

CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY UK LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2000

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

R J Cramp
N E Weedon

SECRETARY

R J Cramp

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AUDITORS

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1 Woodborough Road
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000.

ACTIVITIES

The company carries on the business of the supply of minerals.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

During the year under review, the company has traded at a satisfactory level which the directors expect to continue in the current year.

YEAR 2000

Following their initial review, the directors continue to be alert to the potential risks and uncertainties surrounding the year 2000 issue. As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any significant factors which have arisen, or that may arise, which will affect the activities of the business; however, the situation is still being monitored. Any future costs associated with this issue cannot be quantified but are not expected to be significant.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors and their interests in the share capital of the company at the year end were as follows:

	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	31 March 2000	1 April 1999
R J Cramp	-	-
N E Weedon	-	-

The directors have no interests in shares of other group companies.

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 as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. 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 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.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors of the company and a resolution for the reappointment of Deloitte & Touche will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R J Cramp', written in a cursive style.

R J CRAMP

Secretary



AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY UK LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 9 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which are required to be prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. 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 United Kingdom 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 March 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
Year ended 31 March 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
TURNOVER	2	100,123	78,801
Cost of sales		(30,125)	(26,782)
Gross profit		<u>69,998</u>	<u>52,019</u>
Administrative expenses		<u>(46,561)</u>	<u>(52,152)</u>
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	3	23,437	(133)
Interest payable		<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		23,437	(134)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	5	<u>(4,687)</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) RETAINED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	10	<u><u>18,750</u></u>	<u><u>(134)</u></u>

All activities are derived from continuing operations.


There are no recognised gains or losses other than the result for the year and prior year.

BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	6	12,466	10,054
Debtors	7	26,169	10,043
Cash at bank and in hand		783	16,314
		<u>39,418</u>	<u>36,411</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(18,551)	(34,294)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>20,867</u>	<u>2,117</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	9	2	2
Profit and loss account	10	20,865	2,115
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	10	<u>20,867</u>	<u>2,117</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 9.10.00

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors


R J CRAMP
Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**Year ended 31 March 2000****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowances for any obsolete or slow moving items. In the case of finished goods, cost comprises direct materials and an appropriate proportion of quarry fixed and variable overheads based on normal level of activity.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover comprises the invoice value of goods and services exclusive of VAT and is derived wholly within Europe from the continuing principal activity of the company.

3. OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)

Operating profit/(loss) is after charging:

	2000 £	1999 £
Auditors' remuneration	400	300

4. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The directors received no remuneration during the year or prior year. There were no employees in the year or current year.

5. TAXATION

	2000 £	1999 £
Contributions made to another group company in respect of its loss of £4,687, surrendered	4,687	-

6. STOCKS

	2000 £	1999 £
Finished goods	12,466	10,054

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Year ended 31 March 2000**7. DEBTORS**

	2000 £	1999 £
Trade debtors	23,285	7,169
VAT recoverable	2,884	2,874
	<u>26,169</u>	<u>10,043</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2000 £	1999 £
Trade creditors	11,920	8,065
Amounts payable to parent undertaking	5,931	26,229
Accruals and deferred income	700	-
	<u>18,551</u>	<u>34,294</u>

9. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2000 £	1999 £
Authorised		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

**10. MOVEMENT ON RESERVES AND RECONCILIATION OF
MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS**

	Share capital 2000 £	Profit and loss account 2000 £	Total 2000 £	Total 1999 £
At 1 April	2	2,115	2,117	2,251
Profit/(loss) attributable to members of the company	-	18,750	18,750	(134)
At 31 March	<u>2</u>	<u>20,865</u>	<u>20,867</u>	<u>2,117</u>

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11. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKINGS

The immediate parent company is Longcliffe Quarries Limited which is incorporated in England and Wales. The ultimate parent company and controlling party is Longcliffe Property Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. Copies of the accounts of this company can be obtained from Longcliffe Quarries Limited, Brassington, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 4BZ.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Longcliffe Quarries Limited, which in turn is a wholly owned subsidiary of Longcliffe Property Holdings Limited. Longcliffe Property Holdings Limited has prepared consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000 and therefore, the company has relied on the exemptions contained within Financial Reporting Standard 8 in respect of the disclosure of related party transactions.