

ENGLISH HERITAGE TRADING LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 2002

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Company is to undertake the trading activities connected to the work of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England. The trading activities of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England were transferred to English Heritage Trading Limited on 1 April 1998. No significant change in the business of the Company has taken place during the year or is expected in the immediately foreseeable future.

Business Review

The result for the year ended 31 March 2002 was a profit of £1,018,000 (2001: £1,266,000) which was donated to the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England under the Gift Aid rules, leaving a retained profit of nil (2001: nil).

Dividend

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Directors and Directors' Interests

The Directors who held office from 1 April 2001 to the date of this report were as follows:

Sir Neil Cossons

Ms Pam Alexander (Resigned 7 September 2001)

Ms Amanda Arrowsmith (Resigned 13 June 2001)

Mr Michael Cairns (Appointed 13 June 2001)

Mr Andrew Fane (Appointed 13 June 2001)

Mrs Candida Lycett Green (Resigned 13 June 2001)

Mr Loyd Grossman (Appointed 13 June 2001)

Mr Mark Pemberton

Mr Tony Sannia (Resigned 31 October 2001)

Ms Carole Souter

Dr Simon Thurley was appointed Director on 9 July 2002.

None of the Directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the Company.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Accounting Arrangements

The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England collects income and makes payments on behalf of the Company. In addition, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England incurs costs which are shared between the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England and the Company. On a monthly basis there is a cash transfer between the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England and the Company to settle the inter company debt for the preceding month. Consequently the Company balance sheet as at 31 March 2002 shows amounts owed by and owing to group undertakings in respect of March 2002 transactions and the charitable donation noted below.

Political and Charitable Contributions

March

During the year the Company donated £1,018,000 (2001: £1,266,000) under the Gift Aid rules to the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England, a body which is treated as a charity for tax purposes. The donation was made subsequent to 31 March 2002.

Company Secretary

The office of Company Secretary from 1 April 2001 to 9 July 2002 was held by Mr Michael Brainsby. At the Board Meeting on 9 July 2002, Mr Michael Brainsby resigned as Company Secretary and Mr Nigel Hewitson was appointed.

By order of the Board

Mr Nigel Hewitson

Company Secretary

9 July 2002

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Companies Act 1985 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 of the Company 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ENGLISH HERITAGE TRADING LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of Audit 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 at 31 March 2002 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers

22 July 2002

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

	Note	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Turnover		7,825	7,849
Cost of Sales		(5,789)	(5,642)
GROSS PROFIT	_	2,036	2,207
Distribution and Promotion Costs		(499)	(410)
Administrative Expenses		(587)	(624)
OPERATING PROFIT	2	950	1,173
Interest Receivable and Similar Income		68	93
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE CHARITABLE DONATIONS		1,018	1,266
Donation to the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England		(1,018)	(1,266)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	<u></u>	•	-
Tax on Profit on Ordinary Activities	5	-	-
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION			

All the turnover and operating profit relates to the continuing operations of the Company.

The Company had no recognised gains or losses during the year other than those in the profit and loss account.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2002

	Note	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	6	2,201	1,969
Debtors	7	594	582
Short Term Investments		1,251	1,324
Cash at Bank and in Hand		1	1
	_	4,047	3,876
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	8	(2,019)	(1,848)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	_	2,028	2,028
NET ASSETS	_ _	2,028	2,028
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called Up Share Capital	9	2,028	2,028
Profit and Loss Account	10	-	-
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	11 _	2,028	2,028

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 9 July 2002 and were signed on its behalf by:

Sir Neil Cossons

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Director

Dr Simon Thurley

Director

1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

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

The Company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard Number 1 to prepare a cash flow statement due to the fact that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking and the group accounts which include the results of the subsidiary are publicly available.

b) Stocks

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

c) Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding Value Added Tax) derived from the sale of goods and services to third party customers.

d) Segmental Reporting

The Directors consider that there is only one class of business activity.

2	OPERATING PROFIT	£'000	£'000
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Auditors' Remuneration - Audit Work	5	5

3 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

None of the Directors received any remuneration during the year in respect of English Heritage Trading Limited.

4 STAFF COSTS

The company did not directly employ any staff during the year (2001: nil). All staff engaged on company activities, either on a full time or on a shared basis, have contracts of employment with the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England or are on permanent secondment to the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England from the Royal Commission on the Historic Monuments of England. The costs in relation to these employees are borne by the Company and thus require disclosure in these accounts.

	2002	2001
a) Employee Costs	£'000	£'000
Staff engaged fully on Company activities		
Salaries and Wages	352	387
Social Security Costs	26	29
Pension Costs	36	40
	414	456
Costs of Shared Staff	1,449	1,414
Total Employee Costs	1,863	1,870

4 STAFF COSTS (continued)

b) Employee Numbers

The average number of staff engaged on Company activities during the year expressed as full-time equivalents was:

	2002	2001
Staff engaged fully on Company activities	16	17
Shared Staff	78	78
Total Employee Numbers	94	95

5 TAXATION

The Company does not have a corporation tax liability for the year ended 31 March 2002 due to the fact that the Company had no taxable profits after allowing for the donation to the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England under the Gift Aid rules.

6	STOCKS	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
	Goods for Resale	2,201	1,969

7	DEBTORS	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
	Amounts owed by Group Undertakings	591	578
	Accrued Income	3	4
	Total Debtors	594	582

8	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
	Amounts owed to Group Undertakings	1,914	1,739
	Accruals and Deferred Income	105	109
	Total Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	2,019	1,848
9	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
	Authorised Equity: 5,000,000 Ordinary shares £1 each	5,000	5,000
			3,000
	Allotted, Called Up and Fully Paid Equity: 2,028,081 Ordinary shares £1 each	2,028	2,028
			<u>-</u>
10	RESERVES - PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		£'000
	At 1 April 2001		•
	Retained Profit for the Year		-
	At 31 March 2002		

11	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	£'000
	Opening Shareholders' Funds as at 1 April 2001	2,028
	Profit for the Financial Year	-
	New Share Capital Subscribed	-
	Closing Shareholders' Funds as at 31 March 2002	2,028

12 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 8 from reporting transactions with the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England.

There are no other related party transactions.

13 ULTIMATE PARENT ENTITY

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England, a body corporate established in England under the National Heritage Act 1983.

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is English Heritage, which comprises the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England and English Heritage Trading Limited. The consolidated accounts are available to the public and may be obtained from English Heritage, 23 Savile Row, London, W1S 2ET.