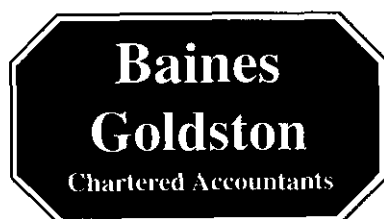


PORTMAN HILL & COMPANY LIMITED
ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2000



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AUDITORS' REPORT TO PORTMAN HILL & COMPANY LIMITED

UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements set out on pages 2 to 3 together with the financial statements of Portman Hill & Company Limited for the year ended 31st December 2000 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

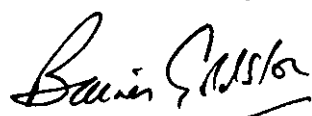
We have carried out procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

Fundamental Uncertainty

The accounts are drawn up on a going concern basis which is dependent on the continued support of the parent company. Our audit report is not qualified in this respect.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages 2 to 3 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.



Baines Goldston
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
43 - 45 Yarm Lane
Stockton on Tees
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9th July 2001

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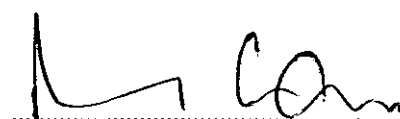
ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Current assets			
Debtors		1,239	163,988
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>(32,518)</u>	<u>(192,694)</u>
Net current liabilities		(31,279)	(28,706)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>(31,279)</u>	<u>(28,706)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	2	195,000	195,000
Share premium account		652	652
Profit and loss account		<u>(226,931)</u>	<u>(224,358)</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u>(31,279)</u>	<u>(28,706)</u>

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

These abbreviated financial statements were approved by the board on 6.7.2001 and signed on its behalf.



Director

PORTMAN HILL & COMPANY LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2000

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000), under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of sales excluding value added tax and trade discounts.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Where exchange differences result from the translation of foreign currency borrowings raised to acquire foreign assets they are taken to reserves and offset against the differences arising from the translation of those assets. All other exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

2	Share capital	2000 £	1999 £
	Authorised		
	500,000 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	500,000	500,000
	Allotted		
	195,000 Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1.00 each	195,000	195,000

3 Ultimate parent company

The company's ultimate parent company is Parson & Crosland Limited.