HAGGIS BACKPACKERS LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31ST DECEMBER 2001

Company Registration Number SC136334



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2000 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2001

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

PERIOD FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2000 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2001

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the period from 1st October 2000 to 31st December 2001.

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 period, and the company's financial position at the end of the period 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 period together with their beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as follows:

y Shares of £1 each	Ordinary
At 1 October 2000	At 31 December 2001
or later date	
of appointment	
6.040	1.510

A M Campbell		1,510	6,040
D. D. Hosking	(Appointed 19 January		
	2001)	-	-
M. A. Ness	(Appointed 19 January		
	2001)	-	-
D M Campbell	(Retired 19 January 2001)		
N S Campbell	(Retired 19 January 2001)		
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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 period and of the profit or loss for the period 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.

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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 23rd August 2002.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

PERIOD FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2000 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2001

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 14 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out on pages 6 to 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

As described on page 1, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

It is our responsibility 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.

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 2001 and of the loss of the company for the period then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

2 Derby Street Colne Lancashire BB8 9AD

30th August 2002.

HARGREAVES, BROWN & BENSON

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

PERIOD FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2000 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2001

	Note	Period to 31 Dec 01 £	Year to 30 Sep 00 £
TURNOVER	2	1,782,828	1,541,201
Cost of sales		689,623	451,289
GROSS PROFIT		1,093,205	1,089,912
Administrative expenses		961,153	999,243
OPERATING PROFIT	3	132,052	90,669
Interest payable and similar charges	6	88,953	76,351
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE		•••	
TAXATION		43,099	14,318
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(100,033)	(26,024)
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		(56,934)	(11,706)

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the period as set out above.

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

The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

31ST DECEMBER 2001

	Note	31 Dec	: 01	30 Sep	00
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		685,740		914,497
Investments	9		250,330		10
			936,070		914,507
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	3,781		3,895	
Debtors	11	335,064		359,754	
Cash at bank and in hand		193,951		59,004	
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CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(850,988)		(489,045)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(318,192)		(66,392)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LI	ABILITI	ES	617,878		848,115
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
after more than one year	13		(245,672)		(494,668)
			372,206		353,447
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND	CHAR	GE\$			
Deferred taxation	14		(86,693)		(11,000)
			285,513		342,447
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up equity share capital	20		15,100		15,100
Profit and Loss Account	21		270,413		327,347
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	22		285,513		342,447
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These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 23rd August 2002 and are signed on their behalf by:

A M CAMPBELL

The notes on pages 6 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD FROM 1ST OCTOBER 2000 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

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

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

over 18 years

Plant & Machinery

- over 3 - 5 years

Motor Vehicles

- 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.

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.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Profit and Loss Account.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made, under the liability method, to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences to the extent that it is considered that a net liability may arise.

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.

2. TURNOVER

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

An analysis of turnover is given below:

•	Period to	Year to
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
United Kingdom	1,782,828	1,541,201
OPERATING PROFIT		
Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Period to	Year to

	Period to	Year to
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Depreciation	178,879	142,376
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	5,183	15,923
Auditors' remuneration		
- as auditors	4,500	4,500
- taxation	300	2,500
Operating lease costs:		
Land and buildings	35,431	31,407
Plant and equipment	2,968	-
Net loss on foreign currency translation	6,474	-
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4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

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

	Period to	Year to
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	No.	No.
Number of administrative staff	4	5
Number of sales staff	7	9
- '- '	20	-
Number of drivers	20	25
	31	39
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The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:		
99 - 9	Period to	Year to
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Wages and salaries	635,167	564,670
Social security costs	57,691	41,053
	692.858	605.723

5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

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

	Period to	Year to
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Emoluments receivable	72,684	119,010

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

	Period to	Year to
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	No.	No.
Money purchase schemes	1	3
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No premiums were paid to the scheme during this period or the previous year.

6. INTEREST PAYABLE

	Period to	Year to
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	Ė
Interest payable on bank borrowing	4,690	13,381
Finance charges	55,065	62,970
Other similar charges payable	29,198	-
	88,953	76,351

Interest paid to group undertakings amounted to £26,477 (2000 - £-).

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7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY	ACTIVITIES			, , , , , ,
			Period to 31 Dec 01 £		Year to 30 Sep 00 £
	In respect of the period:		L		L
	Corporation Tax based on the re at 30% (2000 - 20%) Increase in deferred tax provisio		28,340		4,000
	Capital allowances	,	75,693		11,000
			104,033		15,000
	Adjustment in respect of previous	years:			
	Corporation Tax		(4,000)		11,024
			100,033		26,024
8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
		Short Leasehold Property £	Plant & Machinery £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
	COST	~	-	_	_
	At 1st October 2000 Additions Disposals	25,000 - -	169,913 8,480 (6,533)	998,484 - (101,750)	1,193,397 8,480 (108,283)
	At 31st December 2001	25,000	171,860	896,734	1,093,594
	DEPRECIATION At 1st October 2000 Charge for the period On disposals	2,775 1,735	116,716 27,844 (6,533)	159,409 149,300 (43,392)	278,900 178,879 (49,925)
	At 31st December 2001	4,510	138,027	265,317	407,854
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31st December 2001	20,490	33,833	631,417	685,740
	At 30th September 2000	22,225	53,197	839,075	914,497
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Finance lease and similar agreements

Included within the net book value of £685,740 is £633,094 (2000 - £839,681) relating to assets held under finance lease agreements. The depreciation charged to the accounts in the period in respect of such assets amounted to £134,900 (2000 - £114,896).

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9.	INVESTMENTS		
	Investments in subsidiary undertakings		
	COST At 1st October 2000 and 31st December 2001		£ 10
	LOANS Advanced in period		250,320
	At 31st December 2001		250,320
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31st December 2001		250,330
	At 30th September 2000		10
	Details of subsidiary undertakings at the balance	sheet date are as follo	ows:
	The company owns 100% of the issued share of companies marked with an asterisk are ac respectively. The remaining two companies are do	commodation provid	
	Name of company	Co	ountry of incorporation
	*Neviscastle Limited	So	cotland
	*Blarney Bus Limited	îre	eland
	Radical Travel Limited	Sc	cotland
	Radical Travel Network Limited	So	cotland
10.	STOCKS		
		31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	Stock	£ 3,781	£ 3,895
11.	DEBTORS		
• • •		24 Day 04	20 Con 00
		31 Dec 01 £	30 Sep 00 £
	Trade debtors	28,976	110,751
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	269,909	229,233
	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	8,448 27,731	3,671 16,099
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		335,064	359,754

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12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 Dec	01	30 Sep	00
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts		5,700		10,498
Trade creditors		35,440		85,061
Amounts owed to group undertakings		477,458		-
Other creditors including taxation and soc	ial security:	•		
Corporation Tax	39,364		14,999	
PAYE and social security	12,277		22,919	
VAT	35,851		11,992	
Finance leases and similar	·		·	
agreements	184,467		209,533	
Other creditors	•		33,936	
		271,959		293,379
Accruals and deferred income		60,431		100,107
		850,988		489,045

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

	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	5,700	10,498
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13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts Other creditors including:	13,819	18,421
Finance leases and similar agreements	231,853	476,247
	245,672	494,668

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

	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	13,819	18,421

The bank loan, which totals £19,519, and is repayable by instalments is secured by a floating charge over the company's assets, and by cross guarantees from its subsidiaries.

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14. DEFERRED TAXATION

Period to 31 Dec 01 £	Year to 30 Sep 00 £
ovision during the period was:	
11,000	_
75,693	11,000
86,693	11,000
	31 Dec 01 £ ovision during the period was: 11,000 75,693

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

	31 Dec 01		30 Sep 00	
	Provided £	Unprovided £	Provided £	Unprovided £
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on fixed assets	86,693	-	11,000	63,046
Other timing differences				(650)
	86,693	•	11,000	62,396

15. COMMITMENTS UNDER FINANCE LEASES AND SIMILAR AGREEMENTS

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

31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
£	£
184,467	209,533
222,313	387,688
9,540	88,559
416 220	685,780
410,320	000,700
	£ 184,467 222,313

Hire purchase creditors due outside five years comprise one fixed rate agreement and one variable rate agreement Both are repayable in equal annual instalments, paid on a monthly basis, which include both interest and capital. The interest rate on the variable rate agreement is 1.5% above base rate, and that on the fixed rate agreement is approximately 10%. The total amount due under hire purchase and finance lease agreements is secured by the related leased assets.

16. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31st December 2001 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	31 Dec 0	1	30 Sep 0	0
	Land & Buildings	Other Items £	Land & Buildings £	Other Items £
Operating leases which expire: Within 1 year Within 2 to 5 years After more than 5 years	1,035 12,800 12,000	2,446	20,451 12,000	~ - -
	25,835	2,446	32,451	-

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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. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE DIRECTORS

At the commencement of the period the director Mr. A M Campbell owed £9,752 to the company, which was repaid by November 16th 2000. Amounts owing to directors were all repaid on February 13th 2001.

19. 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.

20. SHARE CAPITAL

Autho	rised	share	capital:
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	31 Dec 01 £	30 Sep 00 £
50,000 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	50,000	50,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		**************************************
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Ordinary share capital	15,100	15,100
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21. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	Period to	Year to
	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Balance brought forward	327,347	277,040
Retained loss for the financial period	(56,934)	(11,706)
Transfer from revaluation reserve	•	62,013
Balance carried forward	270,413	327,347

22. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	31 Dec 01	30 Sep 00
	£	£
Loss for the financial period	(56,934)	(11,706)
Opening shareholders' equity funds	342,447	354,153
Closing shareholders' equity funds	285,513	342,447

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23. 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.