Registration number 2590491

Par Petroleum Limited

Abbreviated accounts

for the year ended 30 June 2003

Edward Egglestone & Company Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor 3 - 5 Scarborough Street Hartlepool **TS24 7DA**



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Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2003

The directors present their report and the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2003.

Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of the company is distribution and sale of oils, petrol, lubricants and other fuels.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 3.

The directors recommend payment of a final dividend amounting to £32,000.

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the company are as stated below:

| | Ord | Ordinary shares | | |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--|--|
| | 30/06/03 | 01/07/02 | | |
| Mr P Roy-Toole | 24,000 | 24,000 | | |
| Mrs C Roy-Toole | 24,000 | 24,000 | | |

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 the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 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

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Edward Egglestone & Company be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by

Mrs C Roy Toole

Secretary

Date:

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Independent auditors' report to Par Petroleum Limited under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 3 to 15 together with the financial statements of Par Petroleum Limited for the year ended 30 June 2003 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246A 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 the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts are 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985 in respect of the year ended 30 June 2003, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 15 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Edward Egglestone & Company

Chartered Accountants and

Registered Auditor

Date: 15 April

3-5 Scarborough Street

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Abbreviated profit and loss account for the year ended 30 June 2003

| | | Continuing . | operations |
|---|--------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | 2003 | 2002 |
| | Notes | £ | £ |
| Gross profit Administrative expenses | | 770,874 (756,751) | 765,746 (728,266) |
| Operating profit | 2 | 14,123 | 37,480 |
| Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges | 3 4 | 2,477 (1,424) | 6,754 (1,354) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | | 15,176 | 42,880 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 7 | (2,833) | (28,668) |
| Profit on ordinary activities after taxation | | 12,343 | 14,212 |
| Dividends | 8 | (32,000) | (32,000) |
| Loss for the year | | (19,657) | (17,788) |

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years.

Abbreviated balance sheet as at 30 June 2003

| | | 2003 | | 2002 | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------------|-------------|----------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 10 | | 448,082 | | 430,955 |
| Investments | 11 | | 1 | | - |
| | | | 448,083 | | 430,955 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 12 | 55,845 | | 59,335 | |
| Debtors | 13 | 718,730 | | 569,491 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 173,425 | | 490,807 | |
| | | 948,000 | | 1,119,633 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling | | | | | |
| due within one year | 14 | (905,571) | | (1,027,366) | |
| Net current assets | | | 42,429 | | 92,267 |
| Total assets less current | | | - | | |
| liabilities | | | 490,512 | | 523,222 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due | | | | | |
| after more than one year | 15 | | (5,000) | | (10,275) |
| Provisions for liabilities | | | | | |
| and charges | 16 | | (21,788) | | (22,066) |
| Net assets | | | 463,724 | | 490,881 |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | = |
| Called up share capital | 18 | | 48,000 | | 48,000 |
| Profit and loss account | 19 | | 415,724 | | 442,881 |
| Equity shareholders' funds | 20 | | 463,724 | | 490,881 |
| * * | | | | | = |

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

Mr P Roy-Toole

Director

Date:

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The notes on pages 6 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 June 2003

| | Notes | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|--|----------------|--|-----------|
| | | | - |
| Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash outflow from operating activities | | | |
| Operating profit | | 14,123 | 37,480 |
| Depreciation Depreciation | | 65,849 | 71,591 |
| Decrease in stocks | | 3,490 | (10,788) |
| (Increase) in debtors | | (149,239) | 195,687 |
| (Decrease) in creditors | | (136,875) | (85,464) |
| Net cash outflow from operating activities | | $(\overline{202,652})$ | 208,506 |
| Cash flow statement | | —————————————————————————————————————— | |
| Not each outflow from operating activities | | (202 (52) | 208,506 |
| Net cash outflow from operating activities Returns on investments and servicing of finance | 21 | (202,652) 1,053 | 5,400 |
| Taxation | 21 | (6,198) | (34,487) |
| Capital expenditure | 21 | (75,478) | (82,871) |
| Acquisitions and disposals | 21 | (1) | - |
| | | $(\overline{283,276})$ | 96,548 |
| Equity dividends paid | | (32,000) | (32,000) |
| | | $(\overline{315,276})$ | 64,548 |
| Financing | 21 | (20,125) | (20,499) |
| Decrease in cash in the year | | $(3\overline{35,401})$ | 44,049 |
| • | | = | |
| Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net | debt (Note 22) | | |
| Decrease in cash in the year | | (335,401) | 44,049 |
| Cash outflow from increase in debts and lease financi | ng | 20,125 | 20,499 |
| Change in net debt resulting from cash flows | | (315,276) | 64,548 |
| New finance leases and hire purchase contracts | | (15,000) | (34,200) |
| Movement in net debt in the year | | (330,276) | 30,348 |
| Net funds at 1 July 2002 | | 433,823 | 403,475 |
| Net funds at 30 June 2003 | | 103,547 | 433,823 |
| | | = | |

Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2, Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings

Straight line over 50 years

Plant and machinery

15% Reducing balance

Fixtures, fittings

and equipment
Motor vehicles

10% Reducing balance

- 25% Reducing Balance

1.4. Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

1.5. Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.6. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.7. Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

The regular cost of providing retirement pensions and related benefits is charged to the profit and loss account over the employees' service lives on the basis of a constant percentage of earnings.

1.8. Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is porovided in respect of the tax effect of all timing differences, to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future, at the rates of tax expected to apply when the timing differences reverse.

1.9. Group accounts

The company is entitled to the exemption under Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 from the obligation to prepare group accounts.

Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003

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|----|---|--------------|------------|
| 2. | Operating profit | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | Operating profit is stated after charging: | | - |
| | Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets Auditors' remuneration | 68,247 | 60,907 |
| | | 1,880 | 5,315 |
| | and after crediting: Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets | 2,398 | (10,684) |
| 3. | Interest receivable and similar income | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Bank interest | 2,477 | 6,754 |
| 4. | Interest payable and similar charges | 2003 | 2002 |
| | Interest naviable on leave < 1 | £ | £ |
| | Interest payable on loans < 1 yr Hire purchase interest | 176 1,248 | 389 965 |
| | | 1,424 | 1,354 |
| _ | | | = |
| 5. | Employees | | |
| | Number of employees | 2003 | 2002 |
| | The average monthly numbers of employees | Number | Number |
| | (including the directors) during the year were: | 11 | 11 |
| | Employment costs | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Wages and salaries | 318,330 | 276,015 |
| | Other pension costs | 60,299 | 50,317 |
| | | 378,629 | 326,332 |

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| 5.1. | Directors' emoluments | 2003 | 2002 |
|------|---|---------|-----------|
| | | £ | £ |
| | Remuneration and other emoluments | 105,933 | 79,299 |
| | Pension contributions | 50,000 | 50,120 |
| | | 155,933 | 129,419 |
| | | Number | Number |
| | Number of directors to whom retirement benefits | | 114111001 |
| | are accruing under a money purchase scheme | 2 | 2 |
| | | | |

6. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the directors. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and amounted to £60,299 (2002 - £50,317).

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7. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

| Analysis of charge in period | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|--|-------------|-----------|
| Current tax | | |
| UK corporation tax | 4,123 | 6,602 |
| Adjustments in respect of previous periods | (1,012) | - |
| | 3,111 | 6,602 |
| Total current tax charge | 3,111 | 6,602 |
| Deferred tax | | |
| Timing differences, origination and reversal | (278) | 22,066 |
| Total deferred tax | (278) | 22,066 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 2,833 | 28,668 |
| | | |

Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (12 per cent). The differences are explained below:

| | cent). The differences are explained below: | | |
|-------|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | 2003 £ 15,176 | 2002 £ 42,880 |
| | Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation | | |
| | tax in the UK of 12% (30 June 2002 : 20%) | 1,601 | 8,576 |
| | Effects of: | | |
| | Expenses not deductible for tax purposes | 1,384 | 1,020 |
| | Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation | 860 | (2,994) |
| | Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods | (1,012) | - |
| | Current tax charge for period | 2,883 | 6,602 |
| Faile | d validation - Total does not match the Total current tax charge above | <u></u> | |
| 8. | Dividends | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Dividends on equity shares: | | |
| | Ordinary shares - final proposed | 32,000 | 32,000 |
| | | | |

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9. Intangible fixed assets

| | Goodwill | Total |
|------------------------------|----------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cost | | |
| Additions | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Written off against reserves | (7,500) | (7,500) |
| At 30 June 2003 | | - |
| | | |

The Company acquired goodwill during the year at a cost of £7,500 and it was decided to write this off in full to reserves.

| 10. | Tangible fixed assets | Land and buildings freehold £ | Plant and machinery | Fixtures, fittings and equipment | Motor vehicles | Total £ |
|-----|-----------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Cost | - | | | | - |
| | At 1 July 2002 | 145,858 | 136,589 | 67,662 | 338,486 | 688,595 |
| | Additions | 16,891 | 13,174 | 1,199 | 75,263 | 106,527 |
| | Disposals | - | - | (341) | (68,922) | (69,263) |
| | At 30 June 2003 | 162,749 | 149,763 | 68,520 | 344,827 | 725,859 |
| | Depreciation | | | | | |
| | At 1 July 2002 | 5,341 | 50,217 | 31,130 | 170,954 | 257,642 |
| | On disposals | - | - | (213) | (47,899) | (48,112) |
| | Charge for the year | 3,143 | 14,711 | 3,709 | 46,684 | 68,247 |
| | At 30 June 2003 | 8,484 | 64,928 | 34,626 | 169,739 | 277,777 |
| | Net book values | | | · —— | | |
| | At 30 June 2003 | 154,265 | 84,835 | 33,894 | 175,088 | 448,082 |
| | At 30 June 2002 | 140,517 | 86,372 | 36,532 | 167,532 | 430,953 |
| | | | | | | _ |

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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

| | 2003 | | 2002 | |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Asset description | Net book value £ | Depreciation charge | Net book value £ | Depreciation charge |
| Motor vehicles | 45,874 | 9,223 | 27,788 | 6,412 |

| 11. | Fixed asset investments | Subsidiary undertakings | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--|
| | | shares £ | Total £ | |
| | Cost Additions | 1 | 1 | |
| | At 30 June 2003 | 1 | 1 | |
| | Net book values At 30 June 2003 | 1 | 1 | |

11.1. Holdings of 20% or more

The company holds 20% or more of the share capital of the following companies:

| Company | Country of registration or incorporation | | Shares held class | Proportion of shares held |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Subsidiary undertaking | | | | |
| Copley Fuel Oils Limited | United Kingdom | Dormant Company | Ordinary | 100% |

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

| | Capital and reserves | Profit for the year | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| | £ | £ | |
| Copley Fuel Oils Limited | 1 | • | |

Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003

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| 12. | Stocks | 2003 € | 2002 £ |
|-----|---|---|--|
| | Raw materials and consumables | 55,845 | 59,335 |
| 13. | Debtors | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income | 699,680 19,050 718,730 | 500,608 54,022 14,861 569,491 |
| 14. | Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | Bank loan Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Accruals and deferred income Proposed dividend | 47,103 17,774 795,718 4,123 6,318 2,535 32,000 905,571 | 29,085 7,351 10,274 931,926 7,210 6,220 3,300 32,000 1,027,366 |
| 15. | Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts | 5,000 | 10,275 |

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| 16. | Provisions for liabilities and charges | | |
|-----|--|---|-----------|
| | | Deferred taxation (Note 17) ££ | Total |
| | At 1 July 2002 | 22,066 | 22,066 |
| | Movements in the year | 278 | 278 |
| | At 30 June 2003 | 21,788 | 21,788 |
| 17. | Provision for deferred taxation | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | Accelerated capital allowances | 21,788 | 22,066 |
| | Provision at 1 July 2002 | 22,066 | |
| | Deferred tax charge in profit and loss account | (278) | |
| | Provision at 30 June 2003 | 21,788 | |
| 18. | Share capital | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | Authorised | 70.000 | 50.000 |
| | 50,000 Ordinary shares of 1 each | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| | Allotted, called up and fully paid | | |
| | 48,000 Ordinary shares of 1 each | 48,000 | 48,000 |
| | | | |

Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003

| 19. | Equity Reserves | Profit and loss accountTotal ££ | |
|-----|---|--|--------------------------------|
| | At 1 July 2002 Goodwill written-off Loss for the year | 442,881 (7,500) (19,657) | 442,881 (7,500) (19,657) |
| | At 30 June 2003 | 415,724 | 415,724 |
| 20. | Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | Profit for the year Dividends | 12,343 (32,000) | 14,212 (32,000) |
| | Goodwill written off | (19,657) (7,500) | (17,788) |
| | Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds | (27,157) 490,881 | (17,788) 508,669 |
| | Closing shareholders' funds | 463,724 | 490,881 |
| | | | |

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21. Gross cash flows

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| | | | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Returns on investments and servicing of fir | nance | | | |
| Interest received | | | 2,477 | 6,754 |
| Interest paid | | | (1,424) | (1,354) |
| | | | 1,053 | 5,400 |
| Taxation Corporation tax paid | | | (6,198) | (34,487) |
| Capital expenditure | | | | |
| Payments to acquire intangible assets | | | (7,500) | - |
| Payments to acquire tangible assets | | | (91,527) | (100,807) |
| Receipts from sales of tangible assets | | | 23,549 | 17,936 |
| | | | (75,478) | (82,871) |
| Acquisitions and disposals Payments on acquisition of group interests | | | (1) | - |
| Financing | | | | |
| Repayment of short term bank loan | | | (7,351) | (6,848) |
| Capital element of finance leases and hire purchase contracts | | | (12,774) | (13,651) |
| | | | (20,125) | (20,499) |
| Analysis of changes in net funds | | | | |
| | Opening balance | Cash flows | Other changes | Closing balance |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cash at bank and in hand | 490,807 | (317,382) | | 173,425 |
| Overdrafts | (29,085) | (18,018) | | (47,103) |
| | 461,722 | $(\overline{335,400})$ | | 126,322 |
| Debt due within one year | (7,351) | 7,351 | _ | |
| Finance leases and hire purchase contracts | (20,548) | 12,774 | (15,000) | (22,774) |
| | (27,899) | 20,125 | $\overline{(15,000)}$ | $\overline{(22,774)}$ |
| Net funds | 433,823 | (315,275) | (15,000) | 103,548 |