FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30TH NOVEMBER 2000

Registered Number 2741960

ORMEROD RUTTER

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



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COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Number: 2741960

Directors: Mr D Weston

Mrs P S L Weston

Secretary: Mrs PSL Weston

Registered Office: 10-12 Feckenham Road

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Auditors: Ormerod Rutter

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

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WESTMORE BUSINESS SYSTEMS LIMITED REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th November 2000.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continues to be that of the supply of postal franking machines together with other office equipment and related consumables.

Directors' interests

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

Mr D Weston Mrs P S L Weston

The directors held no interest in the share capital of the company.

The directors' interests in the parent company WBS Holdings Limited are as disclosed in that company's financial statements.

Responsibilities of the directors

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the 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.

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

Auditors

The auditors, Ormerod Rutter, Chartered Accountants, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report was approved by the board on 16th May 2001 and has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

On behalf of the board

Mrs P S L Weston (Company Secretary)

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

WESTMORE BUSINESS SYSTEMS LIMITED

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 9 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000) under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the directors' report 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 financial 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 judgements 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 misstatements, 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 at 30th November 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ormerod Rutter

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditors

The Oakley

Kidderminster Road

Droitwich

Worcestershire

WR9 9AY

21st May 2001

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
Turnover		1,162,285	1,258,687
Cost of sales		751,274	800,717
Gross profit		411,011	457,970
Administrative expenses		407,793	452,870
Operating profit	2	3,218	5,100
Other interest receivable and similar income		447	26
Interest payable		(1,003)	(379)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		2,662	4,747
Tax on ordinary activities	3	360	(609)
Profit on ordinary activities before extraordinary items		3,022	4,138
Extraordinary items	4	•	(25,000)
Retained profit/(loss) for the year		£ 3,022	£ (20,862)

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

	Note		2000		1999
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets Tangible assets	5		45,405		41,178
Current assets Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	6	20,150 101,197 65,233		67,585 84,866 61,430	
		186,580		213,881	
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	7	144,147		166,891	
Net current assets			42,433		46,990
Total assets less current liabilities			87,838		88,168
Creditors Amounts falling due after more than one year	. 8		(1,397)		(4 740)
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Net assets			£ 86,441		£ 83,419
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	9		100		100
Profit and loss account	10		86,341 ————		83,319
Shareholders' funds			£ 86,441		£ 83,419

Approved by the board of directors on 16th May 2001 and signed on its behalf. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

Mr D Weston (Director) Mrs P S L Weston

(Director)

The annexed notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

1. Accounting policies

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

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it is a small company.

Turnove

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

Depreciation and diminution in value of assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Rental Machines

- 33% reducing balance basis

Office Equipment, Fixtures and Fittings

- 10% reducing balance basis

Motor Vehicles

- 25% reducing balance basis

Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for financial statements purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences to the extent it is considered that a net liability may crystallise.

Leasing

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period. Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on straight line basis over the term of the lease.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

2.	Operating profit	2000 £	1999 £
	This is stated after charging:	_	~
	Directors' emoluments Auditors' remuneration and expenses Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under finance leases	2,288 3,285 4,529	6,784 3,700 3,917
	and hire purchase contracts	2,091	2,787
3.	Tax on ordinary activities	2000 £	1999 £
	Current year: United Kingdom Corporation Tax	(360)	609
		£(360)	£ 609
	Corporation Tax has been charged at 10%/20% (1999 - 20%/21%).		
4.	Extraordinary items	2000 £	1999 £
	Executive Rentals Limited loan written off		(25,000)
		£ -	£(25,000)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

5. Tangible fixed assets

	Rental Machines £	Office Equipment Fixtures and Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost:	_		~	~
At 1st December 1999	3,500	44,799	11,150	59,449
Additions	-	10,847	-	10,847
At 30th November 2000	3,500	55,646	11,150	70,296
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Depreciation: At 1st December 1999	2,801	12,683	2,787	18,271
Charge for the year	233	4,296	2,767	6,620
charge for the year				
At 30th November 2000	3,034	16,979	4,878	24,891
Net book value:				
At 30th November 2000	£ 466	£38,667	£ 6,272	£45,405
At 30th November 1999	£ 699	£32,116	£ 8,363	£41,178
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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts amounting to £6,272 (1999 - £8,363).

6. **Debtors**

2001010	2000 £	1999 £
Due within one year:		
Trade debtors	97,544	75,756
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	9,000
Other debtors	3,653	110
	£101,197	£ 84,866
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2000

7.	Creditors - amounts falling due within one year		
		2000 £	1999 £
	Bank overdraft Net obligations under finance lease	4,839	28,625
	and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Amounts owed to undertakings in which the	3,352 69,841 38,255	3,352 110,716
	company has a participating interest Taxation and social security Other creditors	24,245 3,615	15,993 5,020 3,185
		£144,147	£166,891
	Of the above creditors £4,839 (1999 - £28,625) is secured.		
8.	Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year	2000 £	1999 £
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	1,397	4,749
9.	Share capital	2000 £	1999 £
	Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each	£	£
		100	100
10.	Profit and loss account	2000 £	
	Balance at 1st December 1999 Profit retained for the year	83,319 3,022	
	Balance at 30th November 2000	£86,341	

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11. Ultimate holding company

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of WBS Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

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