Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 August 2001

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2001

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Directors

A J M Planchot

P C Bono

C J Maillard

Secretary and registered office

D Pennington, Garrett House, Manor Royal, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 2PY

Company number

3463584

Auditors

BDO Stoy Hayward, Nile House, PO Box 1034

Nile Street, Brighton, BN1 1JB

Report of the directors for the year ended 31 August 2001

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2001.

Results

The profit and loss account is set out on page 6 and shows the profit for the year.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity continued to be that of design engineers.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were:

A J M Planchot

P C Bono

C J Maillard

No director had any beneficial interest in the share capital of the company. Interests in the share capital of the parents, Idex SA and Strec SA, are shown in the financial statements of those companies. No rights to subscribe for any shares or debentures of the group were granted or exercised during the year.

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 and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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 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.

Auditors

The company has by elective resolution dispensed with the obligation to appoint auditors annually in accordance with section 386(1) of the Companies Act 1985. Therefore the auditors, BDO Stoy Hayward, will be deemed to be appointed for each succeeding financial year.

Report of the directors for the year ended 31 August 2001 (Continued)

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board

Director

Report of the independent auditors

To the shareholders of Industrielle de Chauffage Enterprise United Kingdom Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Industrielle de Chauffage Enterprise United Kingdom Limited for the year ended 31 August 2001 on pages 6 to 13 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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.

Report of the independent auditors (Continued)

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 August 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BDO STOY HAYWARD

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Brighton

7 December 2001

Bolley Hayrord

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 August 2001

| | Note | Year ended 31 August 2001 | 14 months ended 31 August 2000 £ |
|---|------|------------------------------------|--|
| Turnover | 2 | 441,719 | 263,702 |
| Cost of sales | | 313,095 | 160,330 |
| Gross profit | | 128,624 | 103,372 |
| Administrative expenses | | 106,016 | 69,052 |
| Transport of the transport | | | |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | | 22,608 | 34,320 |
| Taxation on profit on ordinary activities | 4 | (1,653) | 1,653 |
| Profit on ordinary activities after taxation | | | |
| retained for the year/period | | 24,261 | 32,667 |
| Retained profit brought forward | | 52,633 | 19,966 |
| Retained profit carried forward | | 76,894 | 52,633 |

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses in the current year and prior period are included in the profit and loss account. There are no movements in shareholders' funds in the current year and prior period apart from the profit for the year/period.

Balance sheet at 31 August 2001

| | Note | 31 August 2001 | 31 August 2001 | 31 August 2000 | 31 August 2000 |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 5 | | 5,920 | | 9,141 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 6 | - | | 23,905 | |
| Debtors | 7 | 365,686 | | 86,716 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 7,690 | | - | |
| | | | | | |
| | | 373,376 | | 110,621 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due wi | | | | | |
| one year | 8 | 302,302 | | 67,029 | |
| Net current assets | | | 71,074 | | 43,592 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 76,994 | | 52,733 |
| | | | | | |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 9 | | 100 | | 100 |
| Profit and loss account | | | 76,894 | | 52,633 |
| | | | | | |
| Equity shareholders' funds | | | 76,994 | | 52,733 |
| | | | | | |

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

The financial statements were approved by the Board on . 7 December 2001

Director

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2001

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption conferred by Financial Reporting Standard 1 'Cash Flow Statements (Revised 1996)' not to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a 'small' company under the Companies Act 1985.

Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual values, of all tangible fixed assets evenly over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates:

Office equipment

33% straight line

Stocks

Work in progress is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Pensions

The pension costs charged in the accounts represent contributions payable by the company during the period in accordance with FRS 17.

2 Turnover

None of the company's turnover is attributable to markets outside the United Kingdom.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2001 (Continued)

3 Operating profit

Current year

Prior periods
UK Corporation tax

Current tax on income for the year

This is arrived at after charging:

| | Year ended 31 August 2001 £ | 14 months ended 31 August 2000 £ |
|--|---|--|
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets | 6,911 | 6,636 |
| Hire of plant and machinery - operating leases | 26,789 | 16,595 |
| Auditors' remuneration - audit services | 1,300 | 798 |
| | | |
| Taxation on profit on ordinary activities | | |
| | Year | 14 months |
| | ended | ended |
| | 31 August | 31 August |
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | £ | £ |
| UK Corporation tax | | |

1,653

(1,653)

No provision has been made for UK corporation tax due to the availability of group losses.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2001 (Continued)

5 Tangible fixed assets

| | | | Office equipment £ |
|---|--|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Cost | | |
| | At 1 September 2000 Additions | | 17,065 3,690 |
| | At 31 August 2001 | | 20,755 |
| | Depreciation | | |
| | At 1 September 2000 Provided for the year | | 7,924 6,911 |
| | At 31 August 2001 | | 14,835 |
| | Net book value | | |
| | At 31 August 2001 | | 5,920 |
| | At 31 August 2000 | | 9,141 |
| 6 | Stocks | | |
| | | 31 August 2001 £ | 31 August 2000 £ |
| | Work in progress | - | 23,905 |
| | | | |

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2001 (Continued)

| 7 | Debtous | | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 7 | Debtors | | | 31 August 2001 | 31 August 2000 £ |
| | Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors | | | 33,957 331,729 | 46,929 35,612 4,175 |
| | | | | 365,686 | 86,716 |
| | All amounts shown under debtors fall d | lue for payment v | vithin one year. | | |
| 8 | Creditors: amounts falling due within o | ne year | | | |
| | | | | 31 August 2001 £ | 31 August 2000 £ |
| | Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Taxation and social security Other creditors | | | 28,933 257,928 10,757 4,684 | 2,894 38,013 22,594 - 3,528 |
| | | | | 302,302 | 67,029 |
| 9 | Share capital | | Authorised | Allotted, called | l up and fully paid |
| | | 31 August 2001 £ | 31 August 2000 | 31 August 2001 £ | 31 August 2000 £ |
| | Equity share capital 1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each | 1,000 | £ 1,000 | 100 | 100 |

10 Pensions

The company is a member of the group defined contribution scheme operated by Utilicom Limited, its immediate parent, for the benefit of certain employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £5,433 (2000: £10,046).

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2001 (Continued)

11 Commitments under operating leases

As at 31 August 2001, the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

| | 31 August 2001 Other £ | 31 August 2000 Other £ |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Operating leases which expire: | | |
| Within one year In two to five years | 6,916 19,617 | 1,828 11,445 |
| | 26,533 | 13,273 |

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2001 (Continued)

12 Related party disclosures

Controlling parties

The company is ultimately jointly owned and controlled by Idex SA and Stree SA, both of whom are registered in France. Copies of Idex SA group accounts can be obtained from 8 Bis Rue Escudier, 92513 Boulogne - Bilancourt Cedex, France. The group accounts of Stree SA are available at 2 Place Des Moulins, 67000 Strasbourg, France.

Related party transactions and balances

| | Amounts owed by | Amounts owed to | Amounts owed by | Amounts owed to |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | • | related party | • | |
| | 2001 | 2001 | 2000 | 2000 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Balances with immediate parent and fellow subsidiaries | | | | |
| Utilicom Limited | | 256,323 | - | 22,594 |
| The Southampton Geothermal Heating Company Limited | 70,126 | - | 25,218 | - |
| Bloomsbury Heat and Power Limited | 23,444 | - | 1,672 | - |
| North Channel Energy Services Limited | - | 1,605 | 8,722 | - |
| Gower Street Heat and Power Limited | 238,159 | - | - | - |
| | - | | | |

During the year the company was charged £31,068 (2000: £8,092) of management fees by Utilicom Limited, its immediate parent company. The company made sales of design engineering consultancy to Utilicom Limited and also to its fellow subsidiary companies as follows:

| | Year ended 31 August 2001 £ | 14 months ended 31 August 2000 £ | |
|--|--|--|--|
| Utilicom Limited | 11,138 | 41,988 | |
| The Southampton Geothermal Heating Company Limited Bloomsbury Heat and Power Limited North Channel Energy Services Limited Gower Street Heat and Power Limited | 11,138 99,347 18,756 4,047 114,582 | 121,796 | |
| Gower Succi freat and rower Limited | 114,582 | | |