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LEWMAR MARINE LIMITED

ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989



DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the company, together with the accounts and auditors' report, for the year ended 31st March 1989. (1988, 13 months ended 1st April, 1988).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY:

The principal activity of the company continues to be the design, manufacture and marketing of sophisticated equipment for racing and cruising yachts.

BUSINESS REVIEW:

The company had a very successful year, improving it's productive efficiency and introducing new product ranges.

FUTURE PROSPECTS:

The company will continue to seek opportunities in its own field of expertise to develop its business by the introduction of both products and processes.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT:

Work towards the development of new products and manufacturing techniques so as to keep the company at the forefront of its field of expertise continues.

ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARY:

On 14th February, 1989 the entire issued Share Capital of Richfield Marine Thrusters Limited was acquired for a consideration of up to a maximum of £697,500, dependent upon future profitability.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS:

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

The directors recommend the payment of a dividend of £410,000. (1988: £450,000)

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS:

The directors who served during the year were as follows-

D F Abel Smith

P J Horrell

S A Hartley

R D J Huggett

D P Carter

(appointed 29th April 1988)

Beneficial shareholdings in the ultimate holding company

D F Abel Smith and P J Horrell are directors of the ultimate holding company and their interests fall to be disclosed in the accounts of that company. R D J Huggett and S A Hartley are directors of Lewmar plc and their interests fall to be disclosed in the accounts of that company. The other director had no interests in the shares of group companies during the year.

FIXED ASSETS:

Information relating to changes in tangible fixed assets is given in Note 7 to the accounts. The directors do not consider that there is a material difference between the market value of tangible fixed assets and their balance sheet value.

AUDITORS:

A resolution will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to reappoint Peat Marwick McLintock as auditors.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

Southmoor Lane Havant Hants PO9 1JJ

D P CARTER Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LEWMAR MARINE LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 16 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 31st March 1989 and of the profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Without qualifying our opinion above, we draw attention to the fact that the accounts do not include a statement of source and application of funds of the company and thus do not comply with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 10.

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PEAT MARWICK McLINTOCK
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham 19 July 1989

LEWMAR MARINE LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

		1	989	l3 months ended lst April 1988		
	Notes	£	£	£	£	
TURNOVER	2		13,411,541		14,152,990	
Change in stock of finished goods and work in progress Raw materials and consumables Other external charges Staff costs Depreciation	3	662,504 (5,578,628) (2,967,123) (3,009,956) (366,848)		(473,459) (5,880,556) (3,092,815) (3,512,749) (306,032)		
			(11,260,051)		(13,265,611)	
TRADING PROFIT Interest	4		2,151,490 (177,161)		887,379 (35,659)	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	Ş		1,974,329		851,720	
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	б	•	(761,065)		(543,935)	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		,	1,213,264		307,785	
Dividends			(410,000)		(450,000)	
RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEA	R		803,264		(142,215)	
RETAINED PROFIT AT THE BEGINNING O	F		5,959,554		6,101,769	
RETAINED PROFIT AT THE END OF THE YEAR			6,762,818		5,959,554	

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 1989

			lst April 1988
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investments	7 8	2,321,459 8,596,464	1,515,725 7,847,130
		10,917,923	9,362,855
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks	9	4,988,782	4,403,297
Debtors Cash at bank	10	5,069,318 25,683	4,903,039 76,044
		10,083,783	9,382,380
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	(9,344,888)	(8,334,253)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		738,895	1,048,127
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,656,818	10,410,982
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	12 13	(4,569,000) (250,000)	(4,258,493) (117,935)
		6,837,818	6,034,554
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	14 15	75,000 6,762,818	75,000 5,959,554
DP. Gr		6,837,818	6,034,554
D Carter)) Directors J Huggett) The accounts were approved by the board of	of diroctors	on 19 July 1989.	

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The principal accounting policies are-

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

b) Consolidated accounts

Consolidated accounts have not been rrepared as the company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of a U.K. company.

c) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows-

Long leasehold improvements - remainder of useful life of original

building.

Machinery and equipment - 7 1/2 years

Motor vehicles - 5 years

Furniture and fittings - 5-10 years

d) Fixed asset investments

Investments are shown at cost. For the accounting policy for investments denominated in foreign currency see Note lh. Changes in value arising from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates are accounted for through the profit and loss account.

e) Stocks

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

Cost comprises direct materials, direct labour and appropriate overhead expenditure.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued):

f) Taxation

Deferred tax is provided on the liability method in respect of all timing differences to the extent that it is probable that liabilities will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

g) Pension costs

It is the general policy of the group to provide for and fund pension liabilities on a going concern basis, on the advice of external actuaries, by payments to independent trusts or to insurance companies. Payments made to the funds and charged in the accounts comprise current and past service contributions. Independent actuarial valuations on a going concern basis are carried out every three years.

h) Foreign currency

Normal trading transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded in sterling at the actual exchange rates as of the date of the transaction or, where appropriate, at the rate of exchange in a related forward exchange contract. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the year end are reported at the rate of exchange prevailing at the year end or, where appropriate at the rate of exchange in a related forward exchange contract. Any gain or loss arising from a change in exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is reflected in the profit and loss account.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the year end are recorded at the historic exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction.

i) Research and Development

Expenditure on research and development is written off as incurred.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

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2. Turnover

Turnover consists or sales less returns and allowances after excluding value added tax.

The analyses of turnover by geographical area are as follows:

	Year ended 31st March 1989 £	13 months ended 1st April 1988
United Kingdom	2,553,546	2,145,926
Europe	6,888,631	6,751,549
USA	1,934,967	2,637,803
Other	2,034,397	2,617,712
	13,411,541	14,152,990

3. Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the Company (including directors) during the year was as follows:

Sales & Management	1989 Number 25	1988 Number 24
Administration	64	33
Production	159	204
		
	248 ===	261 ===
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons	comprised:	
	1989 £	1988 g
Wages and salaries Social Security costs Pension Costs	2,671,782 277,258 60,916	3,115,908 308,362 88,479
	3,009,956	3,512,749

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4.	Interest	payable	(receivable)
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4. Intelest balante (leceloanie)		13 months
Bank overdrafts, loans and debentures	Year ended 31st March 1989 £	ended lst April 1988
repayable within five years Interest on loans to group companies Interest on currency deposits Interest on overdue taxation	337,724 (151,182) (11,425) 2,044	223,965 (188,306) -
	177,161	35,659 ======
5. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1989 £	1988 £
The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:		
(a) Directors' remuneration Emoluments (including pension contributions) Compensation for loss of office	152,529	201,459
	152,529	305,859
The directors' remuneration disclosed above contributions) includes amounts paid to:	excluding pen	====== sion
Chairman	Nil ===	Nil
Highest paid director	67,380	53,412
Other directors in the following ranges:		****
&Nil - & 5,000 £25,001 - £30,000 £35,001 - £40,000 £40,001 - £45,000 £50,001 - £55,000	1989 Number 1 1 - - 1	1988 Number 1 2 1 1
(b) Auditors' remuneration	29,700	27,000
(c) Hire of plant and machinery	17,052	919 =====
(d) Senior employees received remuneration in the following ranges	1989 Number	1988 Number
£35,001 ~ £40,000		1

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6. Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6.	Taxation	on	profit	on	ordinary	activities
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Corporation tax at 35% based	Year ended 31st March 1989	13 months ended 1st April 1988 £
upon taxable profit for the year.	569,000	402,000
Deferred taxation	137,260	(41,589)
		
Adjustments to prior years	706,260	360,411
Deferred taxation Corporation Tax	(5,195) 60,000	133,524 50,000

	761,065 ======	543,935 ======

7. Fixed assets

	Long Leasehold	Machinery and Equipment	Furniture and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Assets Under Construction	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£	£
At 2nd April 1988	291,388	2,586,189	186,370	96,842	-	3,160,789
Additions Disposals Exchange adjustment	26,092 - -	1,034,816 (63,352) 3,613	42,250 - -	45,730 35,260 -	34,697	1,183,585 (98,612) 3,613
At 31st March 1989	317,480	3,561,266	228,620	107,312	34,697	4,249,375
Depreciation At 2nd April 1988 Provision for year Disposals Exchange adjustment	66,764 8,442 - -	1,387,580 322,644 (63,352) 1,693	139,779	50,941 20,750 (22,337)	 	1,645,064 366,848 (85,689) 1,693
At 31st March 1989	75,206	1,648,565	154,791	49,354		1,927,916
Net book values At 31st March 1989	242,274	1,912,701	73,829	57 , 958	34,697	2,321,459
At 2nd April 1988	224,624	1,198,609	46,591 =====	45,901	_	1,515,725

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8. Investments

a) The following are included in the cost of investments.

	1989 £	1988 £
Ordinary shares in subsidiary companies	4,869,275	4,337,887
Loans to subsidiary companies	3,425,487	3,207,541
Other shares in group companies	301,702	301,702
		
	8,596,464	7,847,130

b) The movement in the year was as follows:

	Ordinary Shares in subsidiary companies	Loans to subsidiary companies	Other shares in subsidiary companies (Note i)	Total	
COST	£	£	£	£	
At 2nd April 1988	4,337,887	3,207,541	301,702	7,847,130	
Additions	531,388	151,025	-	682,413	
Gain on translation		66,921		66,921	
			 		
31st March 1989	4,869,275	3,425,487	301,702	8,596,464	

NOTES:

(i) \$450,000 10% cumulative preferred stock, Lewmar Marine Systems Inc.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

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8. Investments (continued)

c) Principal company investments-

Details of the subsidiaries of the company are set out below.
All subsidiaries are wholly owned private companies. Shares of subsidiaries marked * are held by Lewmar Marine Limited and shares of all other companies are held by subsidiaries.

	Country of incorporation & operation	Principal activity	Issued of share of amoun	capital	10% cumula preferre	tive	Proportion held by the company
Subsidiaries Marin AB * Sud Europe SARL * Netherlands BV * Marine Systems Inc.	Sweden France Netherlands . U.S.A.	Distribution Distribution Holding Co. Holding Co.	FFr 5	50,000 50,000 35,000	US\$ 45	- - - 0,000	100% 100% 100% 100%
Brookes & Gatehouse Ltd.*	U.K.	Manufacturing	Defe 2	58,388 erred 16,838			100%
Quartermaster Ltd. Waterford	U.K.	Manufacturing		inary 100			51%
Engineering Ltd Navtec Inc. Mid Europe BV Lewmar Marine Inc Brookes &	Ireland U.S.A. Holland U.S.A.	Manufacturing Manufacturing Distribution Distribution	\$	10,000 361 10,000 500			100% 100% 100% 100%
Gatehouse Inc. Richfield Marine	U.S.A.	Distribution	\$ 5	50,000			100%
Thrusters Ltd*	U.K.	Manufacturing	£	2,000			100%
9. Stocks			1989 £		1988 &		
Raw materials a Work in progres Finished goods			651,76 1,643,46 2,693,55	58 1	728,781 ,407,189 ,267,327		
			4,988,78		,403,297		
10. Debtors			1989	a	1988		
Trade debtors Other debtors Amounts due from gr	oup companies		845,09 248,33 3,975,93	93 L3	925,131 186,826 ,791,082		
			5,069,33	L8 4 == =	,903,039		

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

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11. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1989 £	1988 £
Eank overdrafts (unsecured) Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes & Social Security Accruals Proposed and accrued dividend Amounts due to group companies	4,369,218 2,317,386 338,654 105,929 446,504 410,000 1,357,197	3,133,403 1,220,549 798,224 117,981 1,084,828 450,000 1,529,268
	9,344,888	8,334,253

12. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	1989 £	1988 £
Corporation tax payable (April 1990) Amounts due to group companies	569,000 4,000,000	258,493 4,000,000
	4,569,000	4,258,493

13. Provision for liabilities and charges

	Deferred Taxation £
At the beginning of the year Charge for the year	117,935 132,065
At the end of the year	250,000
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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

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13. Provision for liabilities and charges (continued)

The amounts provided for deferred taxation together with the amounts not provided calculated on the liability method at a corporation tax rate of 35% are as follows:

	<u>1989</u>		<u>1988</u>	
Deferred: due to Capital allowances due to other timing differences	Amount provided & 197,225 52,775	Amount not provided	Amount provided & 152,935 (35,000)	Amount not provided
14. Share Capital				
		1989	1988	
80,000 Authorised		£	£	
Ordinary shares of £1 each		80,000 ======	80,000 =======	
Issued and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each		75,000 =====	75,000 =======	

15. Reserves

All reserves are considered by the directors to be distributable with the exception of £13,458 (1988 NIL) arising from translation gains on fixed asset investments.

16. Guarantees and other financial commitments:

a) Capital commitments

At the end of the year, capital commitments were-

	1989 £	1988 £
Contracted for Authorised but not contracted for	276,500 23,700	

	300,200	-
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b) Foreign currency commitments

At the end of the year, the company has entered into contracts totalling £6,298,303 to sell foreign currencies up to 15 months in the future as a hedge against foreign currency fluctuations.

c) Pension arrangements

The Company operates an externally administered staff pension fund providing for defined benefits. The fund is subject to a triennial independent actuarial valuation, which last took place in December 1988. The cost to the company in the year was £60,916 (1988 £88,479).

d) VAT

The company is jointly and severally liable for the Value Added Tax liability of certain group companies, which at 31 March 1989 totalled 2NIL (1988 2NIL).

e) Acquisition of subsidiary

The company may be required to pay deferred consideration of up to £200,000 in respect of the acquisition of Richfield Marine Thrusters Limited.

f) Bank guarantees

The company together with its ultimate holding company and certain of its fellow subsidiaries have entered into cross guarantees with Barclays Bank plc and Lloyds Bank plc in respect of monies borrowed from time to time by group companies from the respective banks.

g) Loan guarantee

The company has given a guarantee in respect of a bank loan to an overseas employee amounting to \$275,000.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1989

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17. Source and application of funds

A statement of source and application of funds of the company has not been prepared as in the opinion of the directors since the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary the cost of preparation of the statement is not justified.

18. Ultimate Holding Company

The Ultimate Holding Company is Benjamin Priest Group plc, incorporated in England.