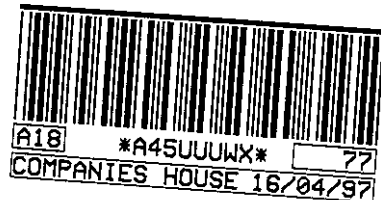


POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

Registered Number: 1116843



CHRISTOPHER J APPEGATE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS and
REGISTERED AUDITOR

Abbotts Ann, Hampshire

POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED

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POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED

DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS

Directors:

R W Scott	Chairman and Managing Director
J Williams	Deputy Managing Director

Secretary:

R W Scott

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POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1996.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company is precious and base metal platers.

Business Development

The Directors are pleased to report another profitable year. This has been achieved by continued investment in product methods and efficiency, along with a gradual improvement in market conditions. The Directors are confident that this improvement will continue in the current financial year.

Results and Dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4. The retained profit for the year of £17,544 (1995: £38,715) has been transferred to reserves. An interim dividend of £0.44p (1995: Nil) per Ordinary Share was paid on 26 June 1996. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

Directors and Directors' Interests

The Directors shown on page 1 have served during the year. Their interests in the Ordinary 10p shares of the company were as follows:

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
R W Scott	52,350	52,350
J Williams	<u>37,650</u>	<u>37,650</u>
	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>

Mr R W Scott retires by rotation, and being eligible offers himself for re-election.

Fixed Assets

Details of movements in tangible fixed assets during the year, are given in Note 8 to the accounts.

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 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.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996 (Continued)

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 the safeguarding of assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

Messrs Christopher J Applegate have expressed their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By Order of the Board



R W Scott
Secretary

14 February 1997

32 Dawkins Road
Hamworthy
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BH15 4JW

POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996**

	Note	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Turnover	1	1,619,374	1,578,147
Cost of Sales		<u>1,040,463</u>	<u>1,022,078</u>
Gross Profit		578,911	556,069
Distribution Costs		65,692	71,359
Administrative Expenses		<u>380,850</u>	<u>370,459</u>
Operating Profit	2	132,369	114,251
Interest Payable	5	<u>55,373</u>	<u>60,623</u>
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation		76,996	53,628
Taxation on Profit on Ordinary Activities	6	<u>(19,452)</u>	<u>(14,913)</u>
Profit on Ordinary Activities after Taxation		57,544	38,715
Dividends	7	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit for the Financial Year Transferred to Reserves	15	<u>17,544</u>	<u>38,715</u>

A statement of total recognised gains and losses, and a note of historical cost profits and losses relating to the year is shown on page 6.

Turnover is derived from continuing operations in the United Kingdom.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 1996

	Note	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets	8	844,892	1,147,626
Current Assets			
Stocks	9	61,647	76,361
Debtors	10	411,209	392,277
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>51,690</u>	<u>38,969</u>
		524,546	507,607
Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>792,823</u>	<u>806,253</u>
Net Current (Liabilities)		(268,277)	(298,646)
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		576,615	848,980
Creditors - Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	-	16,000
Provisions for Liabilities and Charges	13	<u>84,519</u>	<u>154,988</u>
Net Assets		<u>492,096</u>	<u>677,992</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Called Up Share Capital	14	9,000	9,000
Profit and Loss Account	15	355,639	338,095
Revaluation Reserve	16	<u>127,457</u>	<u>330,897</u>
		<u>492,096</u>	<u>677,992</u>

On behalf of the Board:



R W SCOTT

14 February 1997

POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996**

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Retained profit for the financial year	17,544	38,715
Unrealised (reduction) in revaluation of freehold property reserve	(203,440)	-
Premium on purchase of 10,000 10p Ordinary shares	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,500)</u>
Total gains and losses	<u>185,896</u>	<u>27,215</u>

**NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996**

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	76,996	53,628
Difference between a historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge for the year calculated on the revalued amount	<u>5,027</u>	<u>4,399</u>
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>82,023</u>	<u>58,027</u>

POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996

1 Accounting Policies

a Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of the freehold property, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

b Tangible Fixed Assets

The rates of depreciation applied to tangible assets are calculated to write off their cost over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives of the principal classes of tangible fixed assets are as follows:

Freehold Property	- 1% per annum on 1990 valuation, and cost of subsequent additions
Plant and Machinery	- 20% per annum on monthly written down value
Fixture and Fittings	- 25% per annum on monthly written down value
Motor Cars	- 25% per annum on annual written down value
Motor Vans	- 30% per annum on annual written down value

c Stocks

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

d Leases

Costs incurred under operating leases are charged against operating profit in the year in which they arise.

e Taxation

Taxation is based on the profits for the year. Provision is made in respect of timing differences to the extent that such future liabilities are expected to become payable in the foreseeable future.

f Turnover

Turnover represents the amount of products sold, exclusive of value added tax.

g Pensions

The pension costs charged against profits represent the amount of the contributions payable to schemes in respect of the accounting period.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996 (Continued)

2	Operating Profit	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
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Operating profit is arrived at after charging:

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	65,359	63,521
Auditors' Remuneration	3,750	3,750
Hire purchase charges	2,280	2,112
Loss/(profit) on the disposal of tangible fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>1,064</u>

3 Directors' Remuneration

<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
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The emoluments of the directors, including pension contributions, were:

<u>141,161</u>	<u>113,912</u>
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The emoluments of the Chairman, and highest paid director, excluding pension contributions were:

<u>99,571</u>	<u>71,150</u>
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The number of directors whose emoluments, excluding pension contributions, were within the following bands:

<u>1996</u> Number	<u>1995</u> Number
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£30,001 - £40,000	1	1
£40,001 - £50,000	-	-
£50,001 - £60,000	-	-
£60,001 - £70,000	-	-
£70,001 - £80,000	-	1
£80,001 - £90,000	-	-
£90,001 - £100,000	1	-

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996 (Continued)

4 Employees

Employee costs charged against operating profit, including directors' emoluments shown in Note 3 were:

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Wages and salaries	518,924	472,342
Social security costs	50,089	42,436
Pension costs	<u>9,434</u>	<u>11,950</u>
	<u>578,447</u>	<u>526,728</u>

The average number of employees including directors during the year, was:

	<u>1996</u> Number	<u>1995</u> Number
Production	31	32
Sales and distribution	1	1
Administration	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>35</u>	<u>36</u>

5 Interest Payable

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
On short term borrowings	<u>55,373</u>	<u>60,623</u>

6 Taxation

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Corporation tax at 24% (1995-25%)	18,746	-
Deferred taxation at 24% (1995-25%)	<u>706</u>	<u>14,913</u>
	<u>19,452</u>	<u>14,913</u>

7 Dividends

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Ordinary Shares		
Interim dividend of £0.44p per share, paid 26 June 1996 (1995 Nil).	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996 (Continued)**

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property £	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost or valuation					
At 1 July 1995	940,237	770,698	37,434	71,522	1,819,891
Additions	-	31,389	5,851	-	37,240
Transfer to Revaluation Reserve	<u>274,615</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>274,615</u>
At 30 June 1996	<u>665,622</u>	<u>802,087</u>	<u>43,285</u>	<u>71,522</u>	<u>1,582,516</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 July 1995	56,220	555,342	32,296	28,407	672,265
Charge for the year	9,402	42,593	1,432	11,932	65,359
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 1996	<u>65,622</u>	<u>597,935</u>	<u>33,728</u>	<u>40,339</u>	<u>737,624</u>
Net Book Values					
At 30 June 1996	<u>600,000</u>	<u>204,152</u>	<u>9,557</u>	<u>31,183</u>	<u>844,892</u>
At 30 June 1995	<u>884,017</u>	<u>215,356</u>	<u>5,138</u>	<u>43,115</u>	<u>1,147,626</u>

The freehold property is included at its open market valuation by Primmer Olds, Chartered Surveyors, in November 1996. The comparable amounts for the freehold property, if stated under historical cost rules, would be:

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Cost	500,301	500,301
Depreciation	<u>(67,154)</u>	<u>(62,779)</u>
Net Book Value	<u>433,147</u>	<u>437,522</u>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996 (Continued)**

9	Stock	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
	Raw materials and consumables	<u>61,647</u>	<u>76,361</u>
10	Debtors	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
	Trade debtors	386,283	366,296
	Other debtors	235	1,341
	Prepayments and accrued income	<u>24,691</u>	<u>24,640</u>
		<u>411,209</u>	<u>392,277</u>
11	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
	Bank loan	16,000	50,400
	Bank overdraft	506,209	467,782
	Hire purchase obligations	412	18,902
	Trade creditors	152,302	203,823
	Corporation tax	18,746	-
	Directors' loan account	-	-
	Other taxes and social security costs	68,675	40,453
	Accruals and deferred income	<u>30,479</u>	<u>24,893</u>
		<u>792,823</u>	<u>806,253</u>

The bank overdraft and loan are secured by an unlimited debenture over the company's assets, containing a legal charge over the freehold land and buildings at 31 Dawkins Road, Hamworthy, Poole.

12	Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
	Bank loan	-	16,000
	Hire purchase obligations	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>16,000</u>

The long term bank loan is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets, containing a legal charge over the freehold land and buildings at 31 Dawkins Road, Hamworthy, Poole.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996 (Continued)**

13	Provision for Liabilities and Charges		<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
	Deferred tax provisions:	<u>Rate used</u>		
	Potential gain on revalued property	24%	32,302	103,477
	Accelerated capital allowances	24%	52,217	52,574
	Trading losses	24%	-	(1,063)
			<u>84,519</u>	<u>154,988</u>
	Movement on deferred tax:			£
	At 1 July 1995			154,988
	Transfer from profit and loss account			706
	Transfer to revaluation reserve (note 16)			(71,175)
	At 30 June 1996			<u>84,519</u>
14	Share Capital		<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
	Authorised:			
	100,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each		<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	Issued and fully paid			
	90,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each		<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
15	Profit and Loss Account			£
	At 1 July 1995			338,095
	Retained profit for the year			<u>17,544</u>
	At 30 June 1996			<u>355,639</u>

POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1996 (Continued)

16 Revaluation Reserve

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At 1 July 1995	330,897
Transfer from freehold property (note 8)	(274,615)
Transfer to deferred taxation (note 13)	<u>71,175</u>
At 30 June 1996	<u>127,457</u>

The revaluation reserve represents the surplus on revaluation of freehold property.

17 Capital Commitments

The Company had no commitments for capital expenditure, at 30 June 1996 and 30 June 1995.

18 Contingent Liabilities

The company had no contingent liabilities at 30 June 1996 and 30 June 1995.

19 Cashflow Statements

The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided for small companies under FRS1, and has not provided a cashflow statement.

20 Movement on Shareholders Funds

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Opening shareholders funds	677,992	651,777
Profit for the financial year	17,544	38,715
Other recognised gains and (losses) relating to the year (note 16)	(203,440)	(11,500)
Purchase of own shares during the year	-	<u>(1,000)</u>
Closing shareholders funds	<u>492,096</u>	<u>677,992</u>

21 Company Status

The company is a close company within the meaning of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.



CHRISTOPHER J. APPLGATE

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF POOLE TECHNICAL PLATING SERVICES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on pages 2 and 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 30 June 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Christopher J Applegate

14 February 1997

**Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor
Abbots Ann, Hampshire**