Abbreviated Accounts

for the year ended 31st October 2000

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Company Information

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Directors' Report

for the year ended 31st October 2000

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the company for the year ended 31st October 2000.

Statement of 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 affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that year. In preparing those financial statements 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 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 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.

Principal activities and review of business

The company's principal activity during the year was that of merchants of engineering supplies.

Results

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 4.

The directors plan to continue with the management policies which have led to the satisfactory result in the year.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

Name of director	Share type	At 31st October	At 1st November
		2000	1999
J D Birch	Ordinary £1 shares	15,200	15,200
K Hartley	-	-	-
S Ranson	-	-	_

Auditors

The auditors, Lathams, have transferred their audit business to Blueprint Audit Limited. In accordance with Section 26 of the Companies Act 1989, Blueprint Audit Limited has been appointed as auditor to succeed Lathams, and will be proposed for reappointment at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Directors' Report

for the year ended 31st October 2000

By order of the Board

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J D Birch, Secretary

Date: 🎺

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Auditors' report to Lloyd and Jones Engineers Limited

Under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 12 together with the financial statements of Lloyd and Jones Engineers Limited for the year ended 31st October 2000 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the 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 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 have been 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, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 12 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Lathams Blueprint Registered Auditor

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Sumner House St Thomas's Road

Chorley Lancashire PR7 1HP To August 2001

Date:

Lathams Blueprint is a trading name of Blueprint Audit Limited, a registered auditor.

Abbreviated Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 31st October 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Gross profit		2,119,578	1,969,973
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(1,035,707) (836,020)	(968,124) (769,453)
Operating profit	2	247,851	232,396
Interest receivable Interest payable	5	12,972 (880)	235 (1,129)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		259,943	231,502
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(165,575)	(74,392)
Profit for the financial year	17	94,368	157,110

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

There have been no recognised gains or losses, other than the results for the financial year, and all profits or losses are not materially different from those accounted for on an historical cost basis..

Abbreviated Balance Sheet

as at 31st October 2000

	Notes	2000 £	2000 £	1999 £	1999 £
Fixed assets		~	_	~	~
Tangible assets	7		375,214		322,220
Investments	8	_	400,001		400,001
			775,215		722,221
Current assets					
Stocks	10	424,809		507,574	
Debtors	[]	2,096,592		1,538,471	
Cash at bank and in hand	_	279,798	_	242,871	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one	1	2,801,199		2,288,916	
year	13	(1,701,423)	_	(1,329,639)	
Net current assets			1,099,776	_	959,277
Total assets less current liabilities			1,874,991		1,681,498
Provisions for liabilities and charges					
Deferred taxation	15		(254,097)	_	(154,972)
		:	1,620,894	<u>=</u>	1,526,526
Canital and resources					
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	17		20.000		20.000
Revaluation reserve	16		29,800		29,800
Capital redemption reserve	17 17		44,486 20,200		45,107 20,200
Profit and loss account	17		1,526,408		1,431,419
. Total and roop account	17		1,320,700		1,151,17
Equity Shareholder's Funds			1,620,894	:	1,526,526

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

These financial statements were approved by the board on \swarrow

Director

J D Birch

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Accounting policies

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention, modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

Group financial statements

The company and its subsidiary form a medium sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption given by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not as a group.

Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced amount of goods sold less returns and allowances, excluding value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation.

All classes of tangible fixed assets are recorded at cost. As permitted by FRS 15, freehold land and buildings which had been revalued prior to its implementation are recorded at that valuation.

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, over their expected useful lives. The principal annual rates and methods used are:

Freehold properties 2% straight line
Plant and machinery 25% reducing balance
Motor vehicles 25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings 25% reducing balance

The part of the annual depreciation charge that relates to the surplus on revaluation is transferred from the revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account.

Leasing and hire purchase

Certain tangible fixed assets are held under hire purchase agreements. These assets are included in the balance sheet and are depreciated accordingly. The capital element of the corresponding financing commitments is included in the balance sheet. The finance element of repayments is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the reducing capital element outstanding.

All other leases held are operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Fixed asset investments

Investments are included at cost.

Stocks

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

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Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is calculated under the liability method at the appropriate rate of tax in respect of timing differences between profits as computed for tax purposes and profits as stated in the financial statements to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, those differences will give rise to tax liabilities in the foreseeable future.

Pension costs

Pension costs are recognised on a systematic basis over the period that the company benefits from the services of the employees who are members of the pension scheme.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised in the profit and loss account so as to match them with the related expenditure towards which they contribute. Grants received in respect of future accounting periods are included in the balance sheet as deferred income.

2 Operating profit

The operating result is stated after charging:	2000	1999
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
-owned assets	46,570	51,556
-assets held under hire purchase contracts and finance leases	4,896	-
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	11,594	18,082
Hire of equipment	8,830	8,930
Auditors' remuneration	6,835	6,510
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	[3,333	13,333

3 Directors and employees

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2000	1777
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,172,426	969,722
Social security costs	127,451	92,602
Other pension costs	64,238	99,937
Redundancy costs	<u> </u>	13,729
	1,364,115	1,175,990

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for the year ended 31st October 2000

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

	2000 Number	1999 Number
Management	13	13
Selling and distribution	46	46
	59	59
Directors' emoluments		
	2000	1999
	£	£
Aggregate emoluments	497,991	258,135
Directors' pension contributions under defined contribution schemes	50,000	99,937
	547,991	358,072
Retirement benefits were accruing to the directors as follows:	2000	1999
	Number	Number
Defined contribution pension scheme	2	2

4 Pension scheme and Employee Benefit Trust

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees and directors. The assets of the scheme are administered by trustees in a fund independent from those of the company.

The total contributions paid in the year amounted to £64,238 (1999: £99,937).

The company has previously established an Employee Benefit Trust with the object of promoting employee loyalty and goodwill. Contributions for the year totalled £nil (1999: £200,000). In accordance with FRS 5 'Reporting the substance of transactions', trust net assets of £819,602 (1999: £732,332) have been incorporated into the company's balance sheet. A provision has been made on the contributions relating to those assets.

5	Interest payable and similar charges	2000	1999
		£	£
	Interest payable	880	1,129

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts

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6	Taxation		
		2000	1999
		£	£
	Based on the profit for the year:		
	UK corporation tax at 30% (1999: 20.40%)	60,058	43,118
	Deferred tax charge	106,819	23,191
		166,877	66,309
	Prior periods		
	UK corporation tax	6,392	_
	Deferred taxation	(7,694)	8,083
		165,575	74,392

The tax charge for the year has been increased by approximately £89,000 (1999 : £19,000) in respect of permanent timing differences.

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7	Tangible	nxea	assets

Taligible liked assets	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Fixtures and fittings	Total
Cost or valuation	£	£	£	Ĺ	£
At 1st November 1999	185,000	117,125	161,547	47,852	511,524
Additions	-	30,725	129,429	-	160,154
Disposals		(4,091)	(97,475)		(101,566)
At 31st October 2000	185,000	143,759	193,501	47,852	570,112
At valuation in 1996	185,000	•	_	-	185,000
At cost		143,759	193,501	47,852	385,112
	185,000	143,759	193,501	47,852	570,112
Depreciation					
At 1st November 1999	8,700	66,267	70,492	43,845	189,304
Charge for the year	2,900	16,261	31,303	1,002	51, 46 6
Disposals		(3,748)	(42, 24)	<u>-</u>	(45,872)
At 31st October 2000	11,600	78,780	59,671	44,847	194,898
Net book value					
At 31st October 2000	173,400	64,979	133,830	3,005	375,214
At 31st October 1999	176,300	50,858	91,055	4,007	322,220

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On a historical cost basis, freehold land and buildings would have been included as follows:

	Land and buildings		
	2000		
	£	£	
Cost	146,089	146,089	
Cumulative depreciation based on cost	19,118	16,839	
Net book value	126,971	129,250	

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase originally cost £23,500 (1999: £nil) and have a net book value of £18,604 (1999: £nil). Depreciation charged for the year was £4,896 (1999: £nil).

8 Fixed asset investments

	Shares in Group Undertaking	Own Shares	Total
Cost and net book value	£	£	£
At 1st November 1999 and at 31st October 2000	<u> </u>	400,000	400,001

9 Shares in group undertakings

	Proportion			
Name of company and registered office	Details of investments	held by company	Nature of business	
Centurion Engineering Services Limited	Ordinary £1 shares	100%	Dormant	

The company's voting rights in respect of the subsidiary are held in the same proportion as the company's share of the ordinary share capital

The capital and reserves and profit or loss for the subsidiary as at its financial year ending with, or last before, the financial year of the holding company were as follows:

		Profit/(loss) for the year		Capital and reserves	
		2000	1999	2000	1999
		£	£	£	£
	Centurion Engineering services Limited	-	-	1	1
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10	Stocks			2000	1999
				£	£
	Finished goods			424,809	507,574

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11	Debtors	2000	1999
		£	£
	Trade debtors	2,094,856	1,536,764
	Prepayments	1,736	1,707
		2,096,592	1,538,471

12 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes £11,322 (1999: £11,083) which is held in trust for the beneficiaries of the Lloyd and Jones Engineers Limited Employee Benefit Trust.

13	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000	1999
		£	£
	Unsecured loan	10,000	10,000
	Trade creditors	975,003	897,326
	Amounts owed to group undertaking	1	1
	Other creditors	-	96,000
	Accruals and deferred income	466,038	109,845
	Corporation tax	60,058	43,391
	Other taxes and social security	149,573	108,043
	Obligations under hire purchase contracts	7,977	-
	Directors' current accounts	32,773	65,033
		1,701,423	1,329,639
14	Obligations under hire purchase contracts and finance leases	2000	1999
		£	£
	Obligations under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are analysed between amounts payable:		
	In the next year	7,977	

Obligations under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are secured on the assets concerned.

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15 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation provided and unprovided for in the financial statements is set out below. The amount unprovided represents a contingent liability at the Balance Sheet date and is calculated using a tax rate of 30%.

	2000	1999
	£	£
At 1st November 1999	154,972	123,698
Movement in the year	99,125	31,274
At 31st October 2000	254,097	154,972

Deferred taxation provided and unprovided for in the financial statements is set out below. The amount unprovided represents a contingent liability at the balance sheet date and is calculated using a tax rate of 30% (1999: 30%).

	Amoun	Amount provided		Amount unprovided	
	2000	1999	2000	1999	
	£	£	£	£	
Accelerated capital allowances	8,216	8,506	_	-	
Other timing differences	245,881	146,466	<u> </u>	<u>.</u>	
	254,097	154,972	-		
Unrealised capital gains	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	9,021	
					

Provision for capital gains tax on revaluation surpluses has not been made in these financial statements as there is no intention to dispose of the properties in the foreseeable future.

16	Share capital		2000 £	1999 £
	Authorised		_	~
	Equity shares			
	50,000 Ordinary shares of £leach	s	50,000	50,000
	Allotted			
	Equity shares			
	29,800 Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each	_	29,800	29,800
17	Reserves			
		Revaluation	Other	Profit
		reserve	reserves	and loss
			equity	account
		£	£	£
	At 1st November 1999	45,107	20,200	1,431,419
	Profit for the year	-	-	94,368
	Transfers between reserves	(621)	-	621
	At 31st October 2000	44,486	20,200	1,526,408