

WINTERPICK MUSHROOMS LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1998

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Company number: 618436 (England and Wales)

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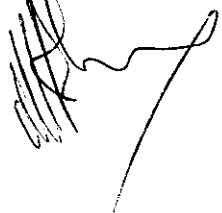
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1998

	Note	1998	1997
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	946,021	936,955
Investments		3,852	3,852
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		949,873	940,807
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stock		55,350	57,586
Debtors	3	110,241	110,814
Cash at bank and in hand		145	274
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		165,736	168,674
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		361,470	378,643
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NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(195,734)	(209,969)
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		754,139	730,838
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	4	199,858	178,208
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PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
Deferred taxation		4,891	2,949
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NET ASSETS		£ 549,390	£ 549,681
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	5	165,000	165,000
Profit and loss account		384,390	384,681
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SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS		£ 549,390	£ 549,681
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The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 27 October 1999 and signed on its behalf by:

M de L Barton
Director



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1998

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Company's operations as indicated in the directors report, all of which are continuing.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the Company, net of value added tax and trade discounts.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

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

Freehold buildings	1% per annum, straight line basis
Equipment, vehicles etc	20% to 25% per annum, reducing balance basis

Leasing and hire purchase

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalized and depreciated over their useful lives. The corresponding lease or hire purchase obligation is treated in the balance sheet as a liability. The interest element of rental obligations is charged to profit and loss account in proportion to the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Stock

Stock of raw materials and consumables is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Stock of growing crops is valued at the estimated cost of production.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation, using the liability method, on all material timing differences to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallize.

Pension costs

The Company operates money purchase pension schemes with defined contribution levels for employees other than the directors. Contributions to the scheme are independently administered by insurance companies and are charged to the profit and loss account for the year in which they are payable.

The pension scheme for one director is funded by way of the Winterpick Mushrooms Limited Self Administered Pension Fund.

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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Total
Cost:	
At 1 January 1998	1,294,056
Additions	55,677
At 31 December 1998	1,349,733
Depreciation:	
At 1 January 1998	357,101
Charge for the year	46,611
At 31 December 1998	403,712
Net book value:	
At 31 December 1997	£ 936,955
At 31 December 1998	£ 946,021

3. DEBTORS

Debtors includes a loan to a director, Mr M de L Barton.

The loan was interest free and the maximum amount outstanding during the year was £33,885 (1997: £16,561).

	1998	1997
4. CREDITORS		
Creditors include the following:		
Bank loan repayable by instalments due after more than five years	£ 113,766	£ Nil
Secured creditors	£ 303,954	£ 260,015

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5. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorized:

Ordinary shares of £1 each	20,000	20,000
Preference shares of £1 each	80,000	80,000
Redeemable preference shares of £1 each	80,000	80,000
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	£ 180,000	£ 180,000
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Allotted and fully paid:

Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
Preference shares of £1 each	80,000	80,000
Redeemable preference shares of £1 each	80,000	80,000
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	£ 165,000	£ 165,000
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The redeemable preference shares are redeemable at par at the option of the Company at any time on or after 1 January 1999.

Both the preference shareholders and the redeemable preference shareholders are entitled to a dividend amounting to 12.5% of the profit for a financial year, subject to various adjustments as set out in the Company's Articles of Association. The dividends are payable on 1 November following the financial year for which they are due. The dividend rights are cumulative.

The preference shares carry no votes at general meetings of the Company unless the dividends are in arrears.

The preference shareholders have a right to receive £1 per share plus accrued dividends in preference to any payments to the ordinary shareholders in the event of a winding up.

**REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO WINTERPICK MUSHROOMS LIMITED
UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5, together with the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 1998 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND 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 to report our opinion to you.

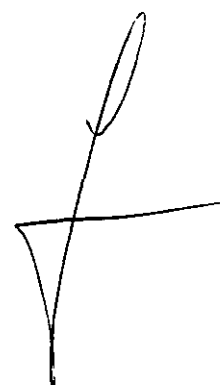
BASIS OF OPINION

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, 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 financial statements.

OPINION

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

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27 October 1999

Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditor