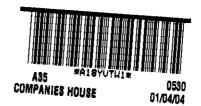


Company Registration No. 4077959 (England and Wales)

RD RETAIL SERVICES LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003



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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

The directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 5 October 2003.

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company is that of the supply of staff for large multiple retail store refits and merchandising contracts.

Results and dividends

The results for the period are set out on page 4.

Interim ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £21,000. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 24 September 2002:

P E Jenkinson

P Humphreys

Directors' interests

The directors' interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary shares of £ 1 each			
	5 October 2003 24 Septem			
P E Jenkinson	47 47			
P Humphreys	6	6		
	Ordinary 'B' shares of £ 1 ea			
	5 October 2003 24	September 2002		
P E Jenkinson	-	-		
P Humphreys	6	-		

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Maynard Heady be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

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 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;
- -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.

On behalf of the board

PE Jenkinson

Director

11 March 2004

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO RD RETAIL SERVICES LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 13, together with the financial statements of the company for the period ended 5 October 2003 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report is made solely to the company's members, 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 members 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 members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

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The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of audit opinion

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

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 13 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Maynard Heady

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

11 March 2004

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ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

	Notes	Period ended 5 October 2003 £	Period ended 23 September 2002 £
Gross profit		1,245,650	1,259,197
Administrative expenses		(876,780)	(971,178)
Operating profit	2	368,870	288,019
Other interest receivable and similar income		<u>-</u>	5
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		368,870	288,024
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	(114,554)	(85,799)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		254,316	202,225
Dividends	4	(21,000)	(100,000)
Retained profit for the period	10	233,316	102,225

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 OCTOBER 2003

£	£ 55,839	£	£
	55 920		
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	55,659		83,722
4,180		3,617	
859,766		882,834	
32,234		203,481	
896,180		1,089,932	
(564,543)		(1,019,500)	
	331,637	\	70,432
	387,476		154,154
	106		100
	19,994		19,994
	367,376		134,060
	387,476		154,154
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These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 11 March 2004

PE Jenkinson

Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

		Period ended October 003		Period ended September 02
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities		(56,950)		196,092
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received	-		5	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		-		5
Taxation		(85,799)		(8,445)
Capital expenditure Payments to acquire tangible assets Receipts from sales of tangible assets	(20,254) 12,750		(81,862) 14,200	
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(7,504)		(67,662)
Equity dividends paid		(21,000)		(100,000)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before management of liquid resources and financing		(171,253)		19,990
Financing	e		10.004	
Issue of ordinary share capital Net cash inflow from financing	6	6	19,994	19,994
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period		(171,247)		39,984

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

2002	2003	w from	cash (outflow)/inflo	Reconciliation of operating profit to ne operating activities
£	£			•
288,019	368,870			Operating profit
32,708	39,037			Depreciation of tangible assets
(268)	(3,650)			Profit on disposal of tangible assets
(3,617)	(563)			Increase in stocks
(202,925)	23,068			Decrease/(increase) in debtors
82,175	(483,712)		year	(Decrease)/Increase in creditors within on
196,092	(56,950)		activities	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating
ctober 2003	Other non-5 (cash changes	Cash flow	24 September 2002	Analysis of net funds
£	£	£	£	
				Net cash:
32,234		(171,247)	203,481	Cash at bank and in hand
32,234	<u> </u>	(171,247)	203,481	Net funds
2002	2003		nent in net funds	Reconciliation of net cash flow to move
£	£			
39,984	(171,247)			(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period
39,984	(171,247)			Movement in net funds in the period
163,497	203,481			Opening net funds
203,481	32,234			Closing net funds

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Turnover

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

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery 33.33% Straight Line
Fixtures, fittings & equipment 33.33% Straight Line
Motor vehicles 33.33% Straight Line

1.4 Leasing

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

1.5 Stock and work in progress

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

1.6 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

2	Operating profit	2003	2002
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	39,037	32,708
	Operating lease rentals	2,053	-
	Auditors' remuneration	2,500	2,500
	and after crediting:		
	Profit on disposal of tangible assets	(3,650)	(268)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

3	Taxation	2003 £	2002 £
	Domestic current year tax		
	U.K. corporation tax	114,554	85,799
	Current tax charge	114,554	85,799
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the period		
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	368,870	288,024
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 30.00% (2002: 30.00%)	110,661	86,407
	Effects of:		
	Non deductible expenses	198	22
	Depreciation add back	11,711	9,812
	Capital allowances	(6,921)	(10,362)
	Chargeable disposals	(1,095)	(08)
		3,893	(608)
	Current tax charge	114,554	85,799
4	Dividends	2003	2002
		£	£
	Ordinary interim paid	9,000	100,000
	Ordinary interim paid	12,000	
		21,000	100,000

Ordinary dividends of £141,000 were waived by D L Mason and P E Jenkinson.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

5	Tangible fixed assets	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 24 September 2002	1,445	35,903	79,476	116,824
	Additions	4,240	3,650	12,364	20,254
	Disposals	***************************************		(24,606)	(24,606)
	At 5 October 2003	5,685	39,553	67,234	112,472
	Depreciation				
	At 24 September 2002	683	7,033	25,386	33,102
	On disposals	-	-	(15,506)	(15,506)
	Charge for the period	667	13,184	25,186	39,037
	At 5 October 2003	1,350	20,217	35,066	56,633
	Net book value				
	At 5 October 2003	4,335	19,336	32,168	55,839
	At 23 September 2002	762	28,870	54,090	83,722
3	Work in progress			2003 £	2002 £
	Work in progress	· .		4,180	3,617
,	Debtors			2003	2002
				£	£
	Trade debtors			810,024	857,791
	Other debtors			3,267	7,487
	Prepayments and accrued income			46,475	17,556
				859,766	882,834

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

8	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2003 £	2002 £
	Trade creditors	82,658	310,352
	Amounts owed to participating interests	,000	312,500
	Corporation tax	114,554	85,799
	Other taxes and social security costs	261,289	214,163
	Other creditors	45,124	40,847
	Accruals and deferred income	60,918	55,839
		564,543	1,019,500
9	Share capital	2003	2002
		£	£
	Authorised	400	400
	100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100 100	100
	100 Ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each	100	
		200	100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	6 Ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each	6	-
		106	100

The ordinary 'B' shares only have rights to dividends. The ordinary shareholders only, have the right to vote at company meetings.

^{6 £1} ordinary 'B' shares where issued on 8th September 2003 for a consideration of £6.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

10	Statement of movements on reserves		
		Share premium account £	Profit and loss account £
	Balance at 24 September 2002 - Retained profit for the period	19,994	134,060 233,316
	Balance at 5 October 2003	19,994	367,376
11	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2003 £	2002 £
	Profit for the financial period Dividends	254,316 (21,000)	202,225 (100,000)
	Proceeds from issue of shares	233,316 6	102,225 19,994
	Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	233,322 154,154	122,219 31,935
	Closing shareholders' funds	387,476	154,154

12 Contingent liabilities

There is a cross guarantee and debenture in favour of Barclays Bank PLC, dated 6th March 2003, between RD Recruitment (Rugby) Limited, Piper Recruitment Limited, Rugby Design Group Limited, RD Retail Services Limited, RD Piper Recruitment Limited and Rugby Design (Recruitment) Limited.

13 Financial commitments

At 5 October 2003 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land a	and buildings
	2003	2002
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Between two and five years	55,000	55,000
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 OCTOBER 2003

14 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the period was:

	2003	2002
•	Number	Number
Merchandising staff	141	134
Administrative staff	17	15
	158	149
Employment costs	£	£
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Wages and salaries	384,385	380,604
Social security costs	44,632	40,281
	429,017	420,885

15 Ultimate parent company

There is not considered to be an ultimate controlling party.