

JCB BACKHOE LOADERS LTD
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

Company Registration Number 3479485



HOWSONS
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

JCB BACKHOE LOADERS LTD

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company did not trade during the year.

THE DIRECTORS AND SHAREHOLDINGS

The directors who served the company during the year and subsequently were :

	At 31 December 2004	Ordinary Shares of £1 each At 1 January 2004
Sir Anthony Bamford DL	-	-
E T D Leadbeater	-	-
J Patterson	-	-
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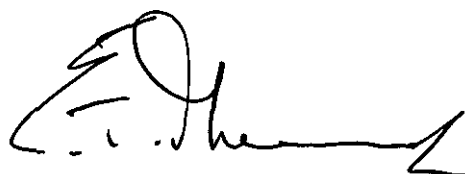
CLOSE COMPANY PROVISIONS

In the opinion of the directors, the company is a close company within the meaning of S.414 Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1988 (as amended).

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Howsons as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Signed on behalf of the directors



E T D LEADBEATER

DIRECTOR

JCB BACKHOE LOADERS LTD

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 6, and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

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. The directors 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.

JCB BACKHOE LOADERS LTD

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF JCB BACKHOE LOADERS LTD

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

We have audited the financial statements, which comprise the balance sheet and the related notes. These have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's member, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's member those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's member as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

As described on page 2, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

It is our responsibility 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 or material inconsistencies 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.

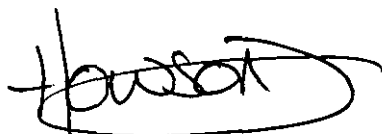
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF JCB BACKHOE LOADERS LTD *(continued)*

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2004, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



HOWSONS

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

Winton House
Stoke Road
Stoke on Trent
Staffordshire
ST4 2RW

7 July 2005

JCB BACKHOE LOADERS LTD

BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in hand		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up equity share capital	4	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on the 7 July 2005



E T D LEADBEATER

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The company did not trade during the year, accordingly a profit and loss account, a note of historical cost profit and a statement of recognised gains and losses have not been prepared.

2. EMPLOYEES

Other than the directors, the company did not employ any persons during the year.

3. EXPENSES

The expenses of the company have been met by the parent company J C Bamford Excavators Limited.

4. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital:

	2004	2003
	£	£
10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2004		2003	
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

5. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of J C Bamford Excavators Limited, which is itself a wholly-owned subsidiary of JCB Service, an unlimited liability company incorporated in England and Wales. The largest company to consolidate the accounts of JCB Service is Transmissions and Engineering Services Netherlands BV, a company incorporated in the Netherlands. Transmissions and Engineering Services Netherlands BV is ultimately controlled by Bamford family interests.