
A. L. ALSTON & CO LIMITED

**ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2001**



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The following reproduces the text of the accountants' report in respect of the company's annual financial statements, from which the abbreviated accounts (set out on pages 2 to 5) have been prepared.

**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS ON THE
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF A. L. ALSTON & CO LIMITED**

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2001 set out on pages 2 to 5 and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records of the company and from information and explanations supplied to us.



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9 January 2002

A. L. ALSTON & CO LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 March 2001

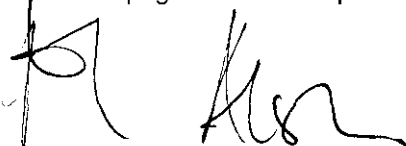
	Note	£	2001 £	£	2000 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible fixed assets	2		466,058		480,104
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		201,823		119,695	
Debtors		69,866		107,037	
Cash at bank		-		30,226	
			<u>271,689</u>	<u>256,958</u>	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	3		<u>(564,093)</u>	<u>(433,270)</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>(292,404)</u>	<u>(176,312)</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			173,654	303,792	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year			<u>(34,349)</u>	<u>(27,223)</u>	
NET ASSETS			<u>£ 139,305</u>	<u>£ 276,569</u>	
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	4		10,000	10,000	
Profit and loss account			129,305	266,569	
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			<u>£ 139,305</u>	<u>£ 276,569</u>	

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985 and members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Act. The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2001 and of its loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to the financial statements so far as applicable to the company.

The abbreviated accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies, were approved by the board on 3 January 2002 and signed on its behalf.

D. N. Alston
Director

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these financial statements.



NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31 March 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The full financial statements, from which these abbreviated accounts have been extracted, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

1.2 Cash flow

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

1.3 Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.4 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 of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Buildings on freehold land	-	2% straight line
Leasehold land and buildings	-	15% reducing balance
Implements and machinery	-	15% reducing balance
Heavy goods vehicles and tractors	-	25% reducing balance
Other motor vehicles	-	25% reducing balance
Computer equipment	-	33% reducing balance

1.5 Leasing and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets. Assets acquired by finance lease are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets acquired by hire purchase are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

1.6 Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

1.7 Farm valuation

Stocks are value at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.8 Deferred taxation

Provision is made for taxation deferred as a result of material timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounts purposes, 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 near future.

1.9 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	£
Cost	
At 1 April 2000	930,196
Additions	119,767
Disposals	(183,640)
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At 31 March 2001	866,323
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Depreciation	
At 1 April 2000	450,092
Charge for the year	35,790
On disposals	(85,617)
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At 31 March 2001	400,265
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Net book value	
At 31 March 2001	£ 466,058
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At 31 March 2000	£ 480,104
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3. CREDITORS

Creditors amounting to £350,441 (2000: £135,880) are secured.

4. SHARE CAPITAL

	2001 £	2000 £
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid		
1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
9,000 Preference shares of £1 each	9,000	9,000
	<u>£ 10,000</u>	<u>£ 10,000</u>

5. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

During the year the company paid rent of £40,000 to Mr D. N. Alston, director, for land owned by him.