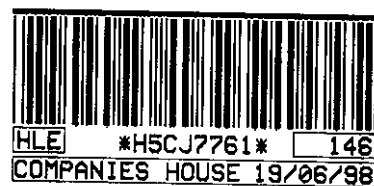


REGISTERED NUMBER: 3048128 (England and Wales)



**Report of the Directors and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 1997
for
Anthire Limited**



Anthire Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 August 1997**

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**Company Information
for the Year Ended 31 August 1997**

DIRECTORS: A N Thompson
N A Thompson
Mrs D M Thompson

SECRETARY: Mrs D M Thompson

REGISTERED OFFICE: Unit 4
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 3048128 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS: Learoyd & Longbottom
Registered Auditors &
Chartered Accountants
4 North Park Road
Harrogate
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Anthire Limited

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 August 1997

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 August 1997.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of the hire, repair and sale of equipment, predominantly safety equipment.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

A N Thompson
N A Thompson
Mrs D M Thompson

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 31 August 1997 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:

	31.8.97	1.9.96
Ordinary £1 shares		
A N Thompson	49,999	49,999
N A Thompson	-	-
Mrs D M Thompson	1	1

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 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 judgments 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

The auditors, Learoyd & Longbottom, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



Mrs D M Thompson - SECRETARY

Dated: 21 May 1998

Anthire Limited

**Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of
Anthire Limited**

We have audited the financial statements on pages four to eleven which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page six.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page two 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.

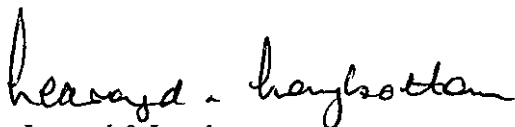
Basis of opinion

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 judgments 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 August 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Learoyd & Longbottom
Registered Auditors &
Chartered Accountants
4 North Park Road
Harrogate
HG1 5PA

Dated: 21 May 1998

Anthire Limited

**Profit and Loss Account
for the Year Ended 31 August 1997**

		<u>31.8.97</u>	<u>31.8.96</u>
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER	2	472,307	63,100
Cost of sales		<u>223,185</u>	<u>38,609</u>
GROSS PROFIT		249,122	24,491
Administrative expenses		<u>220,940</u>	<u>121,326</u>
		28,182	(96,835)
Other operating income		<u>7,176</u>	<u>-</u>
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3	35,358	(96,835)
Interest receivable and similar income	4	<u>-</u>	<u>541</u>
		35,358	(96,294)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	<u>24,540</u>	<u>3,606</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		10,818	(99,900)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	6	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		10,818	(99,900)
Deficit brought forward		<u>(99,900)</u>	<u>-</u>
DEFICIT CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£(89,082)</u>	<u>£(99,900)</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the current year and the loss for the previous year.

The notes form part of these financial statements

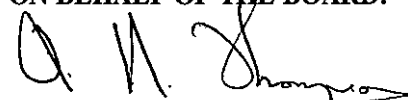
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**Balance Sheet
31 August 1997**

		31.8.97		31.8.96	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Intangible assets	7		7,854		-
Tangible assets	8		189,278		135,303
			<u>197,132</u>		<u>135,303</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Stocks	9	12,413		5,783	
Debtors	10	129,511		62,712	
		<u>141,924</u>		<u>68,495</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	138,714		110,707	
		<u>138,714</u>		<u>110,707</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES):			<u>3,210</u>		<u>(42,212)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			<u>200,342</u>		<u>93,091</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	12		189,424		92,991
			<u>£10,918</u>		<u>£100</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	14	100,000		100,000	
Profit and loss account		(89,082)		(99,900)	
Shareholders' funds	16	<u>£10,918</u>		<u>£100</u>	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:



A N Thompson - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 21 May 1998

Anthire Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates on a straight line basis in order to write off each asset over estimated useful life.

Hire fleet equipment	- 33.33 %
Leasehold improvements	- 20.00 %
Motor vehicles	- 25.00 %
Workshop equipment	- 25.00 %
Computer equipment	- 25.00 %
Office equipment	- 15.00 %

Stocks

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

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.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

Development costs

Development costs on specific projects are capitalised and written off over 5 years from the launch of the project.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit (1996 - loss) before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 1997

3. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

The operating profit (1996 - operating loss) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.97	31.8.96
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	44,042	11,950
Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts or finance leases	5,777	2,041
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(86)	-
Auditors' remuneration	1,900	-
Pension costs	6,128	2,250
	<u>51,483</u>	<u>29,941</u>
Directors' emoluments	51,483	29,941
Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	3,710	1,500
	<u>55,193</u>	<u>31,441</u>

The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:

Money purchase schemes	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	31.8.97	31.8.96
	£	£
Bank interest received	-	541
	<u>-</u>	<u>541</u>

5. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	31.8.97	31.8.96
	£	£
Bank interest	5,853	749
Discounting charges	12,201	-
Interest-pension fund loan	4,793	1,333
Hire purchase	1,693	1,524
	<u>24,540</u>	<u>3,606</u>

6. TAXATION

No liability to UK Corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 August 1997 nor for the year ended 31 August 1996.

Anthire Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 1997**

7. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Development costs
	£
COST:	
Additions	7,854
At 31 August 1997	7,854
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31 August 1997	7,854

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold property	Hire fleet equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST:					
At 1 September 1996	12,143	86,896	19,147	31,108	149,294
Additions	2,996	81,675	14,343	5,000	104,014
Disposals	-	-	(349)	-	(349)
At 31 August 1997	15,139	168,571	33,141	36,108	252,959
DEPRECIATION:					
At 1 September 1996	1,329	5,829	2,297	4,537	13,992
Charge for year	2,693	32,700	6,545	7,881	49,819
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(130)	-	(130)
At 31 August 1997	4,022	38,529	8,712	12,418	63,681
NET BOOK VALUE:					
At 31 August 1997	11,117	130,042	24,429	23,690	189,278
At 31 August 1996	10,814	81,067	16,851	26,571	135,303

Anthire Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements
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8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are as follows:

	Motor vehicles
	<u>£</u>
COST:	
At 1 September 1996 and 31 August 1997	<u>23,108</u>
DEPRECIATION:	
At 1 September 1996	3,370
Charge for year	<u>5,777</u>
At 31 August 1997	<u>9,147</u>
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31 August 1997	<u>13,961</u>
At 31 August 1996	<u>19,738</u>

9. STOCKS

	31.8.97	31.8.96
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Stock	<u>12,413</u>	<u>5,783</u>

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.97	31.8.96
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Trade debtors	105,630	60,017
Other debtors	19,632	428
Prepayments & accrued income	<u>4,249</u>	<u>2,267</u>
	<u>129,511</u>	<u>62,712</u>

Anthire Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 August 1997**

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.97 £	31.8.96 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)	35,420	34,804
Trade creditors	60,525	22,195
Directors current accounts	2,500	39,932
Hire purchase	7,978	7,124
Social security & other taxes	13,989	2,874
Accrued expenses	18,302	3,778
	<u>138,714</u>	<u>110,707</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.97 £	31.8.96 £
Bank loans (see note 13)	48,174	32,008
Pension fund loan (see note 13)	53,333	50,000
Directors current accounts (see note 13)	84,913	-
Hire purchase	3,004	10,983
	<u>189,424</u>	<u>92,991</u>

13. LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

An analysis of the maturity of loans and overdrafts is given below:

	31.8.97 £	31.8.96 £
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	5,050	19,278
Bank loans	30,370	15,526
	<u>35,420</u>	<u>34,804</u>

Amounts falling due between two and five years:

Bank loans	48,174	32,008
Pension fund loan	53,333	50,000
Directors current accounts	84,913	-
	<u>186,420</u>	<u>82,008</u>

Anthire Limited

**Notes to the Financial Statements
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14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	31.8.97	31.8.96
			£	£
100,000	Ordinary	£1	100,000	100,000
			<u> </u>	<u> </u>

15. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £6128.

16. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	31.8.97	31.8.96
	£	£
Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	10,818	(99,900)
New share capital issued	-	100,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET ADDITION TO SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	10,818	100
Opening shareholders' funds	100	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CLOSING SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	10,918	100
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Equity interests	10,918	100
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>