J B SHROPSHIRE AND SONS LIMITED

Abbreviated Accounts

8 April 2000

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO J B SHROPSHIRE AND SONS LIMITED PURSUANT TO SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 together with the financial statements of J B Shropshire and Sons Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the 52 weeks ended 8 April 2000.

Respective responsibilities of the director and auditors

The director is responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with those sections and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under sections 247 and 247A of the Companies Act 1985 to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, in respect of the 52 weeks ended 8 April 2000, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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BALANCE SHEET 8 April 2000

	Note	8 April 2000 £	10 April 1999 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	762,385	349,800
Investments		1	1
		762,386	349,801
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		550,728	373,505
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand		267,746	154,370 137,119
Cash at bank and in hand			
		818,474	664,994
CREDITORS: amounts falling due			
within one year	3	1,002,415	695,521
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(183,941)	(30,527)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		578,445	319,274
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year		(10,203)	-
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND			
CHARGES		(61,344)	(1,787)
		506,898	317,487
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		 	
Called up share capital	5	300,000	300,000
Profit and loss account		206,898	17,487
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		506,898	317,487
			

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies under section 246 of the Companies Act 1985 with respect to the delivery of individual accounts.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

21 December 2000

NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET 8 April 2000

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 of tangible fixed assets is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold property improvements - 10-20 years straight line on cost
Office equipment - 3 years straight line on cost
Motor vehicles - 4 years straight line on cost

Tractors - 25% reducing balance

Other plant and machinery - 25% reducing balance and 5-8 years

straight line on cost

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment in value.

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes materials, direct labour and production overheads appropriate to the relevant stage of production. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all relevant marketing, selling and distribution costs.

Deferred taxation

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

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

£
349,800 484,461
834,261
71,876
71,876
762,385
349,800

NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET 8 April 2000

3. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Creditors falling due within one year include £335,449 (1999 - £691,006) owed to G S Shropshire and Sons in which J B Shropshire is a partner.

4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	8 April 2000 £	10 April 1999 £
Authorised 1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000,000	1,000,000
Called up, allotted and fully paid 300,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	300,000	300,000

5. RELATED PARTIES

During the period the company traded on a commercial basis with G S Shropshire and Sons a partnership of which Mr J B Shropshire is a partner and in which he has a material interest. The company purchased assets for £192,375 (1999 - £349,800) and paid £706,959 (1999 - £373,505) for services and goods supplied. This reflects the central buying policy with the company purchasing inputs from G S Shropshire and Sons at arm's length rates after they have been obtained from third parties. The company made sales of £183,803 (1999 - £nil) to the partnership.

At the period end the company owed a net balance of £335,449 (1999 - £691,006) to the above business.

The company received interest from G S Shropshire and Sons Limited of £11,898 (1999 - £20,971) in the period for monies loaned. There was no balance outstanding at the period end. J B Shropshire is a director of the holding company of G S Shropshire and Sons Limited.