

F STIMPSON (LEICESTER) LIMITED
ABBREVIATED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31ST DECEMBER 1997

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F STIMPSON (LEICESTER) LIMITED
AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COMPANY
PURSUANT TO SECTION 247B TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 1997.

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 considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited 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 does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full 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 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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30 March 1998

F STIMPSON (LEICESTER) LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

31ST DECEMBER 1997

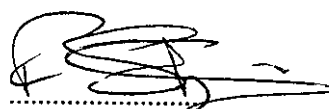
	Note	1997 £	1996 £
FIXED ASSETS	2		
Tangible assets		180,941	184,149
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		52,721	56,107
Debtors		108,695	68,835
Cash at bank and in hand		16,520	30,624
		<u>177,936</u>	<u>155,566</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	3	<u>(260,681)</u>	<u>(249,413)</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(82,745)	(93,847)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>98,196</u>	<u>90,302</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>(6,251)</u>	<u>(11,900)</u>
		<u>91,945</u>	<u>78,402</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up equity share capital	4	15,000	15,000
Revaluation reserve		111,439	111,439
Profit and loss account		(34,494)	(48,037)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>91,945</u>	<u>78,402</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 27 March 1998, and are signed on their behalf by:



R B STIMPSON



F STIMPSON

F STIMPSON (LEICESTER) LIMITED
NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts excluding VAT, derived from the provision of goods and services including construction contracts to customers during the year.

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:

Plant and equipment	- Between 20% and 50% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Long term contracts

The amount of profit attributable to the stage of completion of a long term contract is recognised when the outcome of the contract can be foreseen with reasonable certainty. Turnover for such contracts is stated at cost appropriate to their stage of completion plus attributable profits, less amounts recognised in previous years. Provision is made for any losses which are foreseen.

Contract work in progress is stated at costs incurred, less those transferred to the profit and loss account, after deducting foreseeable losses and payments on account not matched with turnover.

Amounts recoverable on contracts are included in debtors and represent turnover recognised in excess of payments on account.

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.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pension costs

The company operates a pension scheme providing benefits on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company, being invested with insurance companies. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees working lives with the company.

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £
COST OR VALUATION	
At 1st January 1997	280,705
Additions	18,490
Disposals	(16,285)
At 31st December 1997	<u>282,910</u>
Cost	175,837
Valuation	107,073
	<u>282,910</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st January 1997	96,556
Charge for year	21,696
On disposals	(16,283)
At 31st December 1997	<u>101,969</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31st December 1997	<u>180,941</u>
At 31st December 1996	<u>184,149</u>

The historical cost of freehold land and buildings included above at a valuation of £150,000 was £42,927 (1996 - £42,927) and the aggregate depreciation thereon would have been £16,652 (1996 - £15,849).

Hire purchase agreements

Included within the net book value of £180,941 is £50,890 (1996 - £21,899) relating to assets held under hire purchase agreements. The depreciation charged to the accounts in the year in respect of such assets amounted to £12,722 (1996 - £10,949).

3. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

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

	1997 £	1996 £
Bank overdraft	<u>-</u>	<u>21,718</u>

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4. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital:

	1997 £	1996 £
15,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	1997 £	1996 £
Ordinary share capital	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>