JOHN REID & SONS (STRUCSTEEL) LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

The directors present their report and the audited accounts for the company for the year ended 31st March 2000.

Principal Activities and Review of Business

The company's principal activity during the year was the design, manufacture and erection of steel buildings and accessories - world - wide.

The flow of legislation and regulation continues to be heaped upon business. It is already occupying much of the working day and it is difficult to escape the feeling that soon we will be experts at implementing regulations but will have forgotten how to make our products and market them, never mind originate new ones. So much of our time is spent dealing with bureaucracy that our work is suffering.

In spite of Rail chaos, we still have looming over us the transport consultation document "Breaking the Logjam". Amongst many controversial ideas is a scheme to exact a levy on employee car parking. If we do not pass this levy on to the workers we face paying a considerable extra annual tax. If we do pass it on, however, we face friction with our employees with whom we are (up to now) on excellent terms. Only a government department could work out a Catch 22 idea with such harmful consequences.

However, we are committed to keeping the company in a strong and healthy condition, in spite of all the many attacks upon us by legislators both here and in Brussels, who do not seem to have experience of running any competitive business.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 4.

The directors do not recommend a dividend.

Directors and their interests

The directors who held office during the year and their beneficial interests in the company's issued share capital are given below:

Name of director	Share type	At 31st March 2000	At 1st April 1999
Mr Michael John Reid MBE	Ordinary shares	23,064	23,064
Mr John Rollo Reid	Ordinary shares	4,510	4,510
Mr Peter James Reid	Ordinary shares	6,510	6,510
Mr Timothy John Reid	Ordinary shares	6,510	6,510
Mr Simon Peter Boyd	Ordinary shares	0	0

Mr John Rollo Reid retires by rotation, and being eligible, offers himself for re-election

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

Year 2000

The company suffered no impact from the Year 2000 date change nor did any of its major customers, suppliers or trading partners.

The company reviewed its computer systems for the impact of the Year 2000 change, prepared an action plan to address the issue and carried out all necessary measures. All systems have continued to operate properly over the Year 2000 date change and through any roll-over procedures that occurred at a later date.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 for that year. 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 accounts;

Prepare the accounts 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 enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Reid York Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

Mr Michael John Reid MBE, Secretary

3 Reid Street Christchurch

Date: マイ/ マ

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO JOHN REID & SONS (STRUCSTEEL) LIMITED

UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 15 together with the accounts of John Reid & Sons (Strucsteel) Limited for the year ended 31st March 2000 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and 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 section 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited accounts, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts have been 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 full accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 15 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Reid York

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

5a Southbourne Grove

Southbourne

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Date: 19/12/2000

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

Notes	2000	1999 -
	3,002,071	2,650,851
	(326,680) (2,213,816)	(333,771) (2,186,879)
3 4 5	461,575 14,009 (233)	130,201 24,758 (2,063)
_	475,351	152,896
7	(117,967)	(36,426)
_	357,384	116,470
	2,284,700	2,168,230
_	2,642,084	2,284,700
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All amounts relate to continuing activities.

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2000 or 1999 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST MARCH 2000

	Notes		2000		1999
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		2,196,887		1,986,666
Investment Property	9		14,331		14,331
_		-	2,211,218	-	2,000,997
Current assets					
Stocks	10	1,271,667		660,863	
Debtors	11	779,210		1,178,888	
Cash at bank and in hand		939,939		349,042	
	_	2,990,816	•	2,188,793	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,772,861)		(1,130,754)	
Net current assets	-		1,217,955		1,058,039
Total assets less current liabilities		-	3,429,173	-	3,059,036
Provisions for liabilities and charges					
Deferred taxation	15		(32,680)		(19,315)
Remedial work	16		(10,485)		(11,097)
		- -	3,386,008	-	3,028,624
Capital and reserves		=	<u>,</u>	=	
Share capital	17		45,104		45,104
Share premium account			20,427		20,427
Revaluation reserve			678,393		678,393
Profit and loss account			2,642,084		2,284,700
Shareholders' funds	18	•	3,386,008	-	3,028,624

The abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

These accounts were approved by the board on

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Mr John Rollo Reid Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Notes	2000	1999
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash flow from operating activities		-	-
Operating profit		461,575	130,201
Depreciation		190,505	161,938
Profit/Loss on sale of fixed assets		(309)	9,310
Provisions		(612)	(241)
Increase/Decrease in stocks		(610,804)	79,801
Decrease in debtors		399,678	475,187
Increase/Decrease in creditors		432,281	(648,515)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	=	872,314	207,681
CASH FLOW STATEMENT			
Net cash inflow from operating activities		872,314	207,681
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	23	13,776	22,695
Taxation		(36,068)	(112,126)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	23	(400,417)	(165,868)
Cash inflow/outflow before use of liquid resources and financing		449,605	(47,618)
Financing	23	120,752	12,248
Increase/Decrease in cash	_	570,357	(35,370)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt			
Increase/Decrease in cash in the year		570,357	(35,370)
Cash inflow from increase in net debt and lease financing	24	(120,752)	(12,248)
Decrease in net debt	24	449,605	(47,618)
Net debt at 1st April 1999		348,145	395,763
Net funds at 31st March 2000	24	797,750	348,145

ABBREVIATED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of sales excluding value added tax and trade discounts.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land by equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives. The rates and periods generally applicable are:

Freehold properties
Plant and machinery
Motor vehicles
Furniture and equipment
Works Vehicles
Hawk 20 Plug & Mould

- 2% per annum
- 20% per annum
- 20% per annum
- 20% per annum
- 25% Straight line

Stocks

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

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided for under the liability method using the tax rates estimated to arise when the timing differences reverse and is accounted for to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise. Unprovided deferred tax is disclosed as a contingent liability.

Contribution to pension funds

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Hire purchase and leased assets

Assets held under hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet at their fair value and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of hire purchase payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the contract.

ABBREVIATED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

2	Turnover		
	Turnover relates to the following activities or business segments:		
		2000	1999
	Steel Construction	11,221,238	11,256,917
	Marine Division	507,837	249,053
		11,729,075	11,505,970
	The geographical analysis of turnover is as follows:		
	The Book when analysis or annother to an Ionovier	2000	1999
	Export	4,189,751	4,154,241
	UK	7,539,324	7,351,729
		11,729,075	
3	Operating profit		
	The operating profit is stated after charging or crediting:	2000	1999
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
	-owned assets	176,025	161,938
	-assets held under finance leases and hire purchase	14,480	-
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(309)	9,310
	Hire of equipment	8	100
	Auditors' remuneration	10,165	10,040
4	Interest receivable	2000	1999
4	Bank interest receivable		
	Bank interest receivable	14,009	24,758
5	Interest Payable	2000	1999
	Interest on Corporation Tax	- -	12
	Interest payable on bank overdrafts	233	2,051
		233	2,063

ABBREVIATED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

6	Directors and employees		
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:	2000	1999
	Wages and salaries	1,968,058	1,887,658
	Social security costs	254,619	269,150
	Other pension costs	90,162	73,648
		2,312,839	2,230,456
	The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follow	s:	
		2000	1999
		Number	Number
	Office & Management	56	54
	Production & Sales	60	58
		116	112
	Directors' emoluments		
		2000	1999
	Aggregate emoluments	278,833	266,518
	Directors' pension contributions under defined contribution schemes	46,189	30,391
		325,022	296,909
		2000	1999
	Retirement benefits were accruing to directors as follows:		
		Number	Number
	Defined contribution pension scheme	4	5
	Highest paid director		
		2000	1999
	Aggregate emoluments Contributions to a money purchase pension scheme	80,793 -	72,184 -
		80,793	72,184

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7	Taxation							
	Based on the profit	for the year:					2000	1999
	UK corporation tax Deferred tax charge	at 20%/32.5%	(1999: 21%/3	3.5%)			104,602 13,365	35,382 357
	Duian naniada					_	117,967	35,739
	Prior periods UK corporation tax						-	687
						_	117,967	36,426
8	Tangible fixed as	ssets				_		
		Freehold land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Furniture and equipment	Works Vehicles	Hawk 20	Total
	Cost or	-						
	valuation At 1st April 1999	1,592,623	1,319,423	148,356	760,235	85,241	14,062	3,919,940
	Additions Disposals	1,590	217,455	76,502	62,526	49,594	•	407,667
	-		_ .	(15,301)	-	(15,150)		(30,451)
	At 31st March 2000	1,594,213	1,536,878	209,557	822,761	119,685	14,062	4,297,156
	Depreciation				· -			
	At 1st April 1999 Charge for the	32,075	1,139,184	73,140	633,898	40,915	14,062	1,933,274
	year Disposals	11,917 -	67,073 -	38,234 (12,240)	51,064 -	22,217 (11,270)	-	190,505 (23,510)
	At 31st March	·	·····					
	2000	43,992	1,206,257	99,134	684,962	51,862	14,062	2,100,269
	Net book value At 31st March							
	2000	1,550,221	330,621	110,423	137,799	67,823	-	2,196,887
	At 31st March 1999	1,560,548	180,239	75,216	126,337	44,326		1,986,666
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Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase originally cost £144,800 (1999: £0)and have a net book value of £130,320 (1999: £0). Depreciation charged for the year was £14,480 (1999: £0).

Up to and including 31st March 1999 it was the company policy to revalue freehold properties. In the year to 31st March 2000 the company has adopted the transitional provision of FRS15 (Tangible Fixed Assets). Whilst previous valuations have been retained, they have not been updated.

ABBREVIATED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

9	Tangible Fixed Assets Investment Property	Land in	Total
		France	
	Cost		
	At 1st April 1999	14,331	14,331
	At 31st March 2000	14,331	14,331
	Net book value At 31st March 2000	14,331	14,331
	At 31st March 1999	14,331	14,331
10	Stocks	2000	1999
	Raw materials	584,976	615,404
	Work in progress	686,691	45,459
		1,271,667	660,863
11	Debtors: Amounts Receivable Within One Year	2000	1999
	Trade debtors	267,745	557,943
	Amounts recoverable on contracts	331,891	479,853
	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	51,880	104,693
	Directors' loan accounts	118,417 9,277	35,607 792
		779,210	1,178,888
			
12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000	1999
	Bank overdraft	20,540	-
	Obligations under hire purchase and finance lease (Note 14)	118,253	_
	Payments received on account Trade creditors	408,594	221,118
	Corporation tax	858,375 104,615	712,932 36,081
	Other taxes and social security	183,532	74,587
	Other creditors	33,538	50,328
	Accruals and deferred income	42,018	34,811
	Directors loan	3,396	897
		1,772,861	1,130,754

ABBREVIATED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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13	Loans and borrowings Analysis of loans	2000	1999
	Bank loans and overdraft	20,540	
	Directors loan	3,396	897
	Obligations under hire purchase and finance lease	118,253	-
		142,189	897
	Maturity of debt		
	In one year or less, or on demand	23,936	<i>897</i>
		23,936	897
14	Obligations under hire purchase and finance leases Obligations under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are	2000	1999
	analysed between amounts payable:		
	In the next year	118,253	-
		118,253	-
15	Deferred taxation		
	The movements in deferred taxation during the current and previous years are as follows:		
		2000	1999
	At 1st April 1999	19,315	18,958
	Movement in the year	13,365	357
	At 31st March 2000	32,680	19,315

Deferred taxation provided and unprovided for in the accounts is set out below. The amount unprovided represents a contingent liability at the balance sheet date and is calculated using a tax rate of 30% (1999 31%).

	Amount provided		Amount unprovi	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences	32,680	19,315 -	70,091 7,568	67,445 7,568
	32,680	19,315	77,659	75,013
Revaluation Surpluses	-	-	55,939	55,939
	32,680	19,315	133,598	130,952

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16	Other provisions		
			Remedial Work
	At 1st April 1999 Movements in year		11,097 (612)
	At 31st March 2000	 -	10,485
17	Share capital Authorised Equity shares	2000	1999
	50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000	50,000
		50,000	50,000
	Allotted Equity shares 45,104 Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	45,104	45,104 45,104
18	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds Profit for the financial year	2000 357,384	1999 116,470
	Increase in the shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	357,384 3,028,624	116,470 2,912,154
	Closing shareholders' funds	3,386,008	3,028,624
19	Capital commitments		
	The company had the following capital commitments: Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	2000	1999 144,800

20 Contingent assets/liabilities

Contingent liabilities in the normal course of trade in respect of performance bonds held by the bank and other bank guarantees amount to £46,916 (1999 £46,916).

ABBREVIATED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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21 Pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees and directors. The assets of the scheme are administered by trustees in a fund independent from those of the company.

The total contributions paid in the year amounted to £90,162 (1999 £73,648)

22 Transactions with directors

Directors' loans/quasi-loans outstanding were as follows:

		2000 £	1999 £	Maximum during year	
				£	
Mr J.R. Reid	-	500	500	500	
Mr P.J Reid	-	3,751	191	6,720	
Mr T.J.Reid	-	26	0	26	
Mr S.P.Boyd	-	5,000	0	5,000	

Amounts are repaid from time to time.

23	Gross cash flows	2000	1999
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
	Interest received	14,009	24,758
	Interest paid	(233)	(2,063)
		13,776	22,695
	Capital expenditure and financial investment		
	Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(407,667)	(185,431)
	Proceeds from the sale of tangible fixed assets	7,250	19,563
		(400,417)	(165,868)
	Financing		
	Increase in loan received from director	2,499	12,248
	Capital element of finance lease rentals payments	118,253	-
		120,752	12,248

ABBREVIATED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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24 Analysis of changes in net debt

	1999	Cash flows	2000
Cash at bank and in hand Overdrafts	349,042	590,897 (20,540)	939,939 (20,540)
	349,042	570,357	919,399
Debt due within one year Finance leases	(897)	(2,499) (118,253)	(3,396) (118,253)
	(897)	(120,752)	(121,649)
	348,145	449,605	797,750

25 Related parties

In the directors' opinion the company is controlled ultimately by Mr M.J.Reid MBE who owns 51.1% of the issued share capital.