REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

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COMPANY INFORMATION AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

DIRECTORS

R. C. Godley G. Gill J. Calderwood

SECRETARY

R. C. Godley

REGISTERED OFFICE

Redfield Road Lenton Nottingham NG7 2UJ

AUDITORS

Hobson Phillips & Sharpe Registered Auditors Chartered Accountants Alexandra House 43 Alexandra Street Nottingham NG5 1AY

PRINCIPAL BANKERS

National Westminster Bank Plc Smiths Branch 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 1999.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of selling welding supplies and equipment, and associated repair work.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The net loss after providing for taxation amounted to £8,265.

The directors are satisfied with the results of the company.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

M. J. Karkut held 1,250 £1 ordinary shares in Leen Gate Welding Group Limited the company's parent company until his retirement.

R. C. Godley has held 250 £1 ordinary shares in Leen Gate Welding Group Limited the company's parent company for the full financial year.

The directors in office in the year and their beneficial interests in the company at the balance sheet date and the beginning of the year were as follows:

		Number of Shares	
		1999	1998
R. C. Godley		-	-
G. Gill	Ordinary shares of £1 each	125	125
J. Calderwood	Ordinary shares of £1 each	125	125
Directors retired during the year:			
M. J. Karkut	2nd February 1999		

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 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 maintaining 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.

YEAR 2000 ISSUES

The directors have undertaken a review of the likely impact of the year 2000 on the company's computer systems and business. Where necessary, appropriate work is in hand to upgrade systems. The directors do not consider the costs of this work to be material.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AUDITORS

Hobson Phillips & Sharpe were appointed auditors to the company and in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985 are willing to be re-appointed.

On behalf of the board:

R. C. Godley Director

Date: 28th February 2000

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of accounting policies set out on page 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the directors' report, 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 as to whether 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 affairs of the company as at 30 September 1999 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Hobson Phillips & Sharpe Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors Alexandra House

43 Alexandra Street Nottingham

NG5 1AY

Date: 28th February 2000

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

	Notes	1999	1998
		£	£
TURNOVER		1,161,088	507,003
Cost of sales		929,281	366,815
GROSS PROFIT		231,807	140,188
Administrative expenses		227,654	137,928
OPERATING PROFIT	2	4,153	2,260
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(11,533)	(2,548)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(7,380)	. (288)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	4	(885)	(1,016)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		(8,265)	(1,304)

Continuing operations

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

Total recognised gains and losses

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the above two financial years.

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

			1999	1	1998
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7		29,655		42,643
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	8	129,378		95,254	
Debtors	9	451,122		240,684	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,246	_	523	
		581,746		336,461	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due					
within one year	10 _	(618,148)	_	(372,313)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(36,402)		(35,852)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	1		(6,747)	-	6,791
CREDITORS: amounts falling due					
after more than one year	11		(1,822)	_	(7,095)
NET LIABILITIES			(8,569)	=	(304)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	13		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	14		(9,569)	_	(1,304)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS'				_	
FUNDS	15		(8,569)	_	(304)

Approved by the board of directors on 28th February 2000 and signed on its behalf by:

R. C. Godley Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Cash flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1: "Cash flow statements".

Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful life:

Tenant's improvements to property

Plant and machinery

Office furniture and fittings

Office equipment

Motor vehicles

Straight line over the 6 year term of the lease
20% reducing balance
15% reducing balance
25% straight line
25% reducing balance

Stocks

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

Cost comprises purchase price only.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into the profit and loss account for the year.

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Pension costs

The company operates a money purchase (defined contribution) pension scheme. Contributions payable to this scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate. These contributions are invested separately from the company's assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

2.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	Operating profit	1999	1998
	opg p	£	£
	After charging:		
	Depreciation of fixed assets	4,875	4,233
	Depreciation of leased assets	3,529	2,823
	Loss on disposal of tangible assets Auditors' remuneration	1,084	2 600
	Operating lease rentals	3,100	2,600
	Land and buildings	15,680	9,803
	Motor vehicles	10,847	4,034
3.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	10,995	1,960
	Lease finance charges and hire purchase interest	538	588
		11,533	2,548
4.	TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	The taxation charge comprises:		
	Corporation tax at 30/31% (1998 - 31%)	867	1,016
	Adjustment in respect of prior years	18	-
		885	1,016
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5.	INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Staff costs		
	Wages and salaries	109,116	72,408
	Social security costs	10,684	6,256
	Other pension costs	138	
		119,938	78,664

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

5. INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES - (continued)

The average number of employees during the year was made up as follows:	1999 No.	1998 No.
Management and sales	6 	5
Directors' emoluments	1999 £	1998 £
Emoluments	68,408	39,482

6. PENSION COSTS

Money purchase (defined contribution) pension scheme

The company operates a money purchase (defined contribution) pension scheme. 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 £138 (1998: £nil).

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost:	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 Oct. 98	15,100	1,160	10,999	22,440	49,699
Disposals	15,100	1,100	10,333	(5,500)	(5,500)
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At 30 Sep. 99	15,100	1,160	10,999	16,940	44,199
Depreciation:					
At 1 Oct. 98	1,678	154	1,485	3,739	7,056
Charge for year	2,520	201	2,154	3,529	8,404
On disposals	-	-	-	(916)	(916)
At 30 Sep. 99	4,198	355	3,639	6,352	14,544
Net book value:					
At 30 Sep. 99	10,902	805	7,360	10,588	29,655
At 30 Sep. 98	13,422	1,006	9,514	18,701	42,643
				1999	1998
				£	£
Analysis of net boo Tenant's improvem		and buildings:		10,902	13,422

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - (continued)

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

		1999 £	1998 £
	Net book values:	₽	de-
	Motor vehicles	10,588	15,176
8.	STOCKS		٠
	42. 5		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Finished goods and goods for resale	129,378	95,254
9.	DEBTORS		
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		£	£
	Trade debtors	343,397	213,893
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	102,344	24,980
	Other debtors	5,381	1,811
		451,122	240,684
10,	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		
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		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	180,161	97,268
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase	, – - –	,
	contracts	5,273	4,987
	Trade creditors	290,221	184,174
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	111,777	71,595
	Corporation tax	867	1,016
	Other taxes and social security costs	21,749	3,773
	Other creditors	8,100	9,500
		618,148	372,313

Bank overdrafts amounting to £180,161 (1998 £97,268) are secured by a charge over book debts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

11.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year		
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		£	£
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase	•	~
	contracts	1,822	7,095
12.	OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES AND HIRE PU	RCHASE CONTRA	ACTS
		1999	1998
	The company's net obligations are repayable as follows:	£	£
	TVIAL - and an an an an an and	5 0.70	4.007
	Within one year or on demand In two to five years	5,273	4,987
	in two to rive years	1,822	7,095
		7,095	12,082
		7,095	12,082
	Included in current liabilities	(5,273)	(4,987)
		1,822	7,095
13.	SHARE CAPITAL		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Authorised:	-	-
	Equity interests:		
	1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	Equity interests:		
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	1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
14.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	1,000	1,000
14.		=	
14.		1,000 1999 £	1,000 1998 £
14.		1999	1998
14.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	1999 £	1998

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1999 £	1998 £
Loss for the year Opening shareholders' funds	(8,265) (304)	(1,304) 1,000
Closing shareholders' funds	(8,569)	(304)
Represented by:- Equity interests	(8,569)	(304)

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The following transactions with related parties occured during the year.

Related parties charge	Sales	Purchases	Administration
Intermediate parent undertakings	£Nil	£Nil	£8,000
Fellow subsidiary	£191,093	£195,445	£Nil

During the year the company has paid £10,847 to its intermediate parent company for motor vehicle leasing costs.

All purchases and sales of goods to group companies are at cost.

At 30th September 1999 there were the following balances with related parties:

Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings	£101,594
Amounts due to fellow subsidiary undertakings	£79,808
Amounts due to intermediate parent undertaking	£31,969
Amounts owed by intermediate parent undertakings	£750

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1999

17. REVENUE COMMITMENTS

At the year end the company was committed to making the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases with expiry dates as follows:

	Land and buildings		Other	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£	£	£	£
Within one year	-	-	-	1,834
More than one year and less				·
than five years	-	-	10,622	· -
More than five years	15,680	15,680		-
	15,680	15,680	10,622	1,834

18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company is a 75% subsidiary of Leen Gate Welding Group Limited, a company registered in England & Wales.

The ultimate parent company is The BOC Group plc, a company registered in England and Wales.