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# SYMONDS GROUP LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 1994

Touche Ross & Co Queen Anne House 69-71 Queen Square Bristol BS1 4JP





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# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 1994

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#### SYMONDS GROUP LIMITED



#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the period ended 31 December 1994.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the company during the period was that of a holding company of companies engaged in project and cost management and facilities management.

#### REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The results for the period and the position at the end of it are shown in the profit and loss account and balance sheet on pages 5 and 6. The directors consider that the company is well placed to continue to operate successfully.

#### DIVIDENDS AND TRANSFERS TO RESERVES

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend. The retained profit of £7,644 has been transferred to reserves.

#### FIXED ASSETS

Changes in fixed assets during the period are summarised in notes 8 and 9.

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors of the company during the period are set out below:

N M Biddle (Chairman)

C A Booy

A H Cox

E T Jones

O J Jones

J H Leighton

P C Sweeney

I A Sexton

D G S Waterstone

Mr T Piper was appointed as a director on 1 October 1995.

None of the directors in office at the end of the period had any interests in the shares of the company, or any group company, at any time during the period.



#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

# IMPORTANT EVENT OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE PERIOD

With effect from 1 March 1995 the company purchased, through a newly formed subsidiary, the business and some of the assets of Travers Morgan Limited.

#### **AUDITORS**

Touche Ross & Co have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

J H Leighton

37 - 41 Old Queen Street London SW1H 9JA

31 October 1995



#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- 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.



#### **Chartered Accountants**

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## SYMONDS GROUP LIMITED

# **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 14 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 7 and 8.

# Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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 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 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 company's affairs as at 31 December 1994 and of its profit for the nine month period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Touche Ross & Lo

31 October 1995

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu International Aberdeen, Bath, Belfast, Birmingham, Bournemouth, Bracknell, Bristol, Cambridge, Cardiff, Crawley, Dartford, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Milton Keynes, Newcastle upon Tyne, Nottingham and Southampton.

Principal place of business at which a list of partners' names is available: Stonecutter Court, 1 Stonecutter Street, London EC4A 4TR.





# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Period ended 31 December 1994

	31 Decem	iod ended nber 1994 9 months) £	Period ended 31 March 1994 (18 months)
TURNOVER - continuing operations		695,062	1,134,744
Staff costs Depreciation Other operating charges	3	(382,692) (10,844) (244,565)	(612,453) (12,435) (367,791)
OPERATING PROFIT - continuing operations	4	56,961	142,065
Income from shares in group companies Interest payable and similar charges	5	70,000 (116,875)	330,000 (6,839)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		10,086	465,226
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(2,442)	(50,000)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	15	7,644	415,226
Dividend proposed	7	-	(360,000)
Retained profit for the financial period	15	7,644	55,226

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the profits above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.



# BALANCE SHEET 31 December 1994

	Note		ecember 199	4	31 March 1994
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investments	<b>8</b> 9	£	62,105 11,652,888	£	75,449 11,650,450
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	10	1,195,172 94,772	11,714,993	1,191,207 3,973	11,725,899
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	1,289,944 (321,971)		(603,889)	)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			967,973		591,291
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			12,682,966		12,317,190
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	ı	(12,620,094)		(12,258,462)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	13		-		(3,500)
			62,872		55,228
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	14 15		2 62,870		2 55,226
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS	S' FUNDS		62,872		55,228

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 October 1995.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

J H Leighton Director

#### SYMONDS GROUP LIMITED



### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Period ended 31 December 1994

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with statements of standard accounting practice issued by UK accountancy bodies. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

#### Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The company is exempt by virtue of s228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

#### Period of accounts

The accounts are for the nine month period to 31 December 1994. Comparative figures cover the eighteen month period from incorporation on 10 October 1992 to 31 March 1994. The company did not commence trading until June 1993.

#### **Investments**

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

#### Acquisitions and goodwill

On the acquisition of a business, fair values are attributed to the net tangible assets acquired. Where the cost of acquisition exceeds the values attributable to such net assets, the difference is treated as purchased goodwill and is written off directly to reserves in the year of acquisition.

#### Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided in equal annual instalments, in order to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful economic lives at the following rates:

Motor vehicles Fixtures, fittings and equipment

25% 10% - 15%

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided at the anticipated tax rates on differences arising from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise in the future.





### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to profit and loss account in equal annual amounts over the periods of the leases.

#### Turnover

Turnover is the amount derived from the provision of services during the accounting period representing the net amount invoiced as adjusted for accrued and deferred income.

## 2. ACQUISITION AND GOODWILL

#### Acquisition

On 15 June 1993 the company acquired the business and assets of the Symonds Tramor Partnership for a consideration of £60,000 in cash.

The following table shows the book value of the major categories of assets and liabilities acquired. No adjustments were necessary to arrive at the fair values at the date of acquisition and no goodwill arose on acquisition.

	Book amount and fair value £'000
Tangible fixed assets Current assets Creditors and provisions	57 297 (294)
Consideration	60 (60)
Goodwill	





	Period ended ecember 1994 (9 months)	Period ended 31 March 1994 (18 months)
Directors' emoluments (paid by subsidiaries)	£	£
Fees Other emoluments Pension scheme contributions	403,781 5,319	443,602 6,120
	409,100	449,722
Remuneration of the chairman (also highest paid director)	79,859	88,736
Scale of other directors' remuneration	No.	No.
£ 0-£ 5,000 £45,001-£50,000 £50,001-£55,000 £60,001-£65,000 £65,001-£70,000 £70,001-£75,000	2 1 3 2 -	5 2 1 1 1
Average number of persons employed		
Technical Administration	10 12 ——————————————————————————————————	16 13 ——————————————————————————————————
Staff costs during the period	£	£
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	382,642 50 -	612,453 (7,095)
	382,692	605,358





	31	Period ended December 1994 (9 months) £	Period ended 31 March 1994 (18 months)
4.	OPERATING PROFIT	<b>&amp;</b>	*
	Operating profit is stated after charging		
	Auditors' remuneration:		
	Audit fees	8,362	12,133
	Non-audit fees Operating lease rentals payable - other assets	81,710	4,722 133,940
	The auditors' remuneration relates to Arthur Andersen i Saudi Arabian branch. The remuneration of Touche F been paid by other group companies.	n relation to their se Ross & Co as audite	ervices to the compors to the company
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
	Bank loans, overdrafts and other loans repayable	£	<b>.</b>
	within five years	9,495	6,839
	Interest on loan notes	107 000	
	interest on loan notes	107,380	<u>.</u>
	interest on loan notes	116,875	6,839
<b>5</b> ,	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		6,839
<b>5.</b>	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
<b>.</b>	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES  United Kingdom corporation tax at 33%	£	<u> </u>
<b>5.</b>	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	116,875	46,500
·•	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES  United Kingdom corporation tax at 33% based on the profit for the period	£ 5,942	6,839 46,500 3,500 50,000
5,	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES  United Kingdom corporation tax at 33% based on the profit for the period	£ 5,942 (3,500)  2,442	46,500 3,500 50,000
5. 7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES  United Kingdom corporation tax at 33% based on the profit for the period Deferred taxation  The prior period tax charge has been affected by the incl	£ 5,942 (3,500)  2,442	46,500 3,500 50,000
	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES  United Kingdom corporation tax at 33% based on the profit for the period Deferred taxation  The prior period tax charge has been affected by the inclease taxable dividends from subsidiaries.	£ 5,942 (3,500)  2,442	46,500 3,500 50,000



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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Period ended 31 December 1994

# 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

34,494 3,172 (7,970) (1,784) ————————————————————————————————————	87,884 27,655 (32,259) (4,546) 78,734
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(7,970) (1,784) ————————————————————————————————————	(32,259) (4,546)
27,912 ————————————————————————————————————	(4,546)
2,818	78,734
2,818	78,734
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	12,435
2,356	10,844
(791)	(6,517)
(30)	(133)
4,353	16,629
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23,559	62,105
31,676	75,449
	£
	11,650,450
	2,438
	11,652,888
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Place of	registration
Jersey England	and Wales
	Place of Jersey

The directors are of the opinion that the aggregate value of the investment in subsidiaries is not less than the amount at which they are stated in the company's accounts.



Perio	od ended 31 December 1994		
		31 December 1994	31 March 1994
10.	DEBTORS	£	£
	Trade debtors		
		114,244	240,997
	Amounts owed by subsidiaries	995,293	878,744
	Other debtors and prepayments Accrued income	35,529	38,641
	Accided income	50,106	32,825
		1,195,172	1,191,207
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING I	DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	-
		£	£
	Bank overdraft	68,207	29,004
	Trade creditors	38,448	82,628
	Amounts owed to subsidiaries	109,501	-
	Other creditors and accruals	63,596	102,138
	Corporation tax	41,458	24,370
	Other taxation and social security	761	5,749
	Proposed dividend	•	360,000
		-	<del></del>
		321,971	603,889
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING I		NE YEAR
		£	£
	Amounts owed to parent company	8,148,094	7,786,462
	Accruals and deferred income	1,000,000	4,472,000
	Loan notes	3,472,000	•
		12,620,094	12,258,462
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The amount owed to the parent company has no fixed repayment terms but repayment will not be demanded within one year of the balance sheet date.

Interest is payable on the loan notes at 1% below the bank base rate. The loan notes were repaid in August 1995.

Accruals and deferred income relate to deferred consideration. This was part settled on 1 April 1995 by way of the issue of medium term (guaranteed) loan notes (£800,000) leaving a balance of £200,000.



# 13. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

The amounts of deferred taxation provided and unprovided in the accounts are as follows:

		31 Decembe	r 1994	31 March	1994
		Provided £	Unprovided £	Provided £	Unprovided £
	Accelerated capital allowances on fixed assets	-	_	3,500	-
14.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL				
	Authorised			·	£
	10,000 shares of £1 each				10,000
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	Called up, allotted and fully paid 2 shares of £1 each				2

# 15. COMBINED RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

	Share capital £	Profit and loss account	31 December 1994 Total £	31 March 1994 Total £
At the beginning of the period	2	55,226	55,228	-
Shares issued in the period	-	-	-	2
Profit for the financial period	-	7,644	7,644	415,226
Dividend	-	-	-	(360,000)
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At the end of the period	2	62,870	62,872	55,228
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## 16. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 1994 the company was committed to making the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases:

Leases which expire:	Land and buildings £
Within one year Within two to five years	37,337 -
	37,337

# 17. IMPORTANT EVENT OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE PERIOD

With effect from 1 March 1995 the company purchased, through a newly formed subsidiary, the business and some of the assets of Travers Morgan Limited.

## 18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

At 31 December 1994 the ultimate parent company was Compagnie Générale Des Eaux SA, a company incorporated in France. Copies of its financial statements may be obtained from 52 Rue d'Anjou, 75384 Paris Cedex 08, France. The smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group accounts were prepared is Energy and Technical Services Group plc, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.