John Sinclair (Sheffield) Limited

Abbreviated accounts

for the year ended 30 June 2005

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## Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2005

The directors present their report and the accounts for the year ended 30 June 2005.

#### Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continues to be that of merchanting china, glassware and kitchenware, including antiques.

During the year the company reorganised its activities throughout the group so that similar activities are amalgamated within the same company. The result being retail activities are undertaken in this company and wholesale activities in Neaversons Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary.

Turnover has fallen due to the reorganisation and general reductions in consumer spending in the retail sector. Consequently, the directors consider the results for the year and the financial position as at 30 June 2005 were satisfactory.

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

#### **Future developments**

The directors consider that the year ending 30 June 2006 will be another year of difficult trading conditions. However, the company expects to return to its redeveloped retail outlet in Sheffield after its completion during spring of 2006. This should result in increased retail sales for the second half of that year.

#### Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the company are as stated below:

	Class of share	30/06/05	01/07/04
C J Sinclair	Ordinary shares	118,592	118,592
J M L Sinclair	Ordinary shares	46,108	46,108
J C L Sparre	Ordinary shares	-	-

#### Charitable donations

During the year the company contributed £17,101 to charities.

# Directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2005

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#### **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 the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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. They 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**

The company has by elective resolution under Section 386(1) of the Companies Act 1985 dispensed with the annual reappointment of the auditors. Marriott Gibbs will be deemed to be reappointed for each succeeding financial year.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

This report was approved by the Board on 3 November 2005 and signed on its behalf by

R E Sinclair Secretary

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# Independent auditors' report to John Sinclair (Sheffield) Limited under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 18 together with the financial statements of John Sinclair (Sheffield) Limited for the year ended 30 June 2005 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did 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 to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985 in respect of the year ended 30 June 2005, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 18 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

**Chartered Certified Accountants and** 

Marrish Gibs

**Registered Auditors** 

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3 November 2005

**Marriott Gibbs** 

# Abbreviated profit and loss account for the year ended 30 June 2005

		20	005	20	04
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Gross profit			2,391,544		2,957,027
Administrative expenses Other operating income			(2,287,409) 163,818		(2,264,921) 185,296
Operating profit Continuing operations Acquisitions	3	177,593 (10,064)		693,074	
Discontinued operations		167,529 100,424		693,074 184,328	
			267,953		877,402
Other interest receivable and similar income	4		23,363		23,676
Interest payable and similar charges	5		(50,605)		(34,855)
Profit on ordinary activities befo	ore taxati	on	240,711		866,223
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8		(65,511)		(281,660)
Profit on ordinary activities afte	r taxatior	1	175,200		584,563
Dividends	9				(7,800)
Retained profit for the year			175,200		576,763
Retained profit brought forward	•		3,903,916		3,327,153
Retained profit carried forward			4,079,116		3,903,916

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above two financial years.

## Abbreviated balance sheet as at 30 June 2005

		20	2005		2005 20		04
	Notes	£	£	£	£		
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	11		1,932,574		2,030,072		
Investments	12		230,455		230,455		
			2,163,029		2,260,527		
Current assets							
Stocks	13	953,444		1,208,772			
Debtors	14	2,164,579		884,151			
Investments	15	-		457,868			
Cash at bank and in hand		319,459		1,225,439			
		3,437,482		3,776,230			
Creditors: amounts falling							
due within one year	16	(956,681)		(1,208,075)			
Net current assets			2,480,801		2,568,155		
Total assets less current							
liabilities			4,643,830		4,828,682		
Creditors: amounts falling due							
after more than one year	17		(244,714)		(604,766)		
Net assets			4,399,116		4,223,916		
Capital and reserves							
Called up share capital	19		320,000		320,000		
Profit and loss account			4,079,116		3,903,916		
Equity shareholders' funds	20		4,399,116		4,223,916		

The abbreviated accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies .

The abbreviated accounts were approved by the Board on 3 November 2005 and signed on its behalf by

C J Sinclair Director

The notes on pages 7 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# Cash flow statement for the year ended 30 June 2005

	Notes	2005 £	2004 £
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash outflow from operating activities			
Operating profit		267,953	877,402
Depreciation and (profit) \ loss on disposal of fixed a	ssets	168,767	172,231
Decrease in stocks		255,328	236,877
(Increase) in debtors		(789,895)	411,157
(Decrease) in creditors		(178,518)	(909,920)
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(276,365)	787,747
Cash flow statement			
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(276,365)	787,747
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	24	(28,165)	(6,936)
Taxation	24	(261,511)	(360,926)
Capital expenditure	24	(71,269)	(116,852)
		(637,310)	303,033
Equity dividends paid		-	(7,800)
		(637,310)	295,233
Financing	24	(303,286)	(200,197)
Decrease in cash in the year		(940,596)	95,036
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in	net funds (No	ote 25)	
Decrease in cash in the year		(940,596)	95,036
Cash outflow from decrease in debts		303,286	200,197
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		(637,310)	295,233
Net funds at 1 July 2004		773,239	478,006
Net funds at 30 June 2005		135,929	773,239

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### 1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales during the vear.

#### 1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings

Straight line over fifty years

Leasehold properties

Straight line over the life of the lease

Plant and machinery

20% and 33.33% Straight line

Fixtures, fittings

and equipment Motor vehicles - 20% Straight line

es - 25% Straight line

#### 1.4. Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### 1.5. Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value.

Current asset investments are at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.6. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### 1.7. Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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#### 1.8. Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exception:

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### 1.9. Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the Profit and Loss account.

#### 1.10. Group accounts

The company is entitled to the exemption under Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 from the obligation to prepare group accounts.

#### 2. Note to the profit and loss account

		2005			2005 2004		2005		2005	2005 2004		
	Continuing £	Discontinued £	Total £	Continuing £	Discontinued £	Total £						
Administrative expenses Other operating income	2,105,030 (154,534)	182,379 (9,284)	2,287,409 (163,818)	1,998,048 (185,296)	266,873 -	2,264,921 (185,296)						
	1,950,496	173,095	2,123,591	1,812,752	266,873	2,079,625						

The total figures for continuing operations in 2005 include cost of sales £212,264 and administrative costs £144,789.

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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3.	Operating profit	2005 £	2004 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets Provision for diminuation in value of freehold	165,513	151,113
	property transferred to current assets	_	21,913
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets Operating lease rentals	3,254	-
	- Land and buildings	196,737	142,815
	Auditors' remuneration	7,145	11,500
	and after crediting:		
	Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	_	795
	Profit on foreign currencies	9,253	1,878
		2005	
4.	Interest receivable and similar income	2005	2004
		£	£
	Bank interest	20,062	23,676
	Other interest	3,301	
		23,363	23,676
5.	Interest payable and similar charges	2005	2004
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	19,504	29,052
	On other loans	30,000	-
	On overdue tax	1,101	5,803
		50,605	34,855

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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#### 6. Employees

	Number of employees The average monthly numbers of employees (including the directors) during the year were:	2005 Number	2004 Number
	Management	4	4
	Retail and office staff	107	112
		111	116
	Employment costs	2005	2004
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	1,122,239	1,163,005
	Social security costs	84,657	97,724
	Other pension costs	20,652	21,198
		1,227,548	1,281,927
6.1.	Directors' emoluments	2005 £	2004 £
	Remuneration and other emoluments	78,342	82,640
	Pension contributions	5,600	5,600
		83,942	88,240
	Number of directors to whom retirement benefits	Number	Number
	Number of directors to whom retirement benefits are accruing under a money purchase scheme	2	2

#### 7. Pension costs

The company pays contributions into the pension schemes of its directors and employees. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. Contributions payable by the company during the year amounted to £20,652 (2004:£21,198). Employer contributions amounting to £ 1,538 (2004:£1,538) were payable and included within creditors at the year end.

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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#### 8. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

Analysis of charge in period	2005 £	2004 £
Current tax		
UK corporation tax at 25.86% (2004 : 30.00%)	77,452	281,511
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	-	149
Total current tax charge	77,452	281,660
Deferred tax		
Timing differences, origination and reversal	(11,941)	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	65,511	281,660

#### Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (25.86 per cent). The differences are explained below:

	2005 £	2004 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	240,711	866,223
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation		
tax in the UK of 25.86% (2004 : 30.00%)	62,248	259,867
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,257	7,478
Depreciation for period in excess of capital allowances	13,947	14,166
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	-	149
Current tax charge for period	77,452	281,660

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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	Factors that may affect future tax charges		
	The company has capital gains tax losses of £29,473 available to set gains.	against fu	ture taxable
9.	Dividends	2005 £	2004 £
	Divídends on equity shares:		
	Ordinary shares - interìm paid		7,800
10.	Intangible fixed assets  Cost At 1 July 2004 and at 30 June 2005		<b>Goodwill £</b> 10,231
	Provision for diminution in value At 1 July 2004 and at 30 June 2005		10,231
	Net book values At 30 June 2005 At 30 June 2004		-
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# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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11.	Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings freehold £	Short leasehold property £		Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
	Cost						
	At 1 July 2004	1,753,799	211,553	162,549	693,375	80,528	2,901,804
	Additions	10,927		- 16,882	46,213	4,000	78,022
	Disposals	-		- (8,643	(35,257	(2,500)	(46,400)
	At 30 June 2005	1,764,726	211,553	170,788	704,331	82,028	2,933,426
	Depreciation						
	At 1 July 2004	54,406	211,283	3 134,244	416,041	55,758	871,732
	On disposals		,	- (8,643	3) (25,250	) (2,500)	(36,393)
	Charge for the year	13,255	60	16,541	124,364	11,293	165,513
	At 30 June 2005	67,661	211,343	142,142	515,155	64,551	1,000,852
	Net book values						
	At 30 June 2005	1,697,065	210	28,646	189,176	17,477	1,932,574
	At 30 June 2004	1,699,393	3 270	28,305	277,334	24,770	2,030,072

12.	Fixed asset investments	Subsidiary undertakings shares £
	Cost	
	At 1 July 2004	220 455
	and at 30 June 2005	230,455
	Net book values	
	At 30 June 2005	230,455
	At 30 June 2004	230,455

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

Nature of

**Proportion** 

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Shares held of shares

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#### 12.1. Holdings of 20% or more

The company holds 20% or more of the share capital of the following companies:

or incorporation business

Country of

registration

	Subsidiary undertakii Neaversons Limited	n <b>g</b> England	China and glassware	Ordinary	100%		
	The aggregate amount last relevant financial y		serves and the results of vs:	f these undertak	kings for the		
		tal and reserves	Profit for the year £				
	Neaversons Limited	613		90,560	<del>-</del> '		
	Stocks			2005 £	2004 £		
	Finished goods and go	ods for resale		953,444	1,208,772		
ı	Debtors			2005 £	2004 £		
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by grou Other debtors Prepayments and accr Deferred tax (Note 18)	ued income		42,849 1,853,358 37,889 212,958 17,525 2,164,579	348,655 295,861 35,586 198,465 5,584 884,151		
•	Current asset investr	ments		2005 £	2004 £		
	Freehold property held	l for resale		-	457,868		

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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16.	Creditors: amounts falling due	2005	2004
	within one year	£	£
	Bank overdraft	34,616	_
	Trade creditors	587,912	594,173
	Corporation tax	-	161,510
	Other taxes and social security costs	157,590	197,671
	Directors' accounts	1,285	34,708
	Other creditors	35,222	32,920
	Accruals and deferred income	140,056	187,093
		956,681	1,208,075
	The bank overdraft is secured on freehold land and buildings.		
17.	Creditors: amounts falling due	2005	2004
	after more than one year	£	£
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after more than one year	£	£
Bank loans	148,914	452,200
Accruals and deferred income	95,800	152,566
	244,714	604,766
Bank loans		
Repayable in five years or more	148,914	452,200

The bank loans are secured on freehold land and buildings.

The company has bank loans denominated in sterling and euro currencies. Both loans require no specific instalments. The principal must be repaid by 4 September 2015 for the sterling loan, whereas, the euro loan has no ultimate maturity date. Interest is chargeable at 1.8125% and 1.7500% + LIBOR on the sterling and euro loans, respectively.

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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18.	Deferred taxation	2005 £	2004 £
	Capital allowances	17,125	5,062
	Accruals for pension costs and other post-retirement benefits that will be deductible for tax purposes only when paid	400	522
	Undiscounted provision for deferred tax asset	17,525	5,584
	Asset at 1 July 2004	5,584	
	Deferred tax credit in profit and loss account	11,941	
	Asset at 30 June 2005	17,525	

An asset has been recognised for those timing differences that are expected to be recoverable against future taxable profits in the United Kingdom.

No asset has been recognised for unrelieved capital gains tax losses with a value of £7,663 to the company as no gains are likely to arise in the foreseeable future.

19.	Share capital	2005 £	2004 £	
	Authorised equity 320,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	320,000	320,000	
	Allotted, called up and fully paid equity 320,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	320,000	320,000	
20.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2005 £	2004 £	
	Profit for the year Dividends	175,200	584,563 (7,800)	
	Opening shareholders' funds	175,200 4,223,916	576,763 3,647,153	
	Closing shareholders' funds	4,399,116	4,223,916	

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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#### 21. Financial commitments

At 30 June 2005 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings		
	2005	2004	
	£	£	
Expiry date:			
Within one year	18,041	23,000	
Between one and five years	163,300	174,300	
	181,341	197,300	

In addition to the above rental commitments there are additional liabilities to pay rent based on a fixed percentage of turnover for certain retail outlets but these cannot be accurately quantified at the reporting date.

#### 22. Transactions with directors

The following directors had interest free loans provided to them or connected persons during the year. The movements on these loans are as follows:

	Amount owing		Maximum	
	2005 £	2004 £	in year £	
Husband of J M L Sinclair	-	20,245	20,245	

#### 23. Related party transactions

At the start of the year the group restructured its operations and the company's wholesale business was transferred to Neaversons Limited in exchange for its retail operations.

During the year, the company had management charges receivable of £- (2004: £39,000) from its wholly owned subsidiary, Neaversons Limited. Other goods and services were acquired by the company and recharged to Neaversons Limited at their original cost. In addition, land in Sheffield was sold to Neaversons Limited at its net book value of £457,868. Interest free loans were provided to assist Neaversons Limited with its redevelopment of the land in Sheffield and at 30 June 2005 the company had amounts outstanding of £1,853,358 (2004: £295,861).

The company rents land from a director, J M L Sinclair. During the year rent was payable of £10,000 (2004 : £10,000).

# Notes to the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

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24.	Gross cash flows			2005 £	2004 £
	Returns on investments and servicing	of finance			
	Interest received			25,188	25,501
	Interest paid			(53,353)	(32,437)
				(28,165)	(6,936)
	Taxation				
	Corporation tax paid			(261,511)	(360,926)
	Capital expenditure				
	Payments to acquire tangible assets			(78,022)	(94,624)
	Receipts from sales of tangible assets			6,753	8,859
	Demolition costs of freehold property in S	heffield			(31,087)
				(71,269)	(116,852)
	Financing				
	Other new short term loans			1,410,000	-
	Repayment of long term bank loan			(303,286)	(200,197)
	Repayment of other short term loans			(1,410,000)	-
				(303,286)	(200,197)
25.	Analysis of changes in net funds				
		Opening	Cash	Other	Closing
		balance	flows	changes	balance
		£	£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	1,225,439	(905,980)		319,459
	Overdrafts	· · ·	(34,616)		(34,616)
		1,225,439	(940,596)		284,843
	Debt due within one year	-	303,286	(303,286)	-
	Debt due after one year	(452,200)	<u>-</u>	303,286	(148,914)
	Net funds	773,239	(637,310)		135,929