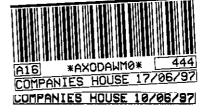
COMPANY REGISTERED NUMBER: 01874794

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST JANUARY 1997



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JANUARY 1997

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1997</u>		<u>1996</u>	
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	2		80378		83530
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks Debtors		37360 89605		29348 82045	
		126965		111393	
CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year	4	131409		118960	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(4444)		(7567)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			75934		75963
CREDITORS - Amounts falling due after more than one year	4	65759		68768	
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		608	66367	-	68768
NET ASSETS			£9567		£7195
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-Up Share Capital Profit and Loss Account	3		100 9467		100 7095
			£9567		£7195
			#/301		

cont

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST JANUARY 1997

The director is satisfied that the company was entitled to exemption under subsection (2) of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to subsection (2) of section 249B in relation to the accounts for the financial year.

The director acknowledges his responsibilities for:

- 1) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- 2) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with requirements of this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The director has taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part III of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985, and has done so on the grounds that, in his opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.

The director has taken advantage of the special exemptions conferred by Part 1 of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985 and has done so on the grounds that, in his opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.

T E Croft Director

12th May 1997

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1997

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

a) Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

b) Depreciation

Depreciation has been computed to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Plant and Machinery Office Equipment Motor Vehicles - 15% per annum of net book amount

15% per annum of net book amount25% per annum of net book amount

c) Stocks

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

d) Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on 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 crystallise.

e) Leasing and Hire Purchase

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance leases or hire purchase contracts are capitalised and depreciated in the same manner as other tangible fixed assets. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

f) <u>Cashflow Statement</u>

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in financial reporting statement no. 1 from producing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

g) Pensions

The Company has a defined contribution pension scheme. The cost of the contributions made by the Company to the Scheme are charged to profit and loss account as incurred.

h) <u>Turnover</u>

The Company's turnover represents the value, excluding value added tax, of goods and services supplied to customers during the year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - YEAR ENDED 31ST JANUARY 1997

2	FIXED ASSETS Tangible Assets	Freehold Property	Plant and Machinery	Office Equipment	Leased Vehicles	<u>Total</u>
	Cost At 1st February 1996 Additions	68865 -	8075 -	1590 150	30996	109526 150
	At 31st January 1997	68865	8075	1740	30996	£109676
	Depreciation At 1st February 1996 Charge for the Year	- -	4684 509	1110 95	20202 2698	25996 3302
	At 31st January 1997	-	5193	1205	22900	£29298
•	Net Book Value at 31st January 1997	68865	2882	535	8096	£80378
	Net Book Value at 31st January 1996	68865	3391	480	10794	£83530

3 CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL

Ordinary Shares of £1 each

Authorised	Allotted Called-Up & Fully-Paid
100	100

There have been no changes during the year.

4 <u>SECURED CREDITORS</u>

Security has been given by the company to secure £68847 (1996: £74669) of the amount shown under creditors:

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Finance Lease and Hire Purchase Creditors	1359	5626
£15000 Bank Loan	12778	14333
Bank Commercial Mortgage Loan	54710	54710
Loan from BCSL (factoring company)	38017	-
	£106864	£74669

The £15000 bank loan is being repaid by monthly instalments over 7 years from July 1995.

The Commercial Mortgage Bank loan is an interest-only loan and, therefore, it is unlikely that any capital repayments will be made in the next five years.

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

AIR TOOLS & COMPRESSORS LIMITED

We report on the accounts for the year ended 31st January 1997 set out on pages 3 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of director and reporting accountants

As described on page 5 the company's director is responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and he believes that the company is exempt from an audit.

In accordance with his instructions and in order to assist the director to fulfil his responsibilities we have prepared the accounts on page 3 to 10 from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to us.

We have not performed an audit and therefore we do not provide any assurance that the accounts show a true and fair view, which remains the sole responsibility of the director.

It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

Basis of opinion

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report.
*These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a) the accounts are in agreement with those accounting records kept by the company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985.
- b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:
 - i) the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and
 - the company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in section 249A(4) of the Act and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to the exemption specified in section 249B(1).

David M A Cound & Co

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor

alona & CC

27 Granby Street

Loughborough

Leics

LE11 3DU

12th May 1997