EARLIBA FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 1997

FISK & Co Certified Accountants Registered Auditors 11 Buttermarket Ipswich IP1 1BQ



Director:

AHV Thompson

Secretary:

G Farley

Registered Office:

12 Upper Brook Street

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DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director presents his report together with the acounts for the year ended 31 March 1997.

The Director of the Company and his shareholding at 31 March 1997 was:-

1997

1996

AHV Thompson

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The principal activity of the Company is the letting of its residential properties.

The loss for the year after tax was £120,022 (1996: profit £117,274). A dividend of £348,087 has been paid (1996: £Nil).

A resolution to reappoint FISK & Co and to authorise the Director to fix their remuneration will be proposed in accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, at the Annual General Meeting.

A H V Thompson Director

Date

Registered Office:

12 Upper Brook Street Ipswich Suffolk IP4 1EE

PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 MARCH 1997

Company law requires the director 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 the profit and loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the director is required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- * 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 him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Company Act 1985. He is 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.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

OF EARLIBA FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 4 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 6 to 8.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS
As described on page 2, the company's director is 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 director 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 at 31 March 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

FISK & Co Registered Auditors Certified Accountants 11 Buttermarket Ipswich IP1 1BQ

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Date: 3/12/97

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 1997

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
Turnover	2	356,126	338,278
Direct costs		441,718	199,650
		(85,592)	138,628
Administration costs		5,537	5,166
Operating Profit	3	(91,129)	133,462
Interest receivable		12,297	21,312
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(78,832)	154,774
Taxation	5	41,188	37,500
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		(120,020)	117,274
Dividends		348,087	
Retained (loss)/profit for year		£(468,107)	£117,274

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 1997

	Notes	1997 £	1996 £
Fixed Assets Tangible assets	6	298,281	293,097
Current Assets Debtors Cash at bank	7	72,281 95,448	134,420 380,862
		167,729	515,282
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	8	178,919	53,181
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(11,190)	462,101
Total assets less current liabilities		287,091	<i>7</i> 55,198
Deferred taxation	5	_	_
Total net assets		£287,091	£755,198
Capital and Reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	9 10	146 286,945	146 755,052
		£287,091	£755,198

AHV Thompson

Date of approval

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 March 1997

1 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Company are prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents rents receivable net of value added tax.

(c) Tangible Assets

Land is not depreciated. Properties are maintained to ensure that their value does not diminish over time. In the opinion of the Director depreciation would be immaterial and has not been charged.

Depreciation is provided at the following rates on other assets in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:-

Plant and equipment

25% on written down value

2 Turnover

Turnover and pre tax profits are attributable to the Company's main activity, and arise entirely in the United Kingdom.

3 Operating Profits

Are stated after charging:

	1997 £	1996 £
Auditors remuneration Management and maintenance fees	1,529 171,552	1,500 168,803
And after crediting: Rents receivable	356,126	338,278

4 Employee Information

There were no employees in the year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 March 1997 Continued

5.1 Taxation

The charge on the profits of the ordinary activities was as follows:

	1997 £	1996 £
Corporation tax — prior years Corporation tax — current Deferred taxation	41,188 -	(1,671) 39,171 -
	41,188	37,500

5.2 Deferred taxation relates to short term timing differences. All potential deferred taxation liabilities are included in the accounts.

6 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost:	Freehold land & Buildings	Plant Equipment	Total
At beginning of year Additions Disposals	284,557 -	13,480 9,758 -	298,037 9,758 -
	£284,557	£23,238	£307,795
Depreciation:			
At beginning of year	_	4,940	4,940
Charge for year	-	4,574	4,574
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Carried forward	-	9,514	9,514
Net value:			
31 March 1997	£284,557	£13,724	£298,281
31 March 1996	£284,557	£8,540	£293,097
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In the opinion of the Director the current value of the Company's properties is substantially higher than cost.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 March 1997 Continued

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		1997 £	1996 £
Trade debtors Prepayments and sundry Advance corporation tax		10,773 7,430 54,078	127,779 6,641 —
		72,281	134,420
8 Creditors			
		1997 £	1996 £
Dividend payable Trade creditors Accruals and provisions Corporation tax Advance corporation tax		82,122 1,530 8,245 87,022	49,028 1,527 2,628
		178,919	53,181
9 Share Capital			
	Authorised	Allotted, issued and fully paid	
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1997 146	1996 146
10 Retained Profit	1,000	140	140
10 Retained Froitt		4.000	
		1997 £	1996 £
Brought forward 1 April 1996 Retained profit for year Distribution		755,052 (468,107) -	783,938 117,274 (146,160)
Carried forward 31 March 1997		286,945	755,052

¹¹ There were no capital commitments at the year end.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 MARCH 1997 Continued

12 Related Party Transactions

During the year a management charge was paid to the company director to act as managing agent for all the company's properties. This was based on normal commercial terms.