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LEGOLAND Windsor Park Limited (formerly LEGO Park Operation UK Limited)

Report and Accounts

31 December 1995



II ERNST & YOUNG

Registered No. 2721728

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1995.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The loss for the year amounted to £4,887,000 (1994 – loss of £3,467,000).

REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

On 2 December 1992 the company entered into a contract to purchase certain assets from Windsor Safari Park Limited and the world's first LEGO Park outside Denmark is being developed on the site acquired. Completion of the purchase of the site took place on 3 January 1994 and the company continued the development of the Park through the year. The Park opens in March 1996.

SHARE CAPITAL

The changes in the share capital during the year are summarised in note 12.

FIXED ASSETS

The changes in fixed assets during the year are summarised in note 7.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year were those listed on page 1.

No director held any disclosable interest in the shares of the company or any other group undertaking.

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint Ernst & Young as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

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Secretary

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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.

II ERNST & YOUNG

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

to the members of LEGOLAND Windsor Park Limited (formerly LEGO Park Operation UK Limited)

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 1995 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young

Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

London

30 April 1996

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 1995

	Notes	1995 £000	1994 £000
Continuing Operations:			•
Administrative expenses		(5,079)	(3,544)
OPERATING LOSS Interest receivable	2 5	(5,079) 217	(3,544)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Tax on loss on ordinary activities	6	(4,862) (25)	(3,465)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		(4,887)	(3,467)
LOSS CARRIED FORWARD	13	(4,887)	(3,467)

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There are no gains or losses other than those recognised in the profit and loss account.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 1995

	Notes	1995 £000	1994 £000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	7	65,097	27,995
CURRENT ASSETS Stock Debtors Cash	8 9	334 2,010 6,419	390 502 1,138
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	10	8,763 (6,777) 1,986	2,030 (2,333) (303)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		67,083	27,692
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(712) 66,371	27,458
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Equity share capital Profit and loss account	12,13 13	75,800 (9,429) 66,371	32,000 (4,542) 27,458

Director

30 April 1996

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LEGOLAND Windsor Park Limited

(formerly LEGO Park Operation UK Limited)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Statement of cash flows

The company, being a subsidiary undertaking of an EC parent undertaking is taking advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 not to present a statement of cash flows.

Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost incurred in bringing the product to its present location and condition, and net realisable value. Cost represents purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value based on prices prevailing at the date of acquisition of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings	_	25 years
Plant and machinery	-	5-10 years
Fixtures and fittings	_	10 years
Motor vehicles	_	6 years
LEGO models	-	3 years

Freehold buildings will be depreciated from completion of the development.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2. OPERATING LOSS

This is stated after charging:

	1995	1994
	£000	£000
Auditors' remuneration - audit	11	10
- non audit	36	61
Depreciation of owned assets	180	149
Operating lease rentals — land and buildings	113	112
Operating lease remais — land and buttonings		

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at 31 December 1995

Other

2	DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS		
3.	DIRECTORS EMOLOMENTS	1995	1994
		£000	. £000
	Other emoluments (including pension contributions)	85	62
	Directors' emoluments, excluding pension contributions, fell within the following	ng ranges:	
		1995	1994
		No.	No.
	£nil – £5,000	6	6
	£55,001 - £60,000	_	1
	£75,001 - £80,000	1	-
	The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the chairman were £nil (1994 – £nil).	
	The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the highest paid direct £57,180).	ctor were £77,4	50 (1994 –
4.	STAFF COSTS		7004
		1995	1994 £000
		£000	£UUU
	Wages and salaries	1,189	1,053
	Social security costs	92	82
	Other pension costs	47	
		1,328	1,135
	The average weekly number of staff including directors during the year was as	follows:	
	·	1995	1994
		No.	No.
	Manufacturing	31	29
	Management and administrative	47	23
	·	78	52
5.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		1001
		1995	1994
		£000	£000
	Bank interest receivable	217	72

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6. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

UK corporation tax at 33% (1994 – 33%)	25	2
	1995 £000	1994 £000

UK corporation tax has been provided on interest income received. Part of the tax charge for the year has been covered by group relief from its parent undertaking for which no payment has been made.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £000	Plant and machinery £000		Assets in the course of construction £000	Total £000
Cost:					
At 1 January 1995	11,133	408	454	16,175	28,170
Additions	_	63	94	37,140	37,297
Disposals		(18)			(18)
At 31 December 1995	11,133	453	548	53,315	65,449
Depreciation:					
At 1 January 1995	_	51	124	_	175
Provided during the year	_	60	120	_	180
Disposals		(3)			(3)
At 31 December 1995		108	244		352
Net book value:					
At 31 December 1995	11,133	345	304	53,315	65,097
At 1 January 1995	11,133	357	330	16,175	27,995
					
STOCK					
				1995	1994
				£000	£000
Raw materials				334	390

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at 31 December 1995

DEBTORS				
			1995	1994
			£000	£000
XIATD and complian			1,611	327
VAT recoverable				9
				136
			2	12
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	rtakinge		206	18
	itakings		3	-
			2,010	502
				<u></u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within	one year		2005	1414) (
				1994
			£000	£000
Trade creditors			6,123	1,963
			25	2
			77	44
			386	211
	rtaking		136	99
Amounts owed to connected company			30	14
			6,777	2,333
CDEDITORS, amounts falling due after t	nore than one v	ear		
CREDITORS: amounts faming due after 1	nore alan olle y		1995	1994
			£000	£000
—			. 712	234
Trade creditors				
SHARE CAPITAL				
				ted , called up
		Authorised		nd fully paid
	1995	1994	1995	1994
	No.	No.	£000	£000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	35,000,000	50,000,000	35,000	32,000
Redeemable ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000,000		40,800	_
•	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income Amounts owed by parent undertaking Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary under Amounts owed by connected company CREDITORS: amounts falling due within Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Accruals and deferred income Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary under Amounts owed to connected company CREDITORS: amounts falling due after to Trade creditors SHARE CAPITAL Ordinary shares of £1 each Redeemable ordinary shares of £1 each	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income Amounts owed by parent undertaking Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by connected company CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Accruals and deferred income Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertaking Amounts owed to connected company CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one y Trade creditors SHARE CAPITAL 1995 No. Ordinary shares of £1 each 35,000,000 Redeemable ordinary shares of £1 each 50,000,000	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income Amounts owed by parent undertaking Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by connected company CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Accruals and deferred income Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertaking Amounts owed to connected company CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year Trade creditors SHARE CAPITAL Authorised 1995 1994 No. No. Ordinary shares of £1 each 35,000,000 Redeemable ordinary shares of £1 each 50,000,000	Other debtors 84 Prepayments and accrued income 104 Amounts owed by parent undertaking 2 Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings 2 Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings 2 Amounts owed by connected company 2,010 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year 1995 2000 Trade creditors 6,123 25 Corporation tax 25 Other taxes and social security costs 77 Other taxes and social security costs 386 Amounts owed to fellow subsidiary undertaking 136 Amounts owed to connected company 30 CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year 1995 2000 Trade creditors 712 SHARE CAPITAL Allow 1995 1994 1995 1995 1994 1995 1995 1994 1995 1995 1996 1995 1996 1995 1996 1997 1

On 14 March 1995 the company increased its authorised share capital to $85,000,000 \pm 1$ ordinary shares by creating an additional $35,000,000 \pm 1$ ordinary shares.

On 14 March 1995 the company designated 50,000,000 £1 ordinary shares of its authorised share capital to be £1 redeemable ordinary shares, as permitted under the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company.

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12. SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

The £1 redeemable ordinary shares are redeemable at the company's option, at par, at any time. They carry the same voting rights, rights to dividends and priority on a winding up as ordinary shares.

The company issued the following number of £1 ordinary shares and £1 redeemable shares at par to its parent undertaking on the following dates. The proceeds received were used to provide further working capital.

	Number of £1 ordinary shares issued	Number of £1 redeemable ordinary shares issued
14 March 1995	3,000,000	4,500,000
•		8,000,000
6 July 1995	_	1,200,000
17 July 1995	_	4,400,000
14 August 1995	_	5,600,000
11 September 1995		3,200,000
10 October 1995	_	
14 November 1995	-	2,600,000
11 December 1995	-	11,300,000

13. RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENT ON RESERVES

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At 1 January 1994 Shares issued in 1994 Loss for the year	14,100 17,900	(1,075) - (3,467)	13,025 17,900 (3,467)
Balance at 31 December 1994	32,000	(4,542)	27,458
Shares issued in 1995 Loss for the year	43,800	(4,887)	43,800 (4,887)
Balance at 31 December 1995	75,800	(9,429)	66,371

14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 1995 the company had the following commitments in respect of the development of the Park.

	1995	1994
	£000	£000
Authorised not contracted	513	32,928
	6,485	14,686
Contracted not provided		

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15. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 1995 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings as set out below:

	1995	1994
	£000	£000
Operating leases which expire:		
Within one year	12	_
Within two to five years	92	113
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16. PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

The company contributes to a number of money purchase schemes for certain of its directors and all employees.

17. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

On 8 February 1996 the company issued a further 2,000,000 £1 ordinary redeemable shares at par to its parent undertaking.

18. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of LEGO Park Holding UK Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales, into which company's accounts LEGOLAND Windsor Part Limited has been consolidated. The ultimate parent undertaking is LEGO A/S, a company incorporated in Denmark. Copies of the accounts of LEGO A/S are available from Erhvervs og Selskabsstyrelsen, Kampmannsgade 1, DK-1780 Copenhagen V, Denmark.