Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 1995

Registered number 2497977



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1995.

Principal activities

Airline Rotables Limited ("ARL") is a specialist provider of aircraft component management and support services for Airbus A320 and Boeing 737 aircraft. ARL offers a completely flexible range of services from Total Support to individually tailored Management Support Services.

Business review

1995 saw ARL take a major step in enhancing its growth potential by developing Component Management and Support Services for the Airbus A320 aircraft. The addition of A320 to its existing B737 capability means that ARL now offers its services to the two most popular narrow bodied aircraft in current production.

As the year progressed full support services for six A320 aircraft were added to the two launch aircraft and B737 customers grew from 13 aircraft at the end of 1994 to a peak of 22 in November 95.

The ARL concept has been seen to be gaining greater recognition and is becoming an accepted means of providing Component Support particularly for small new start operations.

ARL continues to develop new concepts to meet market requirements and is well placed to meet the challenges of 1996.

Agreements were concluded with new customers in Europe and SE Asia for both A320 and B737 aircraft. An existing customer has also increased its fleet size by two aircraft.

Proposed dividend and transfer to reserves

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend. The profit for the year retained in the company is US\$683,040.

Significant changes in fixed assets

Changes in fixed assets are detailed in note 8 of the accounts.

Directors' report

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

Colonel PH Quek

(resigned 12 July 1995)

ET Evans

D Erridge

WM Teo

(resigned 12 July 1995)

KF Tang

(appointed 12 July 1995)

M Chua

(appointed 12 July 1995)

B Yeo

- alternate to WM Yeo

On 1 January 1996, Mr ET Evans, Mr KF Tang and Mr M Chua resigned as directors, Mr SF Boon, Mr SK Wee were appointed as directors, and Mr B Yeo was appointed a full director.

No director holding office at 31 December 1995 had any interest in the shares of the company at the beginning or end of the year.

Auditors

On 26 June 1995 Price Waterhouse resigned as auditors and KPMG were appointed in their place. Pursuant to Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 an elective resolution to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually has been passed at an Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

Ó Erridge *Director*

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Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements 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 period. In preparing those financial statements, 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 financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have a general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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Auditors' report to the members of Airline Rotables Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

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14 Marh 1996

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 1995

	Note	1995		1994	
		US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Turnover	2		8,764,048		4,489,877
Cost of sales			(5,346,012)	_	(2,529,878)
Gross profit			3,418,036		1,959,999
Selling and distribution costs		(866,365)		(722,517)	
Administrative expenses		(1,286,572)		(870,517)	
			(2,152,937)	_	(1,593,034)
Operating profit			1,265,099		366,965
Interest receivable and similar income		26,063		18,329	ŕ
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(317,170)	_	(246,832)	
			(291,107)	_	(228,503)
Profit on ordinary activities					
before taxation	3		973,992		138,462
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7		(290,952)		-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation Accumulated profits/(losses) brought			683,040		138,462
forward			50,833		(87,629)
Accumulated profits carried forward			733,873		50,833

There were no acquisitions and no discontinued operations within the company. The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those reflected in the profit and loss account and accordingly, a separate statement of recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 1995

at 31 December 1995	Note	1995	5	199	4
•	.,,,,,	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Fixed assets	8				
Tangible assets			7,565,272		5,695,586
Current assets					
Stocks	_	-		33,342	
Debtors	9	2,741,328		1,389,306	
Cash at bank		524,632		715,118	
		3,265,960		2,137,766	
Creditors: amounts falling				(5.105.444)	
due within one year	10	(9,167,784)		(7,135,444)	
Net current liabilities			(5,901,824)		(4,997,678)
Total assets less current liabilities			1,663,448		697,908
Provisions for liabilities and charges	11		(627,500)		(345,000)
Net assets		•	1,035,948		352,908
Capital and reserves		-			
Called up share capital	12		302,075		302,075
Profit and loss account	13		733,873		50,833
Shareholders' funds	14		1,035,948		352,908

These-financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 44 May 96 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Erridge
Director

Cash flow statement

for the year ended 31 December 1995

for the year ended 31 December 1995	37-4-	1995		1	1994	
	Note	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$	
Net cash inflow from operating activities	16		3,097,727		1,841,948	
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		26.062		10 220		
Interest received Interest paid		26,063 (317,170)		18,329 (246,832)		
Net cash outflow from returns on investment and servicing of finance			(291,107)	ı	(228,503)	
Taxation Net UK corporation tax recovered		_		36,438		
Tax recovered			-		36,438	
Investing activities						
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		(3,019,130) 47,024		(1,365,984)		
Net cash outflow from investing activities			(2,972,106)	1	(1,305,517)	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before financing			(165,486)	ı	344,366	
Financing Repayment of loan		(25,000)		(50,000)		
Net cash outflow from financing	18		(25,000)	ı	(50,000)	
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	17		(190,486)	•	294,366	

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Aircraft rotable spares are acquired and held by the company for exchange with customers when a specific part in their aircraft requires repair. After exchange the company arranges for the necessary repairs to be carried out to the exchanged unit and then places it in its inventory in place of the original. The company thus holds for exchange a permanent inventory of specific spares and classifies this holding as a tangible fixed asset.

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Rotables - 6.67%

Short-term leasehold improvements - Over the term of the lease

New motor vehicles - 20%

Used motor vehicles - Over the time remaining until the

vehicle is five years old

Fixtures and fittings - 20% Computer equipment - 20%

Foreign currencies

The company, although incorporated in Great Britain, produces its financial statements in US dollars. The directors have adopted this currency in preparing the financial statements as the company operates in an international market where the US dollar is the currency in which most transactions are carried out.

Transactions in currencies other than US dollars are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than US dollars are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Leases

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a 'finance lease'. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

All other leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

Stocks

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

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services to customers during the year.

Notes (continued)

2 Analysis of turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation

	1995 US\$ Turnover	1994 US\$ Turnover
By geographical market		
India Singapore Europe other than United Kingdom United Kingdom Africa Other	2,425,129 500,002 4,409,122 1,300,837	1,980,051 1,152,662 692,597 551,764 69,091 43,712
	8,764,048	4,489,877

The turnover and pre-tax profit are attributable mainly to the support of spares and components for aircraft operators.

3	Profit on	ordinary	activities	before taxation
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US\$
27,556
5,214
615,360
-
78,536
61,980

The total amount charged to revenue for the hire of plant and machinery amounted to US\$428,794 (1994: US\$78,536). This comprises rentals payable under operating leases.

There is no material difference between the reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation and historical profits before taxation.

Notes (continued)

4 Remuneration of directors

Kemuneration of directors		
	1995	1994
	US\$	US\$
Directors' emoluments:		
As directors	-	-
Remuneration as executives	227,420	211,568

The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the chairman were US\$Nil (1994: US\$ Nil) and those of the highest paid director were US\$115,115 (1994: US\$ 87,112).

The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the directors (including the chairman and highest paid directors) were within the following ranges:

						Number of	directors
						1995	1994
\$0		\$7,763	(£0		£5,000)	5	2
• -	-	•	,	-		3	3
\$7,799	-	\$15,596	(£ 5,001	-	£10,000)	-	1
\$38,991	-	\$46,787	(£25,001	-	£30,000)	-	1
\$70,182	-	\$77,979	(£45,001	-	£50,000)	1	1
\$85,778	-	\$93,575	(£55,001	-	£60,000)	-	1
\$108,683	-	\$116,445	(£70,001	-	£75,000)	1	-

5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Number of employees		
	1995	1994	
Sales and distribution	19	14	
Administration	6	5	
	25	19	
			

Notes (continued)

5 Staff numbers and costs (continued)

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

		1995	1994
		US\$	US\$
	Wages and salaries	670,189	671,889
	Social security costs	67,721	55,718
	Other pension costs	33,931	29,579
		771,841	757,186
6	Interest payable and similar charges		
		1995	1994
		US\$	US\$
	On bank loans, overdrafts and other loans		
	wholly repayable within five years	317,170	246,832

Notes (continued)

7 Taxation

Taxation	1995 US\$	1994 US\$
UK corporation tax at 33% (1994: 33%) on the profit for the year on ordinary		
activities	8,452	-
Deferred taxation (note 11)	282,500	
	290,952	-

The corporation tax liability for both 1994 and 1995 has been reduced through the utilisation of brought forward trading losses retained in the company.

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Aircraft rotable spares in US\$	Short-term leasehold nprovements US\$	Motor	Fixtures and fittings and office equipment US\$	Total US\$
Cost					
At beginning of year	6,816,797	94,286	81,763	150,838	7,143,684
Additions	2,887,698	-	18,896	112,536	3,019,130
Disposals	(269,315)		-		(269,315)
At end of year	9,435,180	94,286	100,659	263,374	9,893,499
Depreciation and diminution in value					
At beginning of year	1,325,136	11,052	36,544	75,366	1,448,098
Charge for year	815,512	7,065	39,399	58,108	920,084
On disposals	(39,955)	-	<u>-</u>		(39,955)
At end of year	2,100,693	18,117	75,943	133,474	2,328,227
Net book value At 31 December 1995	7,334,487	76,169	24,716	129,900	7,565,272
At 31 December 1994	5,491,661	83,234	45,219	75,472	5,695,586

Notes (continued)

9 **Debtors**

	1995 US\$	1994 US\$
Trade debtors	1,642,742	662,403
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings	930,173	410,479
Other debtors	-	220,125
Prepayments and accrued income	168,413	96,299
	2,741,328	1,389,306
10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	nr 1995 US\$	1994 US\$
Bank loans and overdrafts	4,625,000	4,650,000
Trade creditors	2,133,817	1,127,579
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,097,089	835,089
Other creditors including taxation and social security:		
Corporation Tax	8,452	-
Accruais and deferred income	1,303,426	522,776
	9,167,784	7,135,444

Notes (continued)

11 Provisions for liabilities and charges

		Defe	rred taxation US\$
	At beginning of year		345,000
	Charge for the year in the profit and loss account		282,500
	At year end		627,500
	The amounts provided in the financial statements which taxation liabilities are as follows:	represent full provision	n for deferred
		1995	1994
		US\$	US\$
	Difference between accumulated depreciation		
	and capital allowances	826,770	843,350
	Other timing differences	-	(12,350)
	Unutilised trading losses	(199,270)	(486,000)
		627,500	345,000
12	Called up share capital		
		1995	1994
		£	£
	Authorised		
	1,000 Shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	199,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	199,000	199,000
		200,000	200,000
		US\$	US\$
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	2 shares of £1 each	4	4
	159,998 ordinary shares of £1 each	302,071	302,071
		302,075	302,075

Notes (continued)

13	Reserves		Profit and loss account US\$
	At beginning of year Transfer to profit and loss account		50,833 683,040
	At end of year		733,873
14	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	1995	1994
		US\$	US\$
	Profit for the financial year	683,040	138,462
	Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	683,040 352,908	138,462 214,446
	Closing shareholders' funds	1,035,948	352,908

Notes (continued)

15 Commitments

(i)	Capital commitments at the end of the finan- made.	rovision has been	
		1995	1994
		US\$	US\$
	Contracted	-	88,005
	Authorised but not contracted	-	2,379,250

(ii) Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	199	5	199)4
	Land and Other buildings		Land and buildings	Other
	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Operating leases which expire: Within two to five years	_	928,085	-	143,475
Over five years	78,822	-	79,177	-
	78,822	928,085	79,177	143,475

16 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	1995	1994
	US\$	US\$
Operating profit	1,265,099	366,965
Depreciation charge	920,084	615,360
Loss/(profit) on sale of tangible fixed assets	182,336	(18,396)
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	33,342	(33,342)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(1,352,022)	156,445
Increase in creditors	2,048,888	790,031
Effect of foreign exchange rate movements	<u>-</u>	(35,115)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	3,097,727	1,841,948

Notes (continued)

17	Analysis	of	changes	in	cash	and	cash	equivalents	
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		1995	1994
		US\$	US\$
	Balance at 1 January	715,118	399,300
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow before adjustments for		
	foreign exchange rate changes	(190,486)	294,366
	Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		21,452
	Balance at 31 December	524,632	715,118
	Surface at 31 December		
18	Analysis of changes in financing during the year		
		Share capital	Loans and finance lease obligations
		US\$	US\$
	Balance at 1 January 1994	302,075	4,700,000
	Cash outflow from financing		(50,000)
	Balance at 31 December 1994	302,075	4,650,000
	Cash outflow from financing	-	(25,000)
	Balance at 31 December 1995	302,075	4,625,000

Notes (continued)

19 Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of larger group of which the company is a member

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Singapore Technologies Pte Ltd incorporated in the Republic of Singapore.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Singapore Technologies Pte Ltd, incorporated in the Republic of Singapore. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Singapore Technologies Aerospace Ltd, incorporated in the Republic of Singapore.

The consolidated accounts of Singapore Technologies Pte Ltd and Singapore Technologies Aerospace Ltd are available to the public and may be obtained from the Registry of Companies and Businesses of Singapore, 10 Anson Road, #05-01, Singapore 0207.