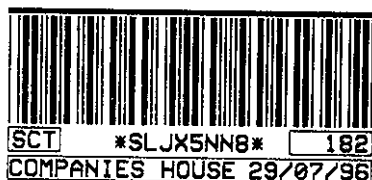


REGISTERED NUMBER: 61088 (Scotland)

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995
FOR
IAN RUSSELL (PAINTS) LTD



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McCreath & Co.
Chartered Accountants

IAN RUSSELL (PAINTS) LTD

COMPANY INFORMATION
for the Year Ended 31 December 1995

DIRECTOR: J Johnston

SECRETARY: Alex Morison & Co

REGISTERED OFFICE: 71 Warrender Park Road
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 61088 (Scotland)

AUDITORS: McCreath & Co
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditor
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BANKERS: Royal Bank of Scotland
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**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO
IAN RUSSELL (PAINTS) LTD
PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to six together with the full financial statements of Ian Russell (Paints) Ltd prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1995.

Respective responsibilities of director and auditors

The director is 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 four 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 of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 31 December 1995, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to six have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 24 July 1996 we reported, as auditors of Ian Russell (Paints) Ltd, to the shareholders on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1995, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages four to twelve which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page seven.

Respective responsibilities of director and auditors

As described on page two 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 judgments 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.

IAN RUSSELL (PAINTS) LTD

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO

IAN RUSSELL (PAINTS) LTD

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

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 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies."

H'Creath & Co.

McCreath & Co
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditor
Bank House
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Dated: 24 July 1996

IAN RUSSELL (PAINTS) LTD

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET
31 December 1995

| | | 1995 | | 1994 | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Notes | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS: | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 2 | | 20,303 | | 30,447 |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | | | | |
| Stocks | | 19,462 | | 18,631 | |
| Debtors | | 58,974 | | 41,431 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 18,872 | | 12,474 | |
| | | 97,308 | | 72,536 | |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | 3 | 71,732 | | 71,780 | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS: | | | 25,576 | | 756 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | | 45,879 | | 31,203 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year | 3 | | 2,222 | | 4,889 |
| | | | £43,657 | | £26,314 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES: | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 4 | | 4,000 | | 4,000 |
| Profit & loss account | | | 39,657 | | 22,314 |
| Shareholders' funds | | | £43,657 | | £26,314 |

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that, in the opinion of the director, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company.

In preparing the full financial statements, the director has taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. The director has done so on the grounds that, in his opinion, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions because it meets the qualifying conditions for small companies as stated in Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


J Johnston - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 24 July 1996

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 December 1995**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

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

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Plant and machinery etc | - 15% on reducing balance and 25% on reducing balance |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|

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

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the director, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

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.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

Depreciation

No Depreciation is provided on the Land and Buildings. In the opinion of the director the residual value of the land and buildings is in excess of cost, and hence depreciation is considered to inappropriate on this asset.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 31 December 1995

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| | <u>£</u> |
| COST: | |
| At 1 January 1995 | 54,775 |
| Additions | 355 |
| Disposals | (18,095) |
| | <u>37,035</u> |
| At 31 December 1995 | <u>37,035</u> |
| DEPRECIATION: | |
| At 1 January 1995 | 24,328 |
| Charge for year | 2,869 |
| Eliminated on disposals | (10,465) |
| | <u>16,732</u> |
| At 31 December 1995 | <u>16,732</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE: | |
| At 31 December 1995 | <u>20,303</u> |
| At 31 December 1994 | <u>30,447</u> |

There is no capital expenditure authorised nor contracted for at the year ended 31 December 1995 (1994 : Nil).

3. CREDITORS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

| | 1995 | 1994 |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank loans | 4,889 | 7,556 |
| | <u>4,889</u> | <u>7,556</u> |

4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid:

| Number: | Class: | Nominal value: | 1995 | 1994 |
|---------|----------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | £ | £ |
| 4,000 | Ordinary | £1 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| | | | <u>4,000</u> | <u>4,000</u> |