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DONALD MUNRO LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

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Shares of £1 each

DONALD MUNRO LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company is the operating of retail chemists and dispensing pharmacies.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The turnover for the year increased and margins were maintained. The increase in overheads resulted in a minor operating loss. There is no significant increase in the performance of the various outlets in the current year although turnover will increase due to the acquisition of additional retail outlets. It is the directors' opinion that the position of the company at the year end was satisfactory.

The results for the year are set out on page 5.

DIVIDENDS AND TRANSFER TO RESERVES

Dividends of £80,160 were paid during the year and it is proposed that the deficit for the year of £16,961 be deducted from reserves.

DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year and the interests in the shares of those serving at the end of the year were as follows:

	1996	1995
D H Munro	2	2
J Irvine		-
T C Morrisson	_	-
A D Tinning	•	-
J McAuley	_	_

In accordance with Section 385A of the Companies Act 1985 Messrs John Gray & Co. C.A. will continue to hold office.

By order of the board

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Craig Morrisson Director

J F Rae

10 Stroud Road Kelvin Industrial Estate East Kilbride Glasgow

27 February 1997

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;
- * state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subect 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 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.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

DONALD MUNRO LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 14.

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 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 March 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

John Gray & Co

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 13 Brown Street Port Glasgow 27 February 1997

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

1995

£ 7,312,063 (5,465,918)	Turnover - continuing operations Cost of sales	£ 7,825,377 (5,868,766)
1,846,145	Gross profit	1,956,611
(929,387)	Distribution costs	(1,022,559)
(845,966)	Administrative expenses	(934,116)
70,792	Operating (loss)/profit - continuing operations (Note 2)	(64)
76,300	Income from other fixed asset investments	75,500
1	Interest received	-
40,000	Income from shares in related companies	44,500
(4,980)	Interest payable (Note 7)	(6,098)
182,113	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	113,838
(64,721)	Tax on ordinary activities (Note 8)	(50,639)
117,392	Profit for financial year	63,199
(80,160)	Dividends paid	(80,160)
37,232	Retained (loss)/profit for financial year (Note 18)	(16,961)

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss in the above two financial years.

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of the financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 1996

	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAI	RCH 1990	
1995			£
£	FIXED ASSETS		
245,452 268,290 19,623	Intangible assets (Note 9) Tangible assets (Note 10) Investments (Note 11)		444,107 255,824 19,623
533,365			719,554
	CURRENT ASSETS		
755,787 698,153 22,123	Stocks (Note 12) Debtors (Note 13) Cash in bank and on hand	784,510 749,090 261,704	
1,476,063		1,795,304	
(902,781)	CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR (Note 14)	(1,444,256)	
573,282	NET CURRENT ASSETS		351,048
1,106,647	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,070,602
(33,020)	CREDITORS DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR (Note 15)		(15,036)
(5,100)	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES (Note 16)		(4,000)
1,068,527	NET ASSETS		1,051,566
	CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
1,000	Called up share capital (Note 17)		1,000
1,067,527	Profit and Loss Account (Note 18)		1,050,566
	These financial statements were approposed of directors on 27 February 196 signed on its behalf by:	oved by the 97 and were	
	Donald H Munro Director		
1,068,527			1,051,566

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

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost of intangible and tangible fixed assets as follows:

Goodwill	5% (Straight line basis)
Heritable property	2% (Straight line basis)
Leasehold property	10% (Straight line basis)
Fixtures and fittings	10% (Straight line basis)
Motor vehicles	25% (Reducing balance basis)
Computer equipment	20% (Straight line basis)

INVESTMENT INCOME

Income from investments is included, together with the related tax credit, in the profit and loss account of the accounting period in which it is received.

LEASES

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all of 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. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included within 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.

PENSIONS

The company is a member of the group defined contribution pension scheme operated by its parent company Strathclyde (Pharmaceuticals) Limited. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at the balance sheet date (1995 £ Nil).

NOTES (continued)

STOCKS

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is defined as Trade Cost at the year end.

TAXATION

The charge for the year is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

TURNOVER

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

2.	OPERATING PROFIT	1996 £	1995 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Auditors' remuneration Depreciation on intangible fixed assets Depreciation on tangible fixed assets: Owned Leased Operating lease payments: Land and buildings	7,570 43,011 27,809 48,500 155,158	5,800 18,107 25,566 52,935 144,200
	Pension costs Gain on disposal of assets	27,294 (860)	- •

3. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

Directors' emoluments

Remuneration as executives	200,766	183,479

The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the chairman were £Nil (1995 £Nil) and those of the highest paid director were £56,064 (1995 £46,380).

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

£ 1 - £ 5,000	2	2
£35,001 - £40,000	1	1
£40,001 - £45,000	1	2
£45,001 - £50,000	***	1
£55,001 - £60,000	2	-

NOTES (continued)

4.	STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS		1996	1995
	The average number of persons employed during the year, analysed by category	- *		
	Sales and distribution Administration		82 <u>8</u> 90	76 <u>8</u> 84
			=	
	The aggregate payroll costs of these	persons w	ere as follows	:
			£	£
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs		838,999 73,663 27,294	766,090 67,222 29,414
			939,956	862,726
5.	INCOME FROM FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS			
	Unlisted		120,000	116,300
6.	OTHER INTEREST RECEIVED			
	Taxed interest		- =	1 ==
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE		_	_
	Finance lease charges		6,098	4,980
8.	TAXATION			
	U K corporation tax at 30% (1995 31%) profit for the year on ordinary activ Deferred taxation Tax credit on dividends received		42,839 (1,100) 8,900 50,639	58,221 (1,500) 8,000 64,721
9.	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Aggregate	**************************************
		Cost	Depreciation	NBV
	At beginning of year Purchased in year	367,620 241,666	(122,168)	245,452 241,666
	Depreciation for year		(43,011)	(43,011)
	At end of year	609,286	(165,179)	444,107

NOTES (continued)

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Details of tangible fixed assets are as set out on page 14.

Included in the total net book value of tangible fixed assets is £63,738 (1995 £77,050) in respect of assets held under finance leases.

Depreciation for the year on these assets was £21,250 (1995 £25,687).

	Depreciation for the year on these assets was	121,250 (1995)	225,007)
11.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	1996 £	1995 £
	Shares at cost	19,623	19,623
	The companies in which the company's interest as follows:	is more than	10% are
	Bridgeton H C Limited Woodside Pharmacy (Glasgow) Limited Maryhill Dispensary Limited	40% 25% 12.5%	40% 25% 12.5%
	All of the shares held are in unlisted compani incorporated in Scotland.	es	
12.	STOCKS		
	Goods for resale	784,510	755,787 ———
13.	DEBTORS		
	Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income	718,534 30,556	695,696 2,457
		749,090	698,153
14.	CREDITORS: DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	Obligations under finance leases Trade creditors Corporation tax Accruals and deferred income Due to parent company	33,320 69,358 46,209 47,391 1,247,978	42,293 58,982 61,590 36,600 703,316
		1,444,256	902,781

The bank overdraft is secured by a floating charge over the assets of the company.

NOTES (continued)

15.	CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	1996 £	1995 £
	Obligations under finance leases	15,036	33,020
	These obligations mature within five ye	ars.	
16.	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		
	DEFERRED TAXATION		
	At beginning of year Transfer to profit and loss account	5,100 1,100	
	At end of year	4,000	
17.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	Authorised Shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
18.	RESERVES		
	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
	At beginning of year Retained (loss)/profit for year	1,067,527 (16,961)	1,030,295 37,232
	At end of year	1,050,566	1,067,527
19.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOL	DERS' FUNDS	
	Profit for the financial year Dividends	63,199 (80,160)	117,392 (80,160)
	Net additions to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	(16,961) 1,068,527	37,232 1,031,295
	Closing shareholders' funds	1,051,566	1,068,527

NOTES (continued)

20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company has given guarantees in respect of overdrafts and finance lease facilities granted to its parent company and fellow subsidiary. At 31 March 1996 these amounted to £7,938,766 (1995 £4,631,796).

21. COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the year end (1995 £Nil).

22. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since the year end the company has purchased a further three outlets at a cost of £1,850.000.

The company has also purchased a further 12.5% shareholding in Maryhill Dispensary Limited at a cost of £80,800.

23. In the opinion of the directors, the company's ultimate holding company is Strathclyde (Pharmaceuticals) Limited, 10 Stroud Road, East Kilbride, which is incorporated in Scotland.

SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	COST PRICE	AGGREGATE DEPRECIATION	WRITTEN DOWN VALUE
	3	£	3
Heritable Property			
As at 31 March 1995 Additions in year	32,692	- -	32,692
Depreciation for year	32,692	(646)	32 , 692 (646)
	32,692	(646)	32,046
Leasehold Property			
As at 31 March 1995 Additions in year	192,064	(90,371)	101,693
Depreciation for year	192,064	(90,371) (26,841)	101,693 (26,841)
	192,064	(117,212)	74,852
Fittings and Equipment			
As at 31 March 1995 Additions in year	281,502 7,076	(217,873) -	63,629 7,076
Depreciation for year	288,578	(217,873) (17,537)	70,705 (17,537)
	288,578	(235,410)	53,168
Motor Vehicles			
As at 31 March 1995 Additions in year	197,245 21,450	(96,791)	100,454 21,450
Disposals in year	218,695 (19,621)	(96,791) 12,842	121,904 (6,779)
Depreciation for year	199,074	(83,949) (28,785)	115,125 (28,785)
	199,074	(112,734)	86,340
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SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (continued)

	COST PRICE	AGGREGATE DEPRECIATION	WRITTEN DOWN VALUE
	£	£	£
Computer Equipment			
As at March 1995 Additions in year	19,906 10,192	(17,392)	2,514 10,192
Disposals in year	30,098 (14,183)	(17,392) 13,397	12,706 (786)
Depreciation for year	15,915 -	(3,995) (2,502)	11,920 (2,502)
	15,915	(6,497)	9,418
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS			
As at 31 March 1996	728,323	(472,499)	255,824
As at 31 March 1995	690,717	(422,427)	268,290