CAIRD TRADING LIMITED (Registered Number SC80212)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001



DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their Annual Report and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2001.

TRADING RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The Company did not trade during the year and there were no transactions on the profit and loss account. The Directors do not recommend that a dividend be paid in respect of the year ended 31 March 2001 (2000: £Nil).

DIRECTORS

The Directors who held office during the year were as follows:-

M C E Averill D J Downes

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

None of the Directors had a direct interest in the share capital of the Company. Messrs M C E Averill and D J Downes are directors of Shanks Group plc and their interests in that company's share capital are disclosed in that company's Report and Accounts. The directors had no interests in the shares of any other company in the Group.

STATEMENT OF DIRCTORS' 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 accounts 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 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 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.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (Continued)

AUDITORS

The company has been dormant throughout the year ended 31 March 2001 and has taken exemption under section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985 not to re-appoint auditors.

By Order of the Board

D J Downes Director

30 May 2001

Registered Office: Ten George Street Edinburgh EH2 2DZ

BALANCE SHEET - 31 March 2001

	2001 £	2000 £
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors (Note 3)	809,820	809,820
CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year (Note 4)	(793,327)	(793,327) ———
NET CURRENT ASSETS	16,493	16,493
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	16,493	16,493
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up Share Capital (Note 5) Profit and Loss Account	1,000 15,493	1,000 15,493
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16,493	16,493

For the year ended 31 March 2001 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- preparing financial statements 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 its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to the financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 30 May 2001

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D J Downes Director

The notes on page 4 and 5 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 MARCH 2001

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Basis of preparation and Company status

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards. The Company has not traded during the year and accordingly it has made neither a profit or a loss. No profit and loss account has therefore been prepared.

2 EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

The salaries of the Directors were paid by other Shanks Group undertakings and no remuneration was paid or is payable by Caird Trading Limited. The Directors estimate that no emoluments paid by other Shanks Group undertakings relate to services provided to the Company. The Company had no employees during the year (2000: Nil).

3 DEBTORS

		<u>2001</u> £	<u>2000</u> £
	Amounts owed by parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	809,820	809,820
4	CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year	2001 £	<u>2000</u> £
	Amounts due to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	793,327	793,327 ————
5	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	2001 £	2000 £
	Authorised, allotted and fully paid 1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000

6 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In accordance with FRS8, the Company, being a wholly owned subsidiary of another company which prepares a statement of related party transactions including that of this Company, has not prepared such a statement itself.

7 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

In accordance with paragraph 8(c) of FRS1, the Company, being the wholly owned subsidiary of another company which prepares a cash flow statement including that of this Company, has not prepared such a statement itself.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 MARCH 2001

8 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The Company's immediate holding company is Caird Environmental Limited. The ultimate parent company is Shanks Group plc, a company registered in Scotland. Copies of the Group accounts may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Shanks Group plc, Astor House, Station Road, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, SL8 5YP.

9 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has granted to its bankers an unlimited guarantee and a right of set off against accounts outstanding on advances to its parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings.