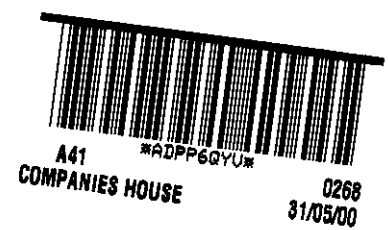


**THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS**

**31 JULY 1999**



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**THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED**

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COMPANY**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

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We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5, together with the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 July 1999 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

**RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS**

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts 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 accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and report our opinion to you.

**BASIS OF OPINION**

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the accounts, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts 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 accounts.

**OPINION**

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

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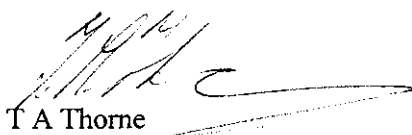
31 May 2000

**THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED****ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET****31 JULY 1999**

	Note	1999	1998
		£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	2		
Tangible assets		666,022	438,782
Investments		6,000	7,928
		<u>672,022</u>	<u>446,710</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors		102,911	60,809
Cash at bank and in hand		-	4,696
		<u>102,911</u>	<u>65,505</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		<u>(27,436)</u>	<u>(178,451)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>		75,475	(112,946)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>747,497</u>	<u>333,764</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		<u>(80,000)</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>
		<u>667,497</u>	<u>283,764</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called-up equity share capital	3	1,000	1,000
Revaluation reserve		200,221	-
Profit and loss account		466,276	282,764
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		<u>667,497</u>	<u>283,764</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These accounts were approved by the directors on the 31 May 2000 and are signed on their behalf by:

  
T A Thorne

The notes on pages 3 to 5 form part of these accounts.

# THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 1999

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### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### **Consolidation**

In the opinion of the directors, the company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

#### **Turnover**

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Computer equipment                      - 25% straight line

It is the company's policy to maintain its properties in a continual state of repair and relevant expenditure is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred, therefore, any depreciation is not considered material and no provision has been made. If any impairment in value occurs, full provision will be made.

#### **Investment properties**

Investment properties are included at their open market value. No depreciation is provided on the freehold investment properties and the directors consider that this accounting policy results in the accounts giving a true and fair view and is in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 19.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Provision is made, under the liability method, to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences to the extent that it is considered that a net liability may arise.

#### **Cash flow statement**

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

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at cost less any provision made for any impairment in value.

**THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED****NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS****YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 1999****2. FIXED ASSETS**

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Investments £	Total £
<b>COST OR VALUATION</b>			
At 1 August 1998	438,878	7,928	446,806
Additions	89,508	-	89,508
Disposals	(62,393)	(1,928)	(64,321)
Revaluation	200,221	-	200,221
At 31 July 1999	<u>666,214</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>672,214</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 August 1998	96	-	96
Charge for year	96	-	96
At 31 July 1999	<u>192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>192</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 July 1999	<u>666,022</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>672,022</u>
At 31 July 1998	<u>438,782</u>	<u>7,928</u>	<u>446,710</u>

**3. SHARE CAPITAL**

Authorised share capital:

	1999 £	1998 £
1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	1999 £	1998 £
Ordinary share capital	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

**4. SECURITY**

The bank overdraft included in creditors due in less than one year of £893 (1998: £2,503) are secured by a legal mortgage over the property at 19 West Street, Bristol.

# **THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 1999**

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### **5. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The company charged rent totaling £Nil (1998: £28,000) during the year to group companies. Thorne Secure Limited was charged £Nil (1998: £14,000) and P Thorne & Son (Safes and Security Systems) Limited charged £Nil (1998: £14,000).

The company also made management charges totaling £60,000 (1998: £41,000) during the year to group companies. Thorne Secure Limited was charged £20,000 (1998: £25,000) and P Thorne & Son (Safes and Security Systems) Limited charged £40,000 (1998: £16,000).

The company made recharges of insurance to P Thorne & Son (Safes and Security Systems) Limited of £Nil (1998: £1,840) and Thorne Secure Limited of £Nil (1998: £1,840).

It also made purchases totalling £133 (1998: £382) from P Thorne & Son (Safes and Security Systems) Limited and £1,346 (1998: £Nil) from Thorne Secure Limited.

At the year end £94,546 (1998: £41,142) was owed by Thorne Secure Limited to Thorne Holdings Limited, and £3,760 (1998: £85,790) was owed to P Thorne & Son (Safes and Security Systems) Limited.

The company also owed £80,000 (1998: £102,000) to the executive pension scheme at the year end by way of loans included in creditors. The pension scheme also owed the company £Nil (1998: £12,028) by way of a short term loan to the pension fund, repaid shortly after the year end of 31 July 1998. Both of the directors are beneficiaries of the pension scheme. Interest of £8,598 (1998: £5,609) was paid to the executive pension scheme during the year.

### **6. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The ultimate controlling party is T A Thorne.