

Bellitas Limited

Accounts For The Year Ended

31st March 2000

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Accountants and Registered Auditors

Bellitas Limited

Report and Financial Statements for the year
ended 31st March 2000

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2000.

Principal activity and business review

The principal activity of the company is the manufacture and sale of hair and beauty products to the professional hair and beauty sector.

During the year the company has attempted to be engaged upon activities that make suitable contribution to profits.

The company will continue to look for profitable work and further increase the level of turnover.

Profits and dividends

The loss for the year after taxation is shown in the attached Profit and Loss Account.

The directors do not propose the payment of a dividend.

Post balance sheet events

No important events affecting the company have occurred since the end of the year.

Fixed assets

Details of the movements during the year in fixed assets are set out in note 6 to the financial statements.

Directors and directors' interest in shares and debentures

The directors and their beneficial interests in the shares and debentures of the company were as follows:

	31st March 2000	31st March 1999
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
R. C. Appleby (Died 20.10.99)	-	52,500
S. W. Appleby	15,000	15,000
	Preference shares of £1 each	
R. C. Appleby (Died 20.10.99)	-	380,000
S. W. Appleby	35,000	35,000

By Order of the Board

Sharan Appleby

MRS S. APPLEBY

3rd July 2000

Secretary

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial period and of the results for that period. In preparing the financial statements, which are required to be prepared on a going concern basis, suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates have been made. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company, for maintaining adequate accounting records and for preventing and detecting irregularities including fraud.

Report of the Auditors Auditors' Report to the shareholders of Bellitas Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 10 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in the financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described above the Company directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those 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 judgments 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 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company as at 31st March 2000 and of the loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985

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Registered Auditors
3rd July 2000

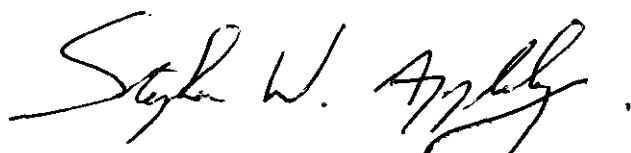
Bellitas LimitedProfit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st March 2000

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
		£	£
Sales		2,547,646	2,603,117
Cost of sales		1,630,961	1,677,218
Gross profit		916,685	925,899
Selling and distribution costs		207,201	197,250
Administrative expenses		729,654	742,309
		(20,170)	(13,660)
Interest payable	2	39,109	48,304
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	3	(59,279)	(61,964)
Taxation	5	(1,154)	1,154
(Loss) after taxation		(58,125)	(63,118)
(Loss) / retained loss for the year	13	(58,125)	(63,118)

The loss for the year relates solely to continued operations and the company made no recognised gains or losses in the year other than the loss for the year shown above

Bellitas LimitedBalance Sheet at 31st March 2000

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
		£	£
<u>Fixed assets</u>			
Tangible assets	7	<u>193,601</u>	<u>274,538</u>
<u>Current assets</u>			
Stocks	8	520,262	543,123
Debtors	9	385,590	389,450
Cash at bank and in hand		33	110
		<u>905,885</u>	<u>932,683</u>
<u>Current liabilities</u> - creditors due within one year	10	<u>(771,512)</u>	<u>(727,333)</u>
Net current assets		<u>134,373</u>	<u>205,350</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>327,974</u>	<u>479,888</u>
Creditors due after more than one year	10	(12,456)	(106,245)
Net assets		<u><u>315,518</u></u>	<u><u>373,643</u></u>
<u>Capital and reserves</u>			
Called-up share capital			
Ordinary share capital	11	75,000	75,000
<u>Non-equity capital</u>			
Preference share capital	11	445,000	445,000
Profit and loss account	12	(204,482)	(146,357)
		<u><u>315,518</u></u>	<u><u>373,643</u></u>

Approved by the Board on 3rd July 2000


S. W. APPLEBY

Director

Bellitas LimitedReconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' FundsFor the year ended 31st March 2000

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	£	£
(Loss) after taxation	(58,125)	(63,118)
Movement in shareholders' funds	<u>(58,125)</u>	<u>(63,118)</u>
Shareholders' funds at 1st April 1999	<u>373,643</u>	<u>436,761</u>
Shareholders' funds at 31st March 2000	<u><u>315,518</u></u>	<u><u>373,643</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year

ended 31st March 2000

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, under the historical cost convention and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	£	£
2 <u>Interest payable</u>		
Interest on loans - repayable within 5 years		
Bank and other loan interest	29,371	40,410
Hire purchase interest	9,738	7,894
	<u>39,109</u>	<u>48,304</u>

3 Loss on ordinary activities is stated after charging

Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	73,793	114,581
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	-	107,410
Property rent	51,110	48,125
Loss on sale of fixed assets	20,252	-
Auditors' remuneration	4,050	2,850
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Directors and employees

Staff costs

Wages and salaries	569,270	506,658
Directors' pension contributions	721	1,441
Social security costs	45,512	43,385
	<u>615,503</u>	<u>551,484</u>

The average number of persons employed by the company was:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
Production	26	27
Sales and despatch	5	5
Administration	9	8
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Staff costs include remuneration in respect of directors:

Emoluments as directors	<u>37,622</u>	<u>25,652</u>
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	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	£	£
5 <u>Taxation</u>		
<u>U. K. Taxation</u>		
Based on the profit for the year		
calculated at current rates	(1,154)	1,154

The directors are advised that the company is a close company as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988. There is no material liability to deferred taxation.

6 **Tangible assets**

	<u>Leasehold Improvements</u>	<u>Plant and Fixtures</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>Cost</u>				
At 1st April 1999	33,008	600,243	107,623	740,874
Additions	-	39,751	-	39,751
Disposals	-	(15,968)	(81,896)	(97,864)
At 31st March 2000	33,008	624,026	25,727	682,761
<u>Depreciation</u>				
At 1st April 1999	29,386	379,522	57,428	466,336
Charge for year	1,156	66,205	6,432	73,793
Disposals	-	(3,188)	(47,781)	(50,969)
At 31st March 2000	30,542	442,539	16,079	489,160
<u>Net book value</u>				
At 31st March 2000	2,466	181,487	9,648	193,601
At 1st April 1999	3,622	220,721	50,195	274,538

Depreciation rates

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| a) Leasehold improvements | - over the life of the lease |
| b) Plant and fixtures | - 10%-33.3% straight line |
| c) Motor vehicles | - 25% straight line |

The written down value of fixed assets subject to finance leases and similar hire purchase contracts is £35,423 (1999 £85,515) and the depreciation charge for the year on such assets was £8,303 (1999 £35,459)

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	<u>2000</u> £	<u>1999</u> £
7 Capital commitments		
Capital expenditure authorised or contracted for amounted to	nil	nil
Annual commitments under operating leases analysed by the unexpired period amounted to		
<u>Land and buildings</u>		
Within one year	-	9,375
In second to fifth years	52,000	25,000
<u>Other assets</u>		
In second to fifth year	48,234	1,894
8 Stocks		
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value		
Raw materials and consumables	195,501	170,595
Work in progress	20,588	13,443
Finished goods and goods for resale	302,715	356,747
Promotional and packaging materials	1,458	2,338
	520,262	543,123
9 Debtors - due within one year		
Trade debtors	362,321	366,096
Other debtors	1,154	-
Prepayments	22,115	23,354
	385,590	389,450
10 Creditors - due within one year		
Trade creditors	291,837	366,031
Accruals	29,085	26,212
Other tax and social security	26,722	23,949
Hire purchase and finance leases	9,445	30,927
Other creditors	87,400	-
Due to HSBC Invoice Finance (UK) Ltd	259,795	210,572
Corporation tax	-	1,154
Bank borrowings	67,228	68,488
	771,512	727,333
- due after more than one year and less than five years		
Hire purchase and finance leases	8,369	18,845
Bank borrowings	4,087	-
Pension loan	-	87,400
	12,456	106,245

Bank borrowings are secured by fixed charges over the book debts and by floating charge over all other assets. Sums due to HSBC Invoice Finance (UK) Limited are secured by a fixed charge over book debts and related rights.

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	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	£	£
11 <u>Share capital</u>		
<u>Authorised</u>		
75,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	75,000	75,000
445,000 Preference shares of £1 each	445,000	445,000
	<u>520,000</u>	<u>520,000</u>
<u>Allotted issued and fully paid</u>		
75,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	75,000	75,000
445,000 Preference shares of £1 each	445,000	445,000
	<u>520,000</u>	<u>520,000</u>
12 <u>Reserves</u>	Profit and loss account	
At 1st April 1999	(146,357)	
Retained loss for the year	(58,125)	
At 31st March 2000	<u>(204,482)</u>	

13 Related party disclosures

Mrs S Appleby, widow of Mr R Appleby, purchased a motor vehicle during the year from the company at an arms length value.

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14 Turnover

Turnover represents sales of hair and beauty products excluding Value Added Tax.

15 Pension scheme

The pension scheme operated by the company is a defined contributions scheme and the charge for the year represents the amounts payable during the year.

16 Hire purchase interest

Interest on hire purchase agreements is written off in equal instalments over the period of the agreements.