Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

28 February 1998





Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 1998

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Report of the directors for the year ended 28 February 1998

The directors present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 1998.

Results and dividends

The profit and loss account is set out on page 3 and shows the result for the year.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Principal activities, trading review and future developments

The company sells various household products by catalogue. Although turnover rose as expected, the company was unable to achieve a gross profit percentage in line with 1997 (1998 - 42%, 1997 - 40%). This was partly due to the withdrawal from credit sales which has been restarted in the recent year and the directors are therefore confident that this will be rectified in the near future.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the ordinary share capital of the company were:

| | Ordinary £1 shares | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 28 February 1998 | 28 February 1998 |
| Michael Lowe Michelle Carvell | 90 10 | 90 10 |

By order of the board

M Carvell

Secretary

Date

23/12/98

Accountants' report

Accountants' report on the unaudited accounts to the directors of Homestyle Nationwide Limited

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 28 February 1998, set out on pages 3 to 10, and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit and a report under S.249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

BDO STOY HAYWARD
Chartered Accountants

Date 23 Deember 1998

Profit and loss account for the year ended 28 February 1998

| | Note | Year ended 28 February 1998 | Period ended 28 February 1997 |
|---|------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | £ | £ |
| Turnover | 2 | 79,023 | 69,886 |
| Cost of sales | | 47,439 | 40,775 |
| | | 31,584 | 29,111 |
| Administrative expenses | | 32,850 | 44,098 |
| Operating loss | 5 | (1,266) | (14,987) |
| Interest receivable | 6 | 355 | 10,063 |
| Interest payable and similar charges | 7 | (2,883) | (2,802) |
| Loss on ordinary activities before and after taxation retained for the year | | (3,794) | (7,726) |
| Accumulated loss brought forward | | (14,497) | (6,771) |
| Accumulated loss carried forward | | (18,291) | (14,497) |
| | | | |

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account.

There are no movements on shareholders' funds apart from the profit for the year/period.

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet at 28 February 1998

| | Note | 28 Febi 199 | | 28 Febru 1997 | |
|---|------|----------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | _ | | | | = 105 |
| Tangible assets | 8 | | 1,228 | | 7,125 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 9 | 6,460 | | 8,279 | |
| Debtors | 10 | 8,356 | | 17,939 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 314 | | 558 | |
| | | 15,130 | _ | 26,776 | |
| Conditions are sent falling due | | | | | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 11 | 20,793 | | 26,934 | |
| Net current liabilities | | • | (5,663) | | (158) |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | (4,435) | • | 6,967 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 12 | | 13,756 | | 21,364 |
| Net liabilities | | | (18,191) | • | (14,397) |
| Capital and reserves | | | | · | |
| Called up share capital | 13 | | 100 | | 100 |
| Profit and loss account | | | (18,291) | | (14,497) |
| Shareholders' funds | | | (18,191) | | (14,397) |

All amounts relate to equity interests.

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by S.249A(1) not to have these financial statements audited and confirm that no notice has been deposited under S.249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet at 28 February 1998 (continued)

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with S.221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 28 February 1998 and of its loss for the year then ended in accordance with the requirement of S.226 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on Date

M Lowe

Director

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 1998

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Turnover

Turnover represents sales to outside customers at invoiced amounts less value added tax.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual values, of all fixed assets, except freehold land and some freehold buildings, evenly over their expected useful lives. It is calculated at the following rates:

| Motor Vehicle | - | 25% |
|--------------------|---|-----|
| Computer Equipment | - | 25% |

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a first in, first out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less additional costs to completion and disposal.

2 Turnover

Turnover is wholly attributable to the principal activity of the company and arises solely within the United Kingdom.

3 Employees

Staff costs (including directors) consist of:

| | Year ended 28 February 1998 £ | Period ended 28 February 1997 £ |
|---|--|--|
| Wages and salaries Social security costs | 8,656 689 | 10,399 786 |
| | | |
| | 9,345 | 11,185 |
| | - | |

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 1998 (Continued)

| 4 | Directors' emoluments | | |
|---|---|----------------|----------------|
| | | 1998 £ | 1997 £ |
| | Directors' emoluments consist of: | | |
| | Emoluments for services as directors | 7,800 | 8,450 |
| 5 | Operating loss | | |
| | This is arrived at after charging/(crediting): | £ | £ |
| | Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Proft on disposal of motor vehicle | 1,209 (312) | 4,334 |
| 6 | Interest receivable | | |
| | | £ | £ |
| | Bank interest receivable Finance agreements | 355 | 12 10,051 |
| | | 355 | 10,063 |
| 7 | Interest payable and similar charges | | |
| | | £ | £ |
| | On bank loans and overdrafts On hire purchase contracts | 1,758 1,125 | 1,583 1,219 |
| | | 2,883 | 2,802 |

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 1998 (Continuea)

8 Tangible assets

| | Motor Vehicles £ | Office Equipment £ | Total £ |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cost At 1 March 1997 Disposals | 12,500 (12,500) | 4,834 | 17,334 (12,500) |
| At 28 February 1998 | - | 4,834 | 4,834 |
| Depreciation At 1 March 1997 Provided for the year Disposals | 7,812 - (7,812) | 2,397 1,209 - | 10,209 1,209 (7,812) |
| At 28 February 1998 | - | 3,606 | 3,606 |
| Net Book Value At 28 February 1998 | - | 1,228 | 1,228 |
| At 28 February 1997 | 4,688 | 2,437 | 7,125 |

9 Stocks

| | | 28 February 1997 |
|------------------|-------|---------------------|
| Goods for resale | 6,460 | 8,279 |

| 10 | Debtors | | | Year ended 28 February 1998 £ | Period ended 28 February 1997 £ |
|----|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| | Trade debtors Other debtors | | | 8,056 300 | 17,003 936 |
| | | | | 8,356 | 17,939 |
| | All amounts shown under debtors fall de | ue for payment | t within one year. | | |
| 11 | Creditors: amounts falling due within on | ie year | | | |
| | | | | £ | £ |
| | Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors | | | 14,441 722 798 | - |
| | Taxation and social security Other creditors Directors loan account Accruals and deferred income | | | 861 1,240 2,731 | 4,065 204 |
| | | | | 20,793 | 26,934 |
| 12 | Creditors: amounts falling due after mo | re than one ye | ear | | |
| | | | | £ | £ |
| | Loans (2-5 years) | | | 13,750 | 21,364 |
| 13 | Called up share capital | | | | |
| | | Autho 28 February 1998 | rised 28 February 1997 | Allotted, ca and fully 28 February 2 1998 | paid |
| | Ordinary shares of £1 each | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 28 February 1998 (Continuea)

14 Going concern

At 28 February 1998 the company's current liabilities exceeded current assets by £4,435 and bank loans repayable within two to five years totaled £13,756. The company's ability to continue trading is dependant on the continued support of its bank and the directors.