HAGGIS BACKPACKERS LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31ST DECEMBER 2002

Company Registration Number SC136334



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2002

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2002

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 2002.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activities of the company and its subsidiaries during the period were the operation of coach tours, tourist accommodation and licensed premises.

Both the level of business and the year end financial position of the company and its subsidiaries were satisfactory and the directors expect that the present level of activity will be maintained for the foreseeable future.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year, and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The directors have not recommended a dividend.

THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The directors who served the company during the year together with their beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as follows:

		Ordinary Shares of £1 each	
		At 31 December 2002	At 1 January 2002 or later date of appointment
A M Campbell		1,510	1,510
D. D. Hosking			_
D.I.D. Howie M. A. Ness	(Appointed 15 July 2002) (Retired 15 July 2002)	-	_
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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 at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 6 to 7, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The directors must also 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. 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.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2002

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Hargreaves, Brown & Benson 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 by order of the directors

D. I. D. HOWIE Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 28th April 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2002

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 16 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 6 to 7.

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 THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 1.

Our responsibility is 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 within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

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.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st December 2002 and of the profit of the company for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

2 Derby Street Colne Lancashire BB8 9AD 2nd May 2003 HARGREAVES, BROWN & BENSON

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2002

Note	Year to 31 Dec 02 £	Period from 1 Oct 00 to 31 Dec 01 £
2	1,456,192	1,782,828
	563,936	689,623
	892,256	1,093,205
	670,847	961,153
3	221,409	132,052
	6,443 (52,862)	_ (88,953)
	174,990	43,099
7	45,771	100,033
	129,219	(56,934)
	270,413	327,347
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The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 6 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

31ST DECEMBER 2002

		200:	2	2001	· _ · _ · _ ·
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		592,646		685,740
Investments	9		241,386		250,330
			834,032		936,070
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	2,770		3,781	
Debtors	11	382,634		335,064	
Cash at bank and in hand		118,285		193,951	
ODEDITORO Assessats follows to		503,689		532,796	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	607,564		850,988	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(103,875)		(318,192)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIA	ABILITIE	s	730,157		617,878
CREDITORS: Amounts failing due					
after more than one year	13		247,706		245,672
			482,451		372,206
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND	CHARG	ES			
Deferred taxation	15		67,719		86,693
			414,732		285,513
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up equity share capital	19		15,100		15,100
Profit and Loss Account			399,632		270,413
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	20		414,732		285,513

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 28th April 2003 and are signed on their behalf by:

A M CAMPBELL

The notes on pages 6 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES 1.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Turnover

The turnover shown in the Profit and Loss Account is the amount derived from ordinary activities, and is stated after trade discounts and other sales taxes, and is net of VAT.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Leasehold Property Plant & Machinery

over 18 years

over 3 - 5 years

Motor Coaches

over 5 years

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Hire purchase agreements

Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised and disclosed under tangible fixed assets at their fair value. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability and the interest is charged to the Profit and Loss Account at a constant rate of charge on the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Finance lease agreements

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated in accordance with the above depreciation policies. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the Profit and Loss Account at a constant rate of charge on the balance of capital repayments outstanding, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company participates in a group defined benefit pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in separate trustee administered funds. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the Profit and Loss Account so as to spread the cost of the pension over the service lives of the employees. Variations from regular cost are spread over the average expected remaining working lives of current members of the scheme.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exceptions:

- * provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold:
- * provision is made for deferred tax that would arise on remittance of the retained earnings of overseas subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, dividends have been accrued as receivable;
- * deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

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 account in arriving at the operating profit.

Group Financial Statements

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in the Companies Act 1985 Section 228 not to prepare group financial statements, as its intermediate parent undertaking, Insight Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, prepares consolidated financial statements.

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2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

An analysis of turnover is given below:

		Period from
	Year to	1 Oct 00 to
	31 Dec 02	31 Dec 01
	£	£
United Kingdom	1,456,192	1,782,828

3. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	Period from
Year to	1 Oct 00 to
31 Dec 02	31 Dec 01
£	£
126,406	178,879
1,167	5,183
8,500	4,500
510	300
27,105	35,431
2,455	2,968
(4,425)	6,474
	31 Dec 02 £ 126,406 1,167 8,500 510 27,105 2,455

4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

Administrative staff Sales staff Drivers	Year to 31 Dec 02 No. 4 9 14 27	Period from 1 Oct 00 to 31 Dec 01 No. 4 7 20 31
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:		
		Period from
	Year to	1 Oct 00 to
	31 Dec 02	31 Dec 01
	£	£
Wages and salaries	418,564	635,167
Social security costs	33,189	57,691
Other pension costs	9,201	
	460,954	692,858

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5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

		Period from
	Year to	1 Oct 00 to
	31 Dec 02	31 Dec 01
	£	£
Emoluments receivable	53,533	72,684

The number of directors who are accruing benefits under company pension schemes were as follows:

		Period from
	Year to	1 Oct 00 to
	31 Dec 02	31 Dec 01
	No.	No.
Money purchase schemes	-	1
Defined benefit schemes	2	-
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6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

		Period from
	Year to	1 Oct 00 to
	31 Dec 02	31 Dec 01
	£	£
Interest payable on bank borrowing	61	4,690
Finance charges	28,035	55,065
Other similar charges payable	24,766	29,198
	52,862	88,953
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Interest paid to group undertakings amounted to £18,337 (2001 - £26,477).

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7. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

(a) Taxation

	Year to 31 Dec 02 £	Period from 1 Oct 00 to 31 Dec 01 £
Current tax:		-
In respect of the year: UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 30% (2001 - 30%) Over/under provision in prior year Total current tax	73,026 (8,281) 64,745	28,340 (4,000) 24,340
Deferred tax:		
(Decrease)/Increase in deferred tax provision (note 15) Capital allowances	(18,974)	75,693
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	45,771	100,033

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2001 - 30%).

•		Period from
	Year to	1 Oct 00 to
	31 Dec 02	31 Dec 01
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	174,990	43,099
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at 30%	52,497	12,930
Depreciation of non qualifying assets	416	521
Permanently disallowable expenditure	1,139	1,111
Deferred tax released	18,974	13,778
Over provided in previous year	(8,281)	(4,000)
Total current tax (note 7(a))	64,745	24,340

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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short Leasehold Property £	Plant & Machinery £	Motor Coaches £	Total £
COST				
At 1st January 2002	25,000	171,860	896,734	1,093,594
Additions	_	2,979	155,000	157,979
Disposals		(30,475)	(235,028)	(265,503)
At 31st December 2002	25,000	144,364	816,706	986,070
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st January 2002	4,510	138,027	265,317	407,854
Charge for the year	1,388	15,427	109,592	126,407
On disposals	-	(30,476)	(110,361)	(140,837)
At 31st December 2002	5,898	122,978	264,548	393,424
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st December 2002	19,102	21,386	552,158	592,646
At 31st December 2001	20,490	33,833	631,417	685,740

Finance leases and similar agreements

Included within the net book value of £592,646 is £427,959 (2001 - £633,094) relating to assets held under finance leases and similar agreements. The depreciation charged to the accounts in the year in respect of such assets amounted to £58,964 (2001 - £134,900).

9. INVESTMENTS

Investments in subsidiary undertakings

	£
COST: At 1st January 2002 and 31st December 2002	10
LOANS: At 1st January 2002 Repaid in year	250,320 (8,944)
At 31st December 2002	241,376
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31st December 2002	241,386
At 31st December 2001	250,330

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9. INVESTMENTS (continued)

Details of subsidiary undertakings at the balance sheet date are as follows:

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of the companies listed below. The two companies marked with an asterisk are accommodation providers and tour operators respectively. The remaining two companies are dormant.

	Name of company			Country of incor	poration
	*Neviscastle Limited			Scotland	
	*Blarney Bus Limited			Ireland	
	Radical Travel Limited			Scotland	
	Radical Travel Network Limited			Scotland	
10.	STOCKS				
			2002		2001
	Stock		£ 2,770 ——		£ 3,781
11.	DEBTORS				
			2002 £		2001 £
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income		50,370 282,527 7,734 42,003 382,634		28,976 269,909 8,448 27,731 335,064
12.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within	one year			
	•	·	2002 £		2001 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Other creditors including taxation and social	security:	36,742 286,103		5,700 35,440 477,458
	Corporation tax PAYE and social security VAT Finance leases and similar	76,693 11,507 33,618		39,364 12,277 35,851	
	agreements	100,186		184,467	
	Accruals and deferred income		222,004 62,715		271,959 60,431
			607,564		850,988

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12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year (continued)

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due within one year are secured by the company:

• •	2002	2001
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	_	5,700
Finance leases and similar agreements	100,186	184,467
	100,186	190,167

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2002 £	2001 £
Bank loans and overdrafts Other creditors: Finance leases and similar	-	13,819
agreements	247,706	231,853
	247,706	245,672

The following liabilities disclosed under creditors falling due after more than one year are secured by the company:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts Finance leases and similar	-	13,819
agreements	247,706	231,853
	247,706	245,672

Obligations under finance leases and similar agreements which total £347,892 (2001 - £416,320) are secured by the related leased assets and include amounts which are secured by a floating charge over the company's assets, and by cross guarantees from its subsidiaries.

14. COMMITMENTS UNDER FINANCE LEASES AND SIMILAR AGREEMENTS

Future commitments under finance leases and similar agreements are as follows:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Amounts payable within 1 year	100,186	184,467
Amounts payable between 2 to 5 years	247,706	222,313
Amounts payable after more than 5 years	-	9,540
	347,892	416,320
Finance leases and similar agreements are analys	sed as follows:	
Current obligations	100,186	184,467
Non-current obligations	247,706	231,853
	347,892	416,320

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15. DEFERRED TAXATION

	Year to 31 Dec 02 £	Period from 1 Oct 00 to 31 Dec 01 £
The movement in the deferred taxation provis Provision brought forward Profit and Loss Account movement arising of	86,693	11,000
the year	(18,974)	75,693
Provision carried forward	67,719	86,693

The provision for deferred taxation consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of:

		Period from
	Year to	1 Oct 00 to
	31 Dec 02	31 Dec 01
	£	£
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on		
fixed assets	67,719	86,693
	67,719	86,693
		

16. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31st December 2002 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	2002		2001	
	Land & Buildings	Other Items	Land & Buildings	Other Items
Operation leaves which evoires	ž.	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire:				
Within 1 year	6,621	_	1,035	_
Within 2 to 5 years	12,800	2,446	12,800	2,446
After more than 5 years	17,250	_	12,000	_
	36,671	2,446	25,835	2,446
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17. CONTINGENCIES

The company is party to cross guarantees given to Clydesdale Bank PLC, in respect of facilities granted to itself, and two subsidiaries. No liabilities are expected to arise and no provisions have been included in the accounts of the company.

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Advantage is taken of the exemption from disclosure of transactions and balances with entities that are part of the group, as the company is included in the publicly available consolidated financial statements of Insight Group Limited.

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19.	SHARE CAPITAL		
	Authorised share capital:	2002	2001
	50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	£ 50,000	£ 50,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:	2002 £	2001 £
	Ordinary share capital	15,100	15,100
20.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAR	EHOLDERS' FUNDS	
	Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	2002 £ 129,219	2001 £ (56,934)
	Opening shareholders' equity funds	285,513	342,447
	Closing shareholders' equity funds	414,732	285,513

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21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company participates in a group pension scheme. The scheme is of the funded defined benefit type and its assets are held in a separate trustee administered fund. The scheme is valued every three years by a professionally qualified independent actuary, the rates of contribution payable being determined by the actuary. In the intervening years the actuary reviews the continuing appropriateness of the rates. The latest actuarial value of the scheme was at 1st May 2001. Particulars of the most recent actuarial valuation are found in the consolidated accounts of Insight Group Limited. The company is unable to identify it's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the group scheme.

The pension charge for the year amounted to £9,201 (2001 - nil).

The employers have agreed a contribution for future years of 10.2% of pensionable salaries, plus the cost of insuring death in service benefits.

22. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's immediate parent undertaking that prepares group accounts is Insight Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. Copies of the consolidated accounts of insight Group Limited are available from the Registrar of Companies.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is The Travel Corporation Limited, a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. The accounts of this company are not available to the public.