HARVEST SHIPPING SERVICES LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

Company Registration Number 2623549



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company during the year were the provision of bulk handling services, and acting as shipbrokers and shipping agents.

THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The directors who served the company during the year together with their beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as follows:

		Ordinary Shares of £1 each At 31 December 2000 At 1 January 2000	
S. P. Reid	-	-	
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S. P. Reid		-	•
M. J. Holmes		25	25
A. R. Reid	(Ceased directorship		
	31 January 2000)		
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The directors' interests in group companies are held via their interest in the ultimate holding company, Charles M. Willie & Co. (Shipping) Limited and are as follows -

		Ordinar	y shares of £1	each
	At 31 December	2000	At 1 Janua	ry 2000
S.P. Reid A.R. Reid M.J. Holmes	86,725 86,725	(50%) (50%)	86,725 86,725	(50%) (50%)

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 at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 6, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The directors must also 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. The directors 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.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Watts Gregory as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office:

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Signed by order of the directors

M. J. HÓLMES

Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on $\frac{3/16/6}{}$

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

As described on page 1, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 AUDIT 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 2000 and of the loss of the company for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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10/14 Museum Place CARDIFF CF10 3NZ WATTS GREGORY Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
TURNOVER		622,955	479,932
Cost of sales		193,810	162,499
GROSS PROFIT		429,145	317,433
Administrative expenses		502,272	240,229
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	2	(73,127)	77,204
Interest receivable Interest payable		6,522 (735)	3,319 (882)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(67,340)	79,641
(LOSS)/RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(67,340)	79,641
Balance brought forward		241,408	161,767
Balance carried forward		174,068	241,408

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	81,585	35,497
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	109,874	148,613
Cash at bank		166,237	125,522
		276,111	274,135
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	6	(183,528)	(68,124)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		92,583	206,011
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		174,168	241,508
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up equity share capital	11	100	100
Profit and Loss Account		174,068	241,408
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		174,168	241,508

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 310201, and are signed on their behalf by 1

S. P. REID

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, in respect of bulk handling and shipping services, net of value added tax and freight cover costs.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant and Office equipment	10% to 25% straight line
Fixtures and Fittings	10% to 20% straight line
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance

Hire purchase agreements

Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised and disclosed under tangible fixed assets at their fair value. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability and the interest is charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Profit and Loss Account.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made, under the liability method, to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences to the extent that it is considered that a net liability may arise.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

2. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT

Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2000	1///
	£	£
Staff pension contributions	2,076	1,147
Depreciation	14,258	14,036
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,035	-
Auditors' fees	3,400	2,650
Net profit on foreign currency translation	(2,789)	(1,142)

2000

1999

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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3.	DIRE	CTORS	' EMOI	UMENTS

The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

	2000 £	1999 £
Aggregate emoluments	240,000	103,109
Value of company pension contributions to money purchase		
schemes	5,355	4,623
	245,355	107,732

The number of directors who are accruing benefits under company pension schemes were as follows:

	2000	1999
	No.	No.
Money purchase schemes	I	1

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Office equipment £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST				
At I January 2000	10,976	5,232	53,524	69,732
Additions	3,746	3,585	59,050	66,381
Disposals		-	(13,234)	(13,234)
At 31 December 2000	14,722	8,817	99,340	122,879
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2000	10,262	3,787	20,186	34,235
Charge for the year	3,680	1,177	9,401	14,258
On disposals		_	(7,199)	(7,199)
At 31 December 2000	13,942	4,964	22,388	41,294
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2000	780	<u>3,853</u>	76,952	81,585
At 31 December 1999	714	1,445	33,338	35,497

5. DEBTORS

	2000	1999
	£	£
Trade debtors	93,773	137,775
Amounts owed by group undertakings	11,740	8,877
Other debtors	3,738	205
Prepayments and accrued income	623	1,756
	109,874	148,613

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6. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2000 £	1999 £
Trade creditors	24,156	40,705
Amounts owed to group undertakings	2,938	9,499
Other creditors comprise:		
VAT	-	1,075
HP and finance leases	490	10,973
	27,584	62,252
Accruals and deferred income	155,944	5,872
	183,528	68,124

7. PENSIONS

The pension cost represents contributions paid by the company and amounted to £7,431 (1999 £5,770)

8. DEFERRED TAXATION

No provision has been made in the accounts and the amounts unprovided at the end of the year are as follows:

	2000	1999
	£	£
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on fixed assets	-	558

9. CONTINGENCIES

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2000.

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company was under the ultimate control of Mr A.R Reid and Mr S.P Reid throughout the year. Both are directors of the company and control 100% (1999 - 100%) of the issued share capital of the ultimate parent company.

Transactions in the year

The company has provided for a bad debt in the sum of £41,503 in respect of its fellow subsidiary company, Kings Ferry Wharf Limited. Kings Ferry Wharf Limited went into voluntary liquidation in March 2001, and it is unlikely the money will be received.

Other than the above, the company's related parties at 31 December 2000, with whom the company has either entered into

transactions or has balances with, are not disclosed in accordance with the provisions of FRS8 not to disclose balances eliminated on consolidation.

Transactions with directors

During the year Mr. M.J. Holmes purchased a car from the company for £5,000. This was paid for in cash and was equal to the market value of the car.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

11. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital:		
-	2000	1999
	£	£
100 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	100	100
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Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
•	2000	1999

Ordinary share capital $\frac{\mathfrak{E}}{100}$ $\frac{\mathfrak{E}}{100}$

12. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate holding company is Charles M. Willie & Co (Shipping) Ltd which owns 75% of the ordinary share capital of the company. Charles M. Willie & Co. (Shipping) Ltd. is registered in England & Wales and prepares annual Group accounts which can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff.