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BESTOBELL MOBREY LIMITED

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31ST DECEMBER, 1976

Fryer Whitehill & Ço.

Chartered Accountants



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Directors:-

December, 1976:-

Mr. R.G. Beattie - Chairman

Mr. G.G. Woodhead Mr. E.A. Morrison Mr. S. Wood

Mr. E.P. Bartlett

The Directors submit their Report and the Accounts for the year ended 31st

1. THRNOVER, PROFIT AND DIVIDENDS

| TURNOVER, PROFIT AND DIVIDENDS | <u>1976</u> £ | <u>1975</u> £ |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Turnover | £6,364,579 | £6,705,705 |
| Not Profit after providing for Taxation Deduct: Recommended dividend | 264,816 252,000 | 448,666 330,000 |
| Add: Retained Profit brought forward | 12,816 636,744 | 118,666 518,078 |
| | £649,560 | £636,744 |

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Company are the design, development, manufacture and installation of Engineering Control Equipment.

3. EXPORTS

The aggregate f.o.b. value of goods directly exported from the United Kingdom during the year was £2,294,985 (1975 - £2,207,038).

4. FIXED ASSETS

In the opinion of the Directors the market value of Land and Buildings at 31st December, 1976, does not differ substantially from the amount at which they are included in the Balance Sheet.

During the year significant disposals of fixed assets included the sale of the Cumbernauld activity to Garimech Limited, as a going concern and the transfer to a newly formed Bestobell Scrvice Company Limited, of the service division.

4. FIXED ASSETS (continued)

The details of these are as follows:-

| • | N.B.V. | Proceeds |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Cumbernauld Activity | £ | £ |
| Plant and Machinery Motor Vehicles | 7,581 844 | - |
| | £8,425 | 2 - 2 |
| Service Division | | |
| Motor Vehicles Plant and Machinery | 70,187 16,007 | 70,187 16,007 |
| | £86,194 | £86,194 |

The cost of the Cumbernauld transfer is shown in the Profit and Loss account.

Since the end of the year the Company has sold its Heating and Ventilating Contracting division as the Directors did not consider this activity to be consistent with the longer term development plans of the Company. The terms of the transfer are considered beneficial to the Company and to the employees of that division. The proceeds from this sale will be reinvested in the business.

Particulars of changes in Fixed Assets during the year are given under Balance Sheet Note 1.

5. DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERI

The following is a list of the present Directors of the Company and of those who were Directors during the year.

They have declared their interests (including family interests, as defined in the Companies Act 1967) in Ordinary Shares of Bestobell Limited, or its Subsidiary Companies, at 31st December, 1976.

| | | Shares in | Bestobell Limited |
|-----|---|-----------|-------------------|
| | | 1976 | 1975 |
| Mr. | R.G. Allen (Retired 1.6.76) | - | |
| | R.G. Beattie (Shares held on appointment 1.6.76 - Nil) | Ni1 | - |
| | G.G. Woodhead (Shares held on appointment 1.1.76 - Nil) | Ni1 | _ |
| Mr. | L.J. Hedges (Retired 1.1.76) | ٠ | · - |
| | E.A. Morrison | 420 | 420 |
| Mr. | D.G. Gilbey (Retired 1.1.77) | 91 | 95 |
| | S. Wood | Nil ' | Nil |
| | E.P. Bartlett (Appointed 1.1.77) | - | _ |

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No Directors held any interest in Shares in the Company, Fellow Subsidiary Companies, or in Preference Shares or Debenture Stock of Bestobell Limited, or its Subsidiary Companies.

In accordance with the articles the following directors appointed since the last general meeting, retire and offer themselves for re-election.

> Mr. R.G. Beattie Mr. E.P. Bartlett

Mr. E.A. Morrison, retires by rotation and, being eligible offers himself for re-election.

None of the Directors had any interest, direct or indirect, in any contracts subsisting at any time during the year, to which the Company was a party.

6. AUDITORS

Messrs. Fryer Whitehill & Co. have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

E.P. BARTLETT

Secretary.

Bath Road, Slough, Berks.

March 1977.

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BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER, 1976

| | Notes | 1976 | <u> 1975</u> |
|---|--------|---|--|
| | | £ | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS | 1 | 439,492 | 313,690 |
| SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES | 2 | | 454, 140 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Stock and Work-in-Progress Fellow Subsidiary Companies Debtors Cash and Bank Balances | 3 | 1,753,842 564,067 1,401,513 203,481 3,922,903 | 1,760,701 226,455 1,574,143 87,899 3,649,198 |
| Deduct: | | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors Taxation Fellow Subsidiary Companies Bank Loan and Overdraft Proposed Dividend | 4 | 1,281,942 504,239 99,558 500,000 252,000 | 1,154,443 424,582 9,165 295,226 330,000 |
| Francisco Dividend | | 2,637,739 | 2,213,416 |
| | | 1,285,164 | 1,435,782 |
| | | 1,724,656 | 2,203,612 |
| Deduct: | | • | |
| AMOUNT DUE TO HOLDING COMPANY | 5 | 386,496 | 664,168 |
| DEFERRED LIABILITIES | | | |
| Corporation Tax due 1.1.1978 | 4 6 | 173,100 365,500 | 486,700 266,000 |
| Deferred Taxation | · | 538,600 | 752,700 |
| | | 925,096 | 1,416,868 |
| NET ASSETS | | £799,560 | £786,744 |
| Represented by: | | | |
| | 7 | . 150,000 | 150,000 |
| SHARE CAPITAL RESERVES | | 649,560 | 636,744 |
| Buts | , | £799,560 | £786,744 |
| DIRECTORS | | | |

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NOTES ON THE BALANCE SHEET

 Land and buildings are shown at the original cost to the Group. Depreciation is cumulative based on cost.

Other fixed assets are stated at original cost to the Group. Depreciation is cumulative.

The movements in fixed assets during the year were as follows:-

| | | <u>1976</u> | |
|--|------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | Land and Buildings | Other Fixed Assets |
| | | £ | £ |
| Cost at 31st December, 1975 Add: Additions during year | | 79,307 | 782,401 293,033 |
| Deduct: Disposals during year | | 79,307 | 1,075,434 300,444 |
| Cost at 31st December, 1976 | | 79,307 | 774,990 |
| Deduct: Cumulative Depreciation to 31st December, 1976 | | . 25,140 | 389,665 |
| Written Down Value at 31st December, | 1976 | £54,167 | £385, 325 |
| Per Balance Sheet | | £43 | 39,492 ====== |
| Written Down Value at 31st December, | 1975 | £56,140 | £257, 541 |
| | | £31 == | 13,690 |
| Land and Buildings | 1976 | | <u> 1975</u> |
| | Cost | Book Value | Cost Book Valu |

| rand and buildings | <u>1976</u> | | 1975 | |
|--|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Cost | Book Value | Cost | Book Value |
| Leasehold (under 50 years unexpired) | £79,307 | £54,167 | £79,307 | £56, 149 |
| Capital Commitments | <u>197</u> | <u>6</u> | <u> 1975</u> | |
| Contracted but not provided | £44,7 | 39 | £NIL | |
| Authorised by the Directors but not contracted | eni | I. | . ENIL | |

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| 2. | SUBSIDIARY | COMPANIES |
|----|------------|-----------|
| | | |

| SUBSIDIRAL COMPANIES | 1976 | <u> 1975</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Shares at Cost | _ | 143,835 |
| Add: Ampunt due from Subsidiary | | 318,884 |
| | ,, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | |
| | - | 462,719 |
| Deduct: Amount due to Subsidiary | - | 8,579 |
| | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1976 | £ - | £454,140 |
| | | |

The Company's holdings in its subsidiary companies were transferred to Bestobell Overseas Limited, a fellow subsidiary company on 1st January, 1976 at cost.

3. STOCK AND WORK IN PROCRESS

| Stocks and Manufacturing Wor at cost of purchase and wh appropriate proportion of | ere relevant an manufacturing overheads, | 1976 £ 1,694,165 |
|---|---|------------------------|
| and net realisable value, Contract Work in Progress | whichever is the lower | |
| Less Progress Claims | 314,000 | 29.864 |

valued at the lower of cost, including appropriate contract overheads and net realisable value. Profits on short term contracts are taken on completion and those on long term contracts only when they can reasonably be foreseen. Full provision is made for any anticipated losses.

Tooling

valued at cost less amounts written off at the rate of 25% per annum

29,813

£1,753,842

4. TAXATION (See also Note 6 and Profit and Loss Note 3)

Provision has been made in the Accounts for Corporation Tax at 52%.

5. HOLDING COMPANY

Bestobell Limited, incorporated in Great Britain, is the Holding Company.

6. DEFERRED TAXATION (See also Note 4 and Profit and Loss Note 3)

The following provision has been made by way of Deferr ! Taxation at the current year end rates of taxation to reflect:-

1976 £ £

(a) the difference between depreciation charged in the accounts and allowances for tax purposes together with other timing differences - page 3 - continued

156,982

37, 189

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6. DEFERRED TAXATION(continued)

| | | 1976 £ | 1975 £ |
|----|--|-----------|-----------|
| | B. Fwd. | 156,982 | 37,189 |
| | (b) tax deferred in respect of stock increase relief | 208,518 | 228,811 |
| | | £365,500 | £266,000 |
| 7. | SHARE CAPITAL | 1976 £ | 1975 £ |
| | Authorised Share Capital of 150,000 shares at £1 each | £150,000 | £150,000 |
| | Issued Share Capital of 150,000 shares of £1 each fully paid | £150,000 | £150,000 |

8. PENSION ARRANGEMENTS

Pensions for current employees are provided by contribution to the Group Pension Scheme. Pensions - paid to those employees who were not eligible for admission to Group Scheme are charged against profits as they arise.

CONTINGENT LIABILITIES/GUARANTEES

- A. The Company has agreed to guarantee:
 - a) the obligations of its Holding Company in relation to an issue of £1,000,000 61% Debenture Stock 1986/91 and to give a first floating charge on the whole of its undertaking property and assets as recurity for such guarantee.
 - b) the obligation of its Holding Company in relation to banking facilities granted by International Westminster Bank Limited to Bestobell Limited. At 31st December, 1976, the facilities provided amounted to U.S. Dollars \$78,773. (£45,999).
 - c) the obligations of its Holding Company and certain United Kingdom Fellow Subsidiary Companies to the National Westminster Bank Limited. At 31st December, 1976, the obligations covered amounted to £3,107,364. The actual amount outstanding at 31st December, 1976 was £188,437.
 - d) the obligation of its Holding Company and certain United Kingdom Fellow Subsidiary Companies to the Bank of Scotland Limited. At 31st December, 1976, the obligations covered amounted to £850,000. The actual amount outstanding at 31st December, 1976 was £176,997.

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9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES/GUARANTEES(continued)

e) the obligations of its Holding Company and certain United Kingdom Fellow Subsidiary Companies to Barclays Merchant Bank Limited. At 31st December, 1976, the obligations covered amounted to £3,000,000. The actual amount outstanding at 31st December, 1976, was £1,500,000.

Similar guarantees and charges have also been given by certain other United Kingdom Subsidiaries of Bestobell Limited in respect of the

- f) Guarantees exist to the Bank of Scotland to cover the guarantee provided by the Bank to Banque Bruxelles Lambert S.A. for 3,000,000 Belgian Francs in respect of overdraft facilities made available to
- g) Guarantees to Bank of Scotland exist to cover Guarantees provided by the Bank to Krediet Banque O/A. for the value of 4,000,000 Belgian Francs on account of overdraft facilities provided to Mobrey Stegu S.A.
- B. There is a contingent liability in respect of guarantees given on completed contracts.

10. RATES OF EXCHANGE

Overseas currencies have been converted to Sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

11. HOLIDAY PAY

Provision has not been made for holiday entitlement based on service to 31st December, 1970, which will become payable to certain employees as they leave the service of the company. The total liability is approximately £25,700 (1975 -£46,000), which will be met over a period of years.

12. PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

The figures shown for comparative purposes include the service activity of the company which as from 1st January, 1976 was transferred to Bestobell Service Co. Limited.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1976

| • | Notes | <u>1976</u> £ | <u>1975</u> |
|---|----------|-------------------|---|
| Turnover | 1 | £6,364,579 | £6,705,705 |
| Trading Profit | | 784,894 | 1, 197, 751 |
| Add: Interest Receivable | | 77,647 | 35,628 |
| | | 862,541 | 1,233,379 |
| Deduct: | | | |
| Depreciation Know How written off Auditors' Remuneration Interest Payable Hire Charges Provision for Portuguese Fellow Subsidiary D | 2 ebt | 55,838 | 89,583 2,964 12,500 146,901 9,964 19,101 |
| Loss on Closure of Factory | 4 | 55,000 321,086 | 281,013 |
| PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION | | 541,455 | 952,366 |
| Deduct: | | | |
| Taxation | 3 | 276,639 | 503,700 |
| PROFIT AFTER TAXATION | | 264,816 | 448,666 |
| Deduct: | | | |
| Proposed Dividend | | 252,000 | 330,000 |
| Retained Profit for the year | | 12,816 | 118,666 |
| Balance brought forward from Previous Year | | 636,744 | 518,078 |
| Unappropriated Profit and Revenue Reserves <u>carried forward</u> | | £649,560 | £636,744 |

NOTES ON PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

1. TURNOVER

This includes both Sales and the value of contracts completed during the year (1975 also includes sales of the service division).

2. DEPRECIATION OF FIXED ASSETS

| | <u> 1976</u> | <u> 1975</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Buildings Plant, Vehicles and Equipment | 1,982 56,086 | 1,982 89,546 |
| Deduct: Profit on Disposals | 58,068 2,230 | 91,528 1,945 |
| | £55,838 | £89, 583 |

Depreciation is calculated on Buildings at 2½% per annum of the cost.

Depreciation on Plant and Equipment is provided at 10% and 20% per annum and on vehicles at 25% per annum of the original cost.

2 - Herbert Batchmatics acquired during the year at a cost of £154,780 were not operational at 31st December, 1976, and were therefore not depreciated.

3. TAXATION (see Balance Sheet Notes 4 and 6)

| ************************************** | <u> 1976</u> | 1975 |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| United Kingdom Corporation Tax Deferred Taxation | 173,100 105,000 | 486,700 17,000 |
| | 278,100 | 503,700 |
| Deduct: (Over) provision in previous year | (1,461) | , see |
| | £276,639 | £503,700 |

4. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

The sale of the Cumbernauld activity resulted in exceptional costs of £55,000, which includes £8,425 loss on fixed assets.

5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

| DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------|----|---------------------------|
| | | 1976 | , | 1975 |
| | | £ | | £ |
| Other Offices Past Directors' Pensions Compensation for loss of | office - Other Offices | 32,559 3,940 | | 40,288 4,252 15,100 |
| | | £36,499 | V | £59, 640 |
| Chairman ^t s Emoluments |) excluding Pension) scheme) contributions | Ni1 | Σ, | Nil |
| Highest Paid Director | 3 | £11,684 | | £11,966 |
| Total number of Directors fall within the following pension scheme contribut: | scales (excluding | | | |
| Up to £2,500 | | 4 | | 2 |
| Over £2,500 up to £5,000 | , | - | | • |
| Over £5,000 up to £7,500 | | - | | 1 |
| Over £7,500 up to £10,000 |) | 2 | | 1 2 1 |
| Over £10,000 up to £12,50 | | 1 | | 1 |

There were no employees (1975 - none) of the Company, other than Directors, whose remuneration exceeded £10,000.

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SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1976

| | CASH FLOW IN/(OUT) | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 1976 | <u>1975</u> |
| | £ | £ |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS | | 0 |
| Profit before Taxation | 541,455 | 952,366 |
| Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:- | | \ \ \ \ \ |
| Depreciation | 58,068 | 91, 528 2, 964 |
| Know-how written off | | |
| TOTAL GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS | 599,523 | 1,046,858 |
| FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES | | |
| Borrowed from Holding Company | - | 462, 273 |
| Rock value of fixed asset disposals | 105,401 | 2, 347 |
| Investment in Subsidiary Companies transferred | 143,835 | |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS | 848,759 | 1,511,478 |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS | | |
| Midded and | (330,000) | (550,000) |
| Dividend paid Tax paid | (411,082) | (216,757) |
| Repaid to Holding Company | (277,672) (289,271) | (80,605) |
| Purchase of fixed assets | (207, 2/1) | ,000 |
| | £(459,266) | £664, 116 |
| | | |
| (INCREASE) / DECREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL | | |
| | 6,859 | (167,678) |
| (Increase)/decrease in stocks (Increase)/decrease in debtors | 172,630 | (20,349) 214,748 |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors | 127,499 | (71,645) |
| Change in inter-company current accounts | 63,086 89,192 | (619, 192) |
| (Increase)/decrease in net liquid resources | £459,266 | £(664, 116) |
| | | · |

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

TO THE MEMBERS OF BESTOBELL MOBREY LIMITED

In our opinion, the accounts on pages 2 to 6 which have been prepared as in previous years under the historic cost convention, give, under that convention a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31st December 1976 and of the profit and the source and application of funds for the year ended on that date and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 and 1967.

READING

11 March, 1977

FRYER WHITEHILL & CO.

Chartered Accountants.

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