



DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

Company Number: 01925253



DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED

REGISTERED IN ENGLAND NO: 01925253

Directors

K Vertigen
Baron G C W van Tuyll van Serooskerken
I Angus

Secretary

J C R Batty

Registered Office

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**DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002**

1 Activities and business review

The company has continued its principal activity of dry cleaners and launderers.

2 Results and dividends

The results for the year ended 31 March 2002 are shown in the profit and loss account on page 6.

The Directors recommend that no dividend should be paid.

3 Directors

The directors of the company and their interests in the ordinary £1 shares of the company throughout the year were:-

	2002	2001
K Vertigen	9,500	9,500
Baron G C W van Tuyll van Serooskerken	5,900	5,900
I Angus	3,700	3,700

4 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 and of its profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:-

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Prepare the financial statements on a 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.

5 Close company status

The close company provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 apply to the company.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT CONTINUED
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002**

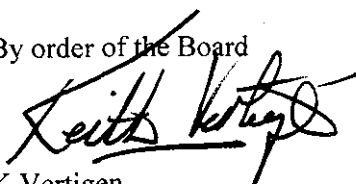
6 Small Companies Exemption

Advantage has been taken, in the preparation of this report, of special provisions applicable to small companies provided by Part VII of the Companies Act 1985

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28 June 2002

By order of the Board



K Vertigen
Director

**ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF
DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED**

We have prepared, on the basis of the information contained in the company's accounting records and provided by the company directors and without carrying out an audit, the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002 as set out on pages 5 to 11.

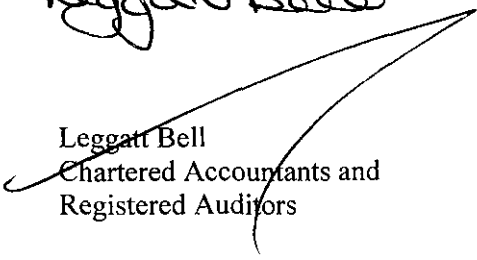
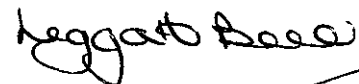
As described on the balance sheet the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they believe that the company is exempt from an audit under section 249A of the Companies Act 1985.

We have not conducted an audit on the financial statements in accordance with Auditing Standards and accordingly we express no opinion thereon.

Our work does not provide any assurance that the accounting records and the accounts are free from material misstatement.

14 Railway Street
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28 June 2002



Leggatt Bell
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors

DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2002

	Notes	2002	2001
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	2	28,596	25,603
Tangible assets	3	118,415	151,060
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		147,011	176,663
Current assets			
Stocks		8,402	10,373
Debtors	4	88,705	96,681
Cash at Bank and in Hand		388	388
		-----	-----
		97,495	107,442
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	156,016	143,119
		-----	-----
Net current assets/(liabilities)		(58,521)	(35,677)
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Total assets less current liabilities		88,490	140,986
Creditors: Amounts Falling due after more than one year	6	14,741	35,639
		-----	-----
		£ 73,749	£ 105,347
		=====	=====
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	19,100	19,100
Share Premium Account		71,750	71,750
Capital Redemption Reserve	12	8,900	8,900
Profit and loss account		(26,001)	5,597
		-----	-----
		£ 73,749	£ 105,347
		=====	=====

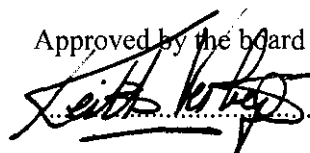
The directors are satisfied that the company was entitled to exemption under subsection (1) of section 249A of the Companies Act 1985 and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to subsection (2) of section 249B.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- ii) preparing 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 its profit or loss for the financial period in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to financial statements, so far as they are applicable to the company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to smaller entities and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Approved by the board on 28 June 2002 and signed on its behalf by:

 K Vertigen - (Director)

DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

	Notes	2002	2001
Turnover	1	909,301	832,960
Cost of sales		428,039	397,485
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Gross profit		481,262	435,475
Distribution expenses	156,650		124,161
Administrative expenses	341,319		297,281
	-----	497,969	-----
		-----	-----
Operating (Loss)/profit	7	(16,707)	14,033
Other operating Income		3,840	3,840
		-----	-----
Operating (Loss)/Profit		(12,867)	17,873
Interest Payable & Similar Charges		18,731	12,570
		-----	-----
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(31,598)	5,303
Tax on Profit on ordinary activities	9	-	2,302
		-----	-----
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation		(31,598)	3,001
Retained profits			
Brought forward		5,597	2,596
		-----	-----
Carried forward		(26,001)	£ 5,597
		=====	=====

DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of services provided excluding attributable VAT.

Goodwill

Goodwill is the excess of the fair value of the consideration given to acquire a business over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired. Goodwill is amortised over its estimated useful life at 5% per annum.

Depreciation

Depreciation on all fixed assets is provided on a reducing balance basis at percentage rates calculated to write off the cost of those assets over their anticipated useful lives as follows:-

Plant & Machinery At rates varying between 10% and 25% on Cost

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Deferred Taxation

No provision is made in the accounts for any deferred taxation which may arise by virtue of timing differences in the way of capital allowances on fixed assets are claimed for taxation purposes as compared to depreciation charged in the accounts on these assets as in the opinion of the directors, no such liability is expected to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Pension

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the assets of which are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Contributions to this scheme are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable.

Hire purchase and leasing Commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

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2 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Goodwill

COST	
At 1 April 2001	73,145
Additions	7,000

At 31 March 2002	£ 80,145
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Amortisation	
At 1 April 2001	47,542
Charge for year	4,007

At 31 March 2002	51,549
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Net Book Values	
At 31 March 2002	£ 28,596
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At 31 March 2001	£ 25,603
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3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Totals
COST		etc.	
1 April 2001	11,081	384,539	395,620
Additions		13,255	13,255
Disposals		(6,330)	(6,330)
	-----	-----	-----
At 31 March 2002	£ 11,081	£ 391,464	£ 402,545
	=====	=====	=====
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2001	3,512	241,048	244,560
Charge for year	942	42,342	43,284
Eliminated on disposals		(3,714)	(3,714)
	-----	-----	-----
At 31 March 2002	£ 4,454	£ 279,676	£ 284,130
	=====	=====	=====
NET BOOK VALUE			
31 March 2002	£ 6,627	£ 111,788	£ 118,415
	=====	=====	=====
31 March 2001	£ 7,569	£ 143,491	£ 151,060
	=====	=====	=====

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Fixed assets, included in the above which are held under hire purchase contracts are as follows:

		Plant & Machinery
COST		
At 1 April 2001		143,826
Additions		9,881

At 31 March 2002		£ 153,707
		=====
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 April 2001		68,230
Charge for year		32,034

At 31 March 2002		£ 100,264
		=====
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 March 2002		£ 53,443
		=====
At 31 March 2001		£ 75,596
		=====
	2002	2001
4 DEBTORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	75,264	85,112
Other debtors	1,297	1,557
Prepayments	12,144	10,012
	-----	-----
	88,705	96,681
	=====	=====
5 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
Bank loans - overdraft	34,103	27,161
Loan by K Vertigen	2,786	2,786
Hire purchase contracts	18,562	30,705
Trade creditors	22,037	15,984
Social Security and other taxes	47,078	43,110
Corporation tax	-	2,302
Other creditors	20	1,032
Accrued expenses	31,430	20,039
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	156,016	143,119
	=====	=====

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	2002	2001
6 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Bank loans	5,772	13,001
Hire purchase contracts	8,273	19,156
Loan by K Vertigen	696	3,482
	<u>14,741</u>	<u>35,639</u>
7 OPERATING PROFIT		
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	43,284	45,379
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	(2,616)	2,500
Goodwill written off	4,007	3,657
Auditors' remuneration	-	3,500
Directors' emoluments (note 8)	54,290	63,142
	<u>54,290</u>	<u>63,142</u>
8 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS		
Directors' remuneration	47,747	53,400
Pension contributions	2,400	3,600
Directors' benefits	4,143	6,142
	<u>54,290</u>	<u>63,142</u>
9 TAXATION		
The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year as follows:		
UK Corporation Tax	-	2,302
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,302</u>
10 DEFERRED TAXATION		
The amount of unprovided deferred taxation was as follows:		
Accelerated capital allowances	£ 6,187	£ 12,378
	<u>£ 6,187</u>	<u>£ 12,378</u>
11 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
Authorised		
28,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	28,000	28,000
	<u>28,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
19,100 ordinary shares of £1 each	19,100	19,100
	<u>19,100</u>	<u>19,100</u>

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	2002	2001
12 CAPITAL REDEMPTION RESERVE		
Brought forward	8,900	8,900
	<u>8,900</u>	<u>8,900</u>

13 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

Personal guarantees have been given by Mr. K Vertigen against debts of the company amounting to £25,000.

Rent of £12,996 was paid to K M Vertigen a director and shareholder during the year ended 31 March 2002.

Mr K M Vertigen borrowed £13,930 on behalf of the company. At 31 March 2002 the balance of the loan was £3,482.

14 PROVISIONS

Legal proceedings are pending against the company in respect of an employment tribunal. In view of the uncertainty of the eventual outcome provision has been made for possible compensation and costs of defending the claim in the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002.