

HOWE & HAMMOND LIMITED

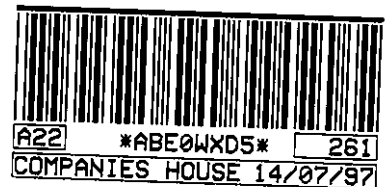
Company No: 594190

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 SEPTEMBER 1996

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**AUDITORS' REPORT TO
HOWE & HAMMOND LIMITED
PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages 3 to 6 together with the financial statements of Howe & Hammond Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 September 1996.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the director's statement on page 3 and whether the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the company is entitled under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A, Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 30 September 1996, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages 3 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 2.3.97 we reported, as auditors of Howe & Hammond Limited, to the members on the financial statements applicable to small companies prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 September 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

We have audited the financial statements on pages 2 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

As described on the Director's Report the company's directors are 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.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO
HOWE & HAMMOND LIMITED (Continued)
PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985


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 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 full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 30 September 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.'


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Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

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Date: 2.07.97

HOWE & HAMMOND LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET
AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

| | Notes | £ | 1996 £ | £ | 1995 £ | £ |
|---|-------|---------|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 2 | | 1,927 | | 2,840 | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Stocks | | 39,864 | | 40,304 | | |
| Debtors | 3 | 217,783 | | 154,722 | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 24,158 | | 42,608 | | |
| | | | <u>281,805</u> | | <u>237,634</u> | |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | | | <u>(149,033)</u> | | <u>(156,802)</u> | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | | | <u>132,772</u> | | <u>80,832</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | | <u>134,699</u> | | <u>83,672</u> |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 4 | | 22,902 | | 22,902 | |
| Profit and loss account | | | 111,797 | | 60,770 | |
| | | | <u>134,699</u> | | <u>83,672</u> | |

In preparing these abbreviated financial statements:-

- i) We have relied upon the exemptions for individual financial statements under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985.
- ii) We have done so on the grounds that the company is entitled to the benefit of those sections as a small company.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies on the grounds that the company is small.

M. O'Neill)
L. O'Neill) Directors Date: *24.7.97*

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of these abbreviated financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 TURNOVER

Turnover is the total amount, excluding value added tax, receivable by the company in the ordinary course of business for goods supplied and for services provided as a principal.

1.3 DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost, less estimated residual value, of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:-

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Improvement to property | 6.67% on cost |
| Fixtures and fittings | 10% on cost |

1.4 STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Finished goods - cost of raw materials and labour together with attributable overheads.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

1.5 DEFERRED TAXATION

Provisions are made so that the deferred taxation account represents corporation tax, calculated on the liability method, in respect of the excess of tax allowances given for fixed assets over the depreciation provided.

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2. **FIXED ASSETS**

| | Intangible assets £ | Tangible assets £ | Total £ |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| <u>Cost</u> | | | |
| At 1 October 1995 | 64,000 | 39,745 | 103,745 |
| Disposals | - | (11,171) | (11,171) |
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| At 30 September 1996 | 64,000 | 28,574 | 92,574 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| <u>Depreciation</u> | | | |
| At 1 October 1995 | 64,000 | 36,905 | 100,905 |
| Charge for year | - | 564 | 564 |
| On disposals | - | (10,822) | (10,822) |
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| At 30 September 1996 | 64,000 | 26,647 | 90,647 |
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| <u>Net book value at</u> <u>30 September 1996</u> | - | 1,927 | 1,927 |
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| <u>Net book value at</u> <u>30 September 1995</u> | - | 2,840 | 2,840 |
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3. **DEBTORS**

Included in other debtors is a loan to the directors of £97,970 (1995 : £45,175). This was the maximum loan during the year.

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4. SHARE CAPITAL

| | 1996 £ | 1995 £ |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| <u>Authorised</u> | | |
| Equity interests: | | |
| 11,451 Ordinary shares of £1 each | 11,451 | 11,451 |
| 11,451 Deferred shares of £1 each | 11,451 | 11,451 |
| | <u>22,902</u> | <u>22,902</u> |
| <u>Allotted, called up and fully paid</u> | | |
| Equity interests: | | |
| 11,451 Ordinary shares of £1 each | 11,451 | 11,451 |
| 11,451 Deferred shares of £1 each | 11,451 | 11,451 |
| | <u>22,902</u> | <u>22,902</u> |