

ORWELL FERTILIZERS LIMITED

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 JANUARY 1997

REGISTERED NO. 2797441



KIDSONS IMPEY
Chartered Accountants
Chelmsford

ORWELL FERTILIZERS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

31 JANUARY 1997

The directors present their annual report and the audited accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 1997.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

We are required under company law to prepare accounts 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 these accounts we are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;

state whether accounting standards have been followed, and give details of any departures;

prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless in our view the company will be unable to continue in business.

We are also responsible for:

keeping proper accounting records;

safeguarding the company's assets;

taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud.

Principal activity and business review

The company did not trade on its own account during the year, and operates as an agent of its parent company Harlow Agricultural Merchants Limited.

Directors and their shareholdings

The directors of the company during the year and at 31 January 1997 were:

D I Low

S H Carpenter

R G F Gilder

None of the directors have any interests in the issued share capital of the company. The interests of the directors in the shares of the parent company are disclosed in the accounts of that company.

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Close company provisions

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

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint Kidsons Impey as auditors to the company will be put to the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Registered office:

Latchmore Bank
Little Hallingbury
Bishops Stortford
Hertfordshire

By Order of the Board



R G F Gilder
Secretary

Date: 4 April 1997

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AUDITORS' REPORT

Auditors' report to the shareholders of Orwell Fertilizers Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 6 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

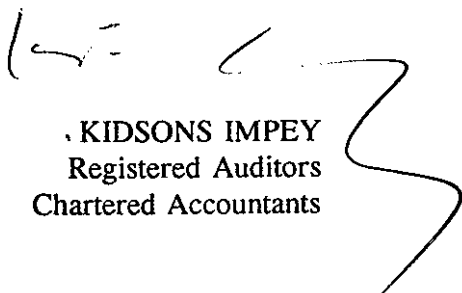
We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 January 1997 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chelmsford, Essex.

Date: 4 April 1997


KIDSONS IMPEY
Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants

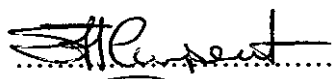
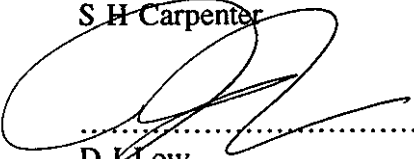
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BALANCE SHEET

31 JANUARY 1997

	Note	1997	1996
Current assets		£	£
Debtors	4	2	2
		—	—
Net assets		2	2
		==	==
 Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	2	2	2
		—	—
Equity shareholders' funds		2	2
		==	==

The accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 4 April 1997

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S H Carpenter)	
)	Directors
)	
D F Low)	

The notes on pages 5 and 6 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

31 JANUARY 1997

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting convention.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of all tangible fixed assets, in equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Motor vehicles	25%
Fixtures and fittings	25%

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at current taxation rates under the liability method to take account of all timing differences between profits as stated in the accounts and as computed for tax purposes. Where it is considered with reasonable probability that no such liability will become payable in the foreseeable future no provision is made.

Profit and loss account

The company has not traded since incorporation and therefore no profit and loss account has been produced.

Cash flow statement

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 wholly owned subsidiary of a parent undertaking which publishes a consolidated cash flow statement.

2 Called up share capital

	Authorised	Allotted, issued and fully paid 1997 and 1996
Equity shares	£	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	2
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3 Ultimate holding company

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Harlow Agricultural Merchants Limited, a company incorporated in England.

	1997	1996
4 Debtors	£	£
Amounts owed by holding company	2	2
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	2	2
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