC LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 17 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 11.

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 at 31 December 1999 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

2000.



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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 1999

	Note	Year ended 31 December 1999 £'000	Period from 3 September 1997 to 31 December 1998 £'000
TURNOVER Cost of sales	2	27,518 (24,050)	59,333 (52,969)
Gross profit		3,468	6,364
Distribution costs		-	(38)
Administrative expenses		(4,390)	(5,349)
Other operating income	4	1,292	-
OPERATING PROFIT	5	370	977
Interest receivable	6	-	6
Interest payable and similar charges	. 7	(27)	(96)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	343 (121)	887 (303)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR/PERIOD	15	222	584

There are no recognised gains or losses for the current year and prior period other than as stated in the profit and loss account.

All amounts derive from continuing activities.

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS Year ended 31 December 1999

•	Year ended	
	31 December 1999 £'000	September 1997 to 31 December 1998 £'000
Profit for the financial year/period	222	584
New share capital subscribed		600
Net increase in shareholders' funds	222	1,184
Opening shareholders' funds	1,184	
Closing shareholders' funds	1,406	1,184

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\mathbf{B}^{A}	LANCE SHEET
31	December 1999

31 December 1999	Note	1999 £'000	1998 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	9	204	159
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors	10 11	2,013 3,834	2,338 4,089
Cash at bank and in hand	11	215	2,542
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(3,771)	(4,638)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,291	4,331
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,495	4,490
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(1,087)	(3,008)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	13	(2)	(298)
		1,406	1,184
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	14 15	600 806	600 584
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		1,406	1,184

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25/7 2000.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

O. Bahan

O Bakary

Director

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 December 1999

	Note	Year ended 31 December 1999 £'000	Period from 3 September 1997 to 31 December 1998 £'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	1	(1,847)	2,724
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid		(27)	(96)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(27)	(90)
Taxation UK corporation tax paid		(344)	-
Capital expenditure and financial investment			- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		(116) 7	(93)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(109)	(92)
(Decrease)/increase in cash		(2,327)	2,542

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 December 1999

1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	OTERATING ACTIVITIES				
				1999	1998
				£'000	£'000
	Operating profit			378	977
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets			13	-
	Depreciation charge			51	53
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks			325	(487)
	Decrease in debtors			255	5,998
	Decrease in creditors			(2,869)	(3,817)
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating a	ectivities		(1,847)	2,724
2.	RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLO	OW TO MOVEME	NT IN NET DEB	Т	
				1999	1998
				£,000	£'000
	(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period			(2,327)	2,542
	Cash outflow from changes in debt			1,704	1,324
	Changes in net debt arising from cash flows			(623)	3,866
	Net debt arising in respect of the purchase of the unincorporated business	Note 4		_	(4,059)
	Movement of net debt in the year/period			(623)	(193)
	Net debt at 1 January 1999			(193)	-
	Balance at 31 December 1999			(816)	(193)
3.	ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT				
			31		31
			December		December
			1998	Cashflows	1999
			£'000	£'000	£'000
	Cash at bank and in hand		2,542	(2,327)	215
	Debt due after more than one year		(2,735)	1,704	(1,031)
	•				

(816)

(193)

(623)

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 December 1999

4. ACQUISITION

On 31 October 1997 Unatrac Limited acquired certain of the net assets of a subsidiary business of Unilever PLC.

A summary of the effects of the acquisition of these net assets is shown below:

1998
£'000
120
1,851
10,087
(7,399)
4,659
600
4,059
4,659

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Plant and machinery 7% per annum Motor vehicles 25% per annum

Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment Between 7% and 20% per annum

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less all relevant marketing, selling and distribution costs.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on timing differences, arising from the different treatment of items for accounts and taxation purposes, which are expected to reverse in the future, calculated at rates at which it is estimated that tax will arise.

Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to income in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

Pension costs

The expected cost of providing pensions is charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it accrues.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 1999

2. TURNOVER

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Turnover represents amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the company's ordinary activities after deduction of trade discounts and value added tax. The turnover and pretax profit, all of which arises in the United Kingdom, is attributable to one activity, the distribution of machines and spares.

Geographical analysis of turnover:

Geographical analysis of turnover:		
		Period
		from 3
	Year ended	September
	31	1997 to 31
	December	December
	1999	1998
	£'000	£'000
Africa	21,303	53,419
Rest of the World		
Rest of the world	6,215	5,914
	27,518	59,333
INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES		
		Period
		from 3
	Year ended	September
	31	1997 to 31
	December	December
	1999	1998
	£	£
Directors' emoluments	*	a.
Emoluments	194,457	199,204
Company contributions to money purchase schemes	13,339	8,521
	207,796	207,725
	No.	No.
Number of directors who are members of a money		
purchase scheme	1	1
Additional payments of £104,000 (1998: £139,653) have been made to third pa	rties for directors	' services
	£	£
Highest paid director's remuneration	-	-
Emoluments	102,464	107,511
Contributions to money purchase pension schemes	13,339	107,511
Contributions to money purchase pension schemes	15,559	
	No.	No.
Average number of persons employed		
Management	26	28
Sales	4	16
Administration	47	52
2 Milling (March		
	77	96

3. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES (CONTINUED)

	Period
	from 3
ear ended	September
31	1997 to 31
December	December
1999	1998
£'000	£'000
2,015	2,605
188	188
101	171
2,304	2,964
	31 December 1999 £'000 2,015 188 101

4. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

Other operating income relates to a service fee receivable from Unatrac International.

5. OPERATING PROFIT

		from 3
	Year ended	September
	31	1997 to 31
	December	December
	1999	1998
	£'000	£'000
Operating profit is after charging:		
Depreciation and amortisation		
Owned assets	51	53
Rentals under operating leases		
Land and buildings	391	43
Other operating leases	73	36
Auditors' remuneration		
Audit fees	34	30
Other fees	23	3

6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Year ended 31 December 1999 £'000	Period from 3 September 1997 to 31 December 1998 £'000
On bank deposits	6

Period

7. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

7.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGE	S			
				Year ended	Period from 3 September 1997 to 31
	•			December	December
				1999	1998
				£'000	£'000
	Bank loans, overdrafts and other loans			27	96
8.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES				
					Period from 3
				Year ended	September
				31	1997 to 31
				December	December
				1999 £'000	1998 £'000
				2 000	2 000
	United Kingdom corporation tax at 30% (1998 - 31%)			119	303
	Deferred taxation provided			2	-
				121	303
					303
9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
				Fixtures, fittings,	
		Plant and machinery £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	tools and equipment £'000	Total
	Cost	£ 000	£ 000	£.000	£'000
	At 1 January 1999	9	1	163	173
	Additions	-	-	116	116
	Disposals	-	-	(34)	(34)
	At 31 December 1999	9	1	245	255
	Accumulated depreciation				
	At 1 January 1999	7	_	7	14
	Charge for the year	-	-	51	51
	Disposals	-	-	(14)	(14)
	At 31 December 1999	7	-	44	51
	Net book value				
	At 31 December 1999	2	1	201	204
					
	At 31 December 1998	2	1	156	159

10.	STOCKS		
		1999 £'000	1998 £'000
	Finished goods and goods for resale	2,013	2,338
11.	DEBTORS		
		1999 £'000	1998 £'000
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by related parties (see note 17) Other debtors	2,727 734	2,543 1,208
	Prepayments and accrued income	71 302	51 287
		3,834	4,089
12.	All amounts are due within one year. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
12.	CREDITORS, AMOUNTS PAREING DUE WITHIN ONE TEAR		
		1999 £'000	1998 £'000
	Payments received on account	£'000 662	£'000 780
	Trade creditors	£'000 662 805	£'000 780 945
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to related parties (see note 17)	£'000 662 805 1,647	£'000 780 945 1,250
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to related parties (see note 17) Corporation tax	£'000 662 805 1,647 86	£'000 780 945 1,250 303
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to related parties (see note 17)	£'000 662 805 1,647 86 80	£'000 780 945 1,250 303 61
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to related parties (see note 17) Corporation tax Other taxes and social security	£'000 662 805 1,647 86	£'000 780 945 1,250 303
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to related parties (see note 17) Corporation tax Other taxes and social security Other creditors	£'000 662 805 1,647 86 80 31	£'000 780 945 1,250 303 61 281
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to related parties (see note 17) Corporation tax Other taxes and social security Other creditors Accruals and deferred income CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE	£'000 662 805 1,647 86 80 31 460	£'000 780 945 1,250 303 61 281 1,018
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to related parties (see note 17) Corporation tax Other taxes and social security Other creditors Accruals and deferred income CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	£'000 662 805 1,647 86 80 31 460 3,771	£'000 780 945 1,250 303 61 281 1,018 4,638
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to related parties (see note 17) Corporation tax Other taxes and social security Other creditors Accruals and deferred income CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE	£'000 662 805 1,647 86 80 31 460	£'000 780 945 1,250 303 61 281 1,018

The loan from related parties has no set repayment terms, therefore no analysis of loan repayments is possible. The total loan outstanding at 31 December 1999 is disclosed in creditors falling due after more than one year as the lender has confirmed no repayments will be required in 2000.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 1999

13. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

13.	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	S			
			Warranty Provision £'000	Deferred Taxation £'000	Total
	Balance at 1 January 1999 Profit and loss account charge		298	2	298 2
	Applied		(298)	-	(298)
	Balance at 31 December 1999			2	2
	Deformed togetion	Provided 1999 £'000	Provided 1998 £'000	Not Provided 1999 £'000	Not Provided 1998 £'000
	Deferred taxation Capital allowances in advance of				
	depreciation Other timing differences	2	- -	-	4 (8)
		2	-	-	(4)
14.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL				
				1999 £'000	1998 £'000
	Authorised 600,000 ordinary shares of £1 each			600	600
	Called up, allotted and fully paid 600,000 ordinary shares of £1 each			600	600
15.	STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON RESERVES				
		•			Profit and loss account £'000
	At 1 January 1999 Profit for year				584 222
	At 31 December 1999				806

16. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 1999 the company was committed to making the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases:

		1999		1998	
		Land and Buildings £'000	Other £'000	Land and Buildings £'000	Other £'000
	Leases which expire:				
	Within one year	-	-	27	-
	Within 2 to 5 years	-	59	-	71
	After 5 years	577	<u>-</u>	216	-
		577	59	243	71
17.	CONTINGENT LIABILITIES			1999 £'000	1998 £'000
	A 4			29	29
	Advance payment guarantees Performance guarantees			102	64
	Rental Agreement guarantees			288	-
	Customs & Excise guarantee			400	400
				819	493

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is controlled by the Mansour brothers, who own all of the issued share capital of the company. The Mansour brothers also own all of the issued share capital of Unatrac International which is incorporated in Egypt. The aggregate amount of the company's trade, on normal commercial terms, with Unatrac International in the year was:

- i. Purchase of finished goods £12,156,052 (1998: £28,780,282).
- ii Service fee £1,292,000 (1998 £nil).

At the financial year end the aggregate amount:

- i. due to Unatrac International, included within creditors due within one year, was £1,647,041 (1998: £1,249,897)
- ii. due to Unatrac International, included within creditors due after more than one year, was £1,030,770 (1998: £2,734,892)
- iii. due from Unatrac International, included within trade debtors, was £734,094 (1998: £1,208,192).