

DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001

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 – appointed 19 July 2000

Secretary

J C R Batty

Registered Office

Suite 114, Warnford Court
Throgmorton Street
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Auditors

Leggatt Bell
Chartered Accountants
14 Railway Street
Chelmsford
Essex CM1 1QS

Bankers

National Westminster Plc
100 The Crescent
Colchester Business park
Colchester
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DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001

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 2001 are shown in the profit and loss account on page 6.

During the year dividends of £Nil (2000 - £1,910) were paid.

3 Directors

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

	2001	2000
K Vertigen	9,500	9,500
Baron G C W van Tuyll van Serooskerken	5,900	5,900
I Angus – appointed 19.7.00	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.

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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7 Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Leggatt Bell as auditors of the company will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Suite 114
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Throgmorton Street
London EC2N 2AT

By order of the Board



K Vertigen
Director

18 July 2001

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Danes of Colchester Limited for the year ended 31 March 2001 which comprise the profit and loss, the balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of Directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company are not disclosed.

We read the Directors' report and consider the implication for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement within it.

Basis of our opinion

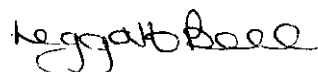
We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company 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 at 31 March 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

14 Railway Street
Chelmsford
Essex
CM1 1QS
18 July 2001




Leggatt Bell
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors

DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
BALANCE SHEET
31 MARCH 2001

	Notes	2001	2000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	2	25,603	29,260
Tangible assets	3	151,060	161,642
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		176,663	190,902
Current assets			
Stocks		10,373	13,433
Debtors	4	96,681	94,167
Cash at Bank and in Hand		388	386
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		107,442	107,986
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	143,119	136,869
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Net current assets/(liabilities)		(35,677)	(28,883)
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Total assets less current liabilities		140,986	162,019
Creditors: Amounts Falling due after more than one year	6	35,639	59,673
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		£ 105,347	£ 102,346
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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		5,597	2,596
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		£ 105,347	£ 102,346
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

Approved by the board on 18 July 2001 and signed on its behalf by:-

 K Vertigen (Director)

DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001

	Notes	2001	2000
Turnover	1	832,960	775,606
Cost of sales		397,485	340,675
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Gross profit		435,475	434,931
Distribution expenses	124,161		121,019
Administrative expenses	297,281		272,749
	-----	421,442	-----
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Operating Profit	7	14,033	41,163
Other operating Income		3,840	3,840
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Operating Profit		17,873	45,003
Interest Payable & Similar Charges		12,570	11,184
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		5,303	33,819
Tax on Profit on ordinary activities	9	2,302	10,229
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Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		3,001	23,590
Dividends paid	14	-	1,910
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Retained profits		3,001	21,680
Brought forward		2,596	1,784
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		5,597	23,464
Purchase of own shares		-	(20,868)
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Carried forward		£ 5,597	£ 2,596
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DANES OF COLCHESTER LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2001

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 2000 and 31 March 2001

73,145

Amortisation

At 1 April 2000

43,885

Charge for year

3,657

At 31 March 2001

47,542

Net Book Values

At 31 March 2001

£ 25,603

At 31 March 2000

£ 29,260

3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Totals
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COST

1 April 2000

		etc.	
9,128	363,149		372,277

Additions

1,953	32,844		34,797
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Disposals

	(11,454)		(11,454)
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At 31 March 2001

£ 11,081	£ 384,539		£ 395,620
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DEPRECIATION

At 1 April 2000

2,570	208,065		210,635
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Charge for year

942	44,437		45,379
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Eliminated on disposals

	(11,454)		(11,454)
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At 31 March 2001

£ 3,512	£ 241,048		£ 244,560
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NET BOOK VALUE

31 March 2001

£ 7,569	£ 143,491		£ 151,060
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31 March 2000

£ 6,558	£ 155,084		£ 161,642
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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 2000	127,980
Additions	15,846

At 31 March 2001	£ 143,826
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DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2000	43,517
Charge for year	24,713

	£ 68,230
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NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2001	£ 75,596
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At 31 March 2000	£ 84,463
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	2001	2000
4 DEBTORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	85,112	80,204
Other debtors	1,557	2,706
Prepayments	10,012	11,257
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	96,681	94,167
	=====	=====
5 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
Bank loans - overdraft	27,161	21,101
Loan by K Vertigen	2,786	2,786
Hire purchase contracts	30,705	29,100
Trade creditors	15,984	22,009
Social Security and other taxes	43,110	32,238
Corporation tax	2,302	9,568
Other creditors	1,032	327
Accrued expenses	20,039	19,740
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	143,119	136,869
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	2001	2000
6 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Bank loans	13,001	9,556
Hire purchase contracts	19,156	43,849
Loan by K Vertigen	3,482	6,268
	<u>35,639</u>	<u>59,673</u>
7 OPERATING PROFIT		
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation	45,379	46,580
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	2,500	-
Goodwill written off	3,657	3,657
Auditors' remuneration	3,500	3,500
Directors' emoluments (note 8)	63,142	53,551
	<u>63,142</u>	<u>53,551</u>
8 DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS		
Directors' remuneration	53,400	45,039
Pension contributions	3,600	2,400
Directors' benefits	6,142	6,112
	<u>63,142</u>	<u>53,551</u>
9 TAXATION		
The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year as follows:		
UK Corporation Tax	2,302	9,568
Under provision in previous years	-	661
	<u>2,302</u>	<u>10,229</u>
10 DEFERRED TAXATION		
The amount of unprovided deferred taxation was as follows:		
Accelerated capital allowances	£ 12,378	£ 12,940
	<u>£ 12,378</u>	<u>£ 12,940</u>
11 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
Authorised ordinary shares of £1 each	28,000	28,000
	<u>28,000</u>	<u>28,000</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	19,100	19,100
	<u>19,100</u>	<u>19,100</u>

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	2001	2000
12 CAPITAL REDEMPTION RESERVE		
Brought forward	8,900	4,403
Purchase of own shares	-	4,497
	<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 2001.

Mr K M Vertigen borrowed £13,930 on behalf of the company. At 31 March 2001 the balance of the loan was £6,268.

14 DIVIDENDS

	2001	2000
On equity shares	-	1,910
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,910</u>