

Company Registration Number: 438249

A.V.Pound and Company Limited

Abbreviated Financial Statements

31st December 2000



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Independent Auditors' Report to the Company

Pursuant to Section 247b of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 6, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 2000 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and the auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 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 sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider 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 sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 6 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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27th April 2001

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Abbreviated Balance Sheet

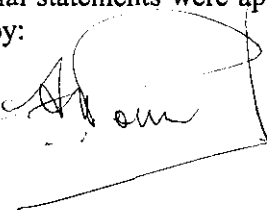
As at 31st December 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
Fixed assets	2		
Tangible assets		91,543	121,789
Investments		-	-
		<u>91,543</u>	<u>121,789</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		189,847	111,694
Debtors		958,484	963,594
Cash at bank and in hand		49	78
		<u>1,148,380</u>	<u>1,075,366</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling Due within one year		<u>(1,322,477)</u>	<u>(1,198,274)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(174,097)</u>	<u>(122,908)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>(82,554)</u>	<u>(1,119)</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due After more than one year		<u>(215,118)</u>	<u>(259,710)</u>
		<u>(297,672)</u>	<u>(260,829)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	4	76,072	76,072
Other reserves		24,928	24,928
Profit and Loss Account		<u>(398,672)</u>	<u>(361,829)</u>
Deficiency		<u>(297,672)</u>	<u>(260,829)</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 27th April 2001 and are signed on their behalf by:

F.V. Pound



The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements

Year ended 31st December 2000

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

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

Cash flow statement

The financial statements do not include a cash flow because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirements to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash Flow Statements".

Turnover

The turnover shown in the Profit and Loss Account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Goodwill - In full

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures & fittings - 10-20% Straight line
Motor vehicles - 10-25% Straight line

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 on a straight line basis.

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 on a straight line basis, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

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1. 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 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.

Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and are dependant on the continuing support of its bankers, the A.V. Pound & Co. Executive Pension Scheme and the directors.

A facility, sufficient to enable the company to continue to trade, has been agreed with the bank and was last reviewed in April 2000. The company has maintained its overdraft within the agreed facility, meeting all of its liabilities as they have fallen due, and the directors expect this to continue for the foreseeable future.

The loan from the A.V. Pound & Co. Executive Pension Scheme will be repaid by instalments over a ten year period.

In light of the above factors, the directors consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Future commitments

At the period end the company had entered into material forward purchase and sales contracts, deliveries of which had not been fully completed. It is the company's policy not to take profit on these contracts until deliveries have been completed, but to provide for any losses.

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1. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fixed asset investments

The company's share of the results of the associated undertaking has been included in the profit and loss account. The investment in the associated undertaking in the balance sheet was stated at cost plus the company's share of post-acquisition profits less losses.

2. Fixed assets

	Intangible Assets £	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Total £
Cost			
At 1st January 2000	5,000	177,956	182,956
Additions	-	1,523	1,523
At 31st December 2000	<u>5,000</u>	<u>179,479</u>	<u>184,479</u>
Depreciation			
At 1st January 2000	5,000	56,167	61,167
Charge for year	-	31,769	31,769
At 31st December 2000	<u>5,000</u>	<u>87,936</u>	<u>92,936</u>
Net book value			
At 31st December 2000	-	91,543	91,543
At 31st December 1999	-	121,789	121,789

3. Creditors

Included within creditors are bank loans and overdrafts amounting to £336,642 (1999: £181,606) which are secured by a fixed and floating charge on the company's assets. Also included in creditors is an amount of £153,000 (1999: £173,000) which is repayable by instalments over a ten year period commencing 31st December 1999.

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4. Share capital

Authorised share capital:

	2000 £	1999 £
100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
1,000 Preference shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	<u>101,000</u>	<u>101,000</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2000		1999	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares	75,572	75,572	75,572	75,572
Preference shares	500	500	500	500
	<u>76,072</u>	<u>76,072</u>	<u>76,072</u>	<u>76,072</u>

The Preference Shares carry a right to fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 5% p.a.. This has not been provided for due to the losses incurred in previous years.

In addition they confer a right to priority in the return of capital upon a winding up. They have no further rights to participate in profits or assets.

5. Transactions with the directors

Throughout the year, the A.V. Pound & Co. Executive Pension Scheme provided a loan of £173,000 of which £20,000 was repaid during the year (1999 - £193,000). Interest of £13,840 (1999 - £15,440) was charged and paid. The directors have an interest in the scheme.

At the start of the year, the Estate of G.J. Pound Deceased provided a loan of £53,600 (1999 - £53,600). In June this loan was transferred to Mr F.V. Pound. Interest of £2,359 (1999 - £1,420) was charged and paid. The director, Mr F.V. Pound has a minority interest in the Estate of G.J. Pound Deceased.