

**REGISTERED NUMBER 04298848 (England and Wales)**

**ABBREVIATED AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011**

**FOR**

**BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED**

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**BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED**

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**BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED**  
**COMPANY INFORMATION**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2011**

**DIRECTORS:**

N F Quinn  
P R Messent  
P Queally  
L Queally  
N Joyce  
J D Pattison

**SECRETARY:**

S Hamilton

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

Unit 7  
Roseland Business Park  
Long Bennington  
Newark  
Nottinghamshire  
NG23 5FF

**REGISTERED NUMBER:**

04298848 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:**

Harrison Farrow  
Statutory Auditors  
Newnham House  
3 Kings Road  
Newark  
Nottinghamshire  
NG24 1EW

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO**  
**BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED**  
**UNDER SECTION 449 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages three to seven, together with the full financial statements of Bennington Foods Limited for the year ended 31 December 2011 prepared under Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special 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, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

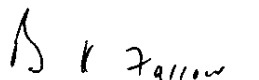
The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Regulations made under that Section and to report our opinion to you.

**Basis of opinion**

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 444(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Regulations made under that Section.



B K Farrow (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Harrison Farrow  
Statutory Auditors  
Newnham House  
3 Kings Road  
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Nottinghamshire  
NG24 1EW

28 March 2012

**BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED**

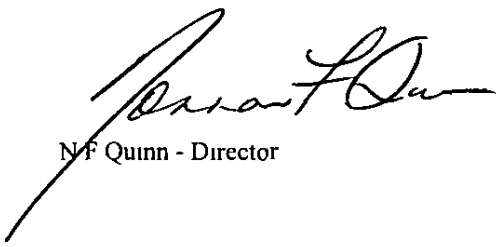
**ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET**

**31 December 2011**

| 31 12 10        |                  |  | Notes | 31 12 11       |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|--|-------|----------------|------------------|
| £               | £                |  |       | £              | £                |
|                 |                  | <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |                |                  |
|                 | 504,222          | Intangible Assets                            | 2     |                | 456,601          |
|                 | 501,152          | Tangible Assets                              | 3     |                | 603,564          |
|                 | <u>1,005,374</u> |  |       |                | <u>1,060,165</u> |
|                 |                  | <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |                |                  |
| 67,441          |                  | Stocks                                       |       | 126,113        |                  |
| 342,264         |                  | Debtors                                      |       | 386,676        |                  |
| 398             |                  | Cash at bank and in hand                     |       | 38,348         |                  |
| <u>410,103</u>  |                  |  |       | <u>551,137</u> |                  |
|                 |                  | <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                |                  |
| 479,080         |                  | Amounts falling due within one year          | 4     | 706,712        |                  |
| <u>(68,977)</u> |                  | <b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>               |       |                | <u>(155,575)</u> |
|                 |                  | <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |                |                  |
|                 | 936,397          |  |       |                | 904,590          |
|                 |                  | <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                |                  |
| (656,143)       |                  | Amounts falling due after more than one year | 4     |                | (377,953)        |
| <u>(23,683)</u> |                  | <b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>            |       |                | <u>(49,450)</u>  |
|                 | 256,571          | <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       |                | <u>477,187</u>   |
|                 |                  | <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>                  |       |                |                  |
| 483,656         |                  | Called up share capital                      | 5     | 483,656        |                  |
| (227,085)       |                  | Profit and loss account                      |       | (6,469)        |                  |
| <u>256,571</u>  |                  | <b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>                   |       | <u>477,187</u> |                  |

The abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 26 March 2012 and were signed on its behalf by

  
N F Quinn - Director

The notes form part of these abbreviated accounts

## **BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS** **for the Year Ended 31 December 2011**

#### **1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis which assumes that the company will continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trading position of the company significantly improved during the year and as a result of the post tax profit achieved, the adverse balance on the Profit and Loss account has been considerably reduced. However, due to changes in the repayment terms to the loan creditors, there are still significant net current liabilities at the Balance Sheet date. In the opinion of the directors, taking into account the continuing support being offered by the company's bankers and loan creditors, it is still appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on the going concern basis.

##### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

##### **Turnover**

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods and services, excluding value added tax. In the case of the Foods division turnover is recognised at the point of despatch to customers. In the case of the Blends division turnover is recognised mainly based on the time period for which the service is being provided and also to a lesser extent at the point of despatch to customers.

##### **Goodwill**

Goodwill, being the amount that arose on reorganisation and representing the petfood industry technical and product knowledge acquired, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of twenty years with effect from 1 January 2010. This is anticipated to match the period over which revenue will be generated using that knowledge.

##### **Research and development**

Research expenditure is written off to the profit and loss account in the year in which it is incurred.

Development expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred unless the directors are satisfied as to the technical, commercial and financial viability of individual projects. In this situation the expenditure is capitalised and amortised over an appropriate period during which the company is expected to benefit. The expenditure of £192,093 transferred on reorganisation was amortised over a ten year period with effect from 1 January 2001 and has now been eliminated. The further expenditure of £117,815 transferred on reorganisation is being amortised over a five year period with effect from 1 January 2008.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Administration Offices   | - 5% on cost                  |
| Improvements to Property | - 20% on cost                 |
| Plant & Machinery        | - between 10% and 33% on cost |
| Fixtures & Fittings      | - between 10% and 33% on cost |
| Motor Vehicles           | - 25% on cost                 |

##### **Stocks**

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

In the case of Raw Materials & Packaging cost is calculated using the FIFO basis. In the case of Work in Progress & Finished Goods cost comprises raw materials, direct production and packing labour and an element of direct factory overheads.

##### **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. The provision at the balance sheet date is calculated using the small profits rate of Corporation Tax applicable at that date.

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**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2011**

**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Foreign currencies**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

**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.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

**2 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                        | Total<br>£ |
|------------------------|------------|
| <b>COST</b>            |            |
| At 1 January 2011      | 791,062    |
| Disposals              | (192,093)  |
|                        | <hr/>      |
| At 31 December 2011    | 598,969    |
|                        | <hr/>      |
| <b>AMORTISATION</b>    |            |
| At 1 January 2011      | 286,840    |
| Charge for year        | 47,621     |
| Eliminated on disposal | (192,093)  |
|                        | <hr/>      |
| At 31 December 2011    | 142,368    |
|                        | <hr/>      |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>  |            |
| At 31 December 2011    | 456,601    |
|                        | <hr/>      |
| At 31 December 2010    | 504,222    |
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**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - continued**  
**for the Year Ended 31 December 2011**

**3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                       | Total<br>£ |
|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>COST</b>           |            |
| At 1 January 2011     | 2,728,076  |
| Additions             | 228,477    |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| At 31 December 2011   | 2,956,553  |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>   |            |
| At 1 January 2011     | 2,226,924  |
| Charge for year       | 126,065    |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| At 31 December 2011   | 2,352,989  |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b> |            |
| At 31 December 2011   | 603,564    |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| At 31 December 2010   | 501,152    |
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**4 CREDITORS**

Creditors include an amount of £113,560 (31 12 10 - £105,400) for which security has been given

**5 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

| Allotted, issued and fully paid<br>Number | Class        | Nominal<br>value | 31 12 11<br>£ | 31 12 10<br>£ |
|---|--------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 296,156                                   | 'A' Ordinary | £1               | 296,156       | 296,156       |
| 187,500                                   | 'B' Ordinary | £1               | 187,500       | 187,500       |
|   |              |                  | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
|   |              |                  | 483,656       | 483,656       |
|   |              |                  | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

**6 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS**

Shareholders Loans includes loans from the following directors N F Quinn £120,293 and P R Messent £3,090  
£41,040 of the loan from N F Quinn is repayable within one year

The company also has a debtor in respect of the directors current account of N F Quinn which increased during the year from £24,042 to £40,735

An amount of £5,000 (2010 - £5,000) was paid during the year to P R Messent as Consultancy Fees

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**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - continued**  
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**7 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

On 7 May 2004 the company and its shareholders entered into an Option Agreement with Q K Cold Stores (Marston) Limited. During 2005 the initial option was exercised as a result of which IDF (Holdings) Limited acquired and still holds 50% of the share capital of the company.

IDF (Holdings) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arrow Group Limited, a company incorporated in Ireland.

At the beginning of the financial year there were loans due to IDF (Marston) Limited and Q K Cold Stores (Marston) Limited of £272,000 and £200,000 respectively. Interest on these loans as well as the Shareholders' loans is payable at the rate of 5% per annum. During the year amounts totalling £112,500 were repaid to Q K Cold Stores (Marston) Limited and the closing balance at 31 December 2011 amounted to £87,500.

IDF (Marston) Limited is also a wholly owned subsidiary of Arrow Group Limited. Q K Cold Stores (Marston) Limited is ultimately controlled by P Queally and J Queally.

During the year the company had material transactions with Irish Dog Foods Limited, another subsidiary of Arrow Group Limited. These transactions were subject to standard terms and conditions applicable to all customers. The value of sales made to Irish Dog Foods Limited during the year amounted to £278,385 (2010 - £126,551).

During the year the company also had material transactions with Smart Treats Limited, a company in which N F Quinn, a director of this company, is a director and shareholder. The value of sales made to Smart Treats Limited during the year, mainly covering transfers of raw materials, amounted to £72,336 (2010 - £1,333).