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BDH Limited

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1986

The Directors herewith submit their Report together with the audited Accounts for the year.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS REVIEW 1.

The Company changed its name from BDH Chemicals Limited in March 1986. The principal activity of the company is the supply of chemicals. Satisfactory progress has been achieved during the year and the company is well placed to meet market opportunities.

PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS 2

The profit for the year after tax amounted to £902,000 The Directors propose that a year's dividend be paid on the 50,000 4% preference shares and 30 pence per share be paid on the 650,000 ordinary shares and the amount of £705,000 be carried to reserves.

DIRECTORS 3

The Directors holding office during the year were as follows:-

H.J.Langmann

W. Hoenn

W.Kruger (appointed 1st January 1986)

D.R.Perry(appointed 1st January 1986)

B.Sturgeon

R.H.M.Symons

B.R.Tizzard

G.Williams

The Directors and their families had no beneficial interest in the shares of the company or of its holding or subsidiary companies at the end of the year.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Continued)

4. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The company has an active research and development programme.

5. DISABLED PERSONS

It is the company's policy to provide disabled persons, within the limitation of their abilities, with the same opportunities for employment, training, career development and promotion as are available to other employees.

6. POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS

No contributions to political organisations were made during the year. Charitable donations totalled £5,530.

7. EMPLOYMENT INVOLVEMENT

The company regularly briefs employees and trade union representatives and consults with them on matters affecting them via a joint consultative committee structure. Detailed information on the company's financial position is provided twice a year at meetings attended by employees and trade union representatives.

8. AUDITORS

Ernst & Whinney have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

Secretary

13th February 1987

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF BDH LIMITED

We have audited the accounts set out on pages 4 to 13 in accordance with approved auditing standards. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as explained in note 1(a).

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at 31st December 1986 and of the profit and source and application of funds for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Whinney Chartered Accountants London.

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13th February 1987

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1986

	Note	1986 £ [†] 000s	1985 £'000s
TURNOVER	2	42,545	38,948
OPERATING PROFIT	2	2,972	3,453
INTEREST RECEIVABLE		389	155
INTEREST PAYABLE	5	(1,635)	(1,600)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITI	ES 6	1,726 824	2,008 866
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITI AFTER TAXATION	ES	902	1,142
PROPOSED DIVIDEND			
Preference - 4p per s Ordinary - 30p per s	share Share	2 195 ~~~~~	2 176 ~~~~~
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YE	EAR	705 ======	964 ======

Movements on retained profits are set out in Note 14.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 1986

	Note	1986 £'000s	1985 £ [†] 000s
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets Investments	7 8	16,453	16,822
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks Debtors Cash in hand and at bank	9 10	12,243 12,837 1,395	11,661 11,314 641
		26,475	23,616
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	19,487	17,341
NET CURRENT ASSETS		6,988	6,275
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABIL	ITIES	23,441	23,097
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	6,268	5,4J7
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABIL.TIES		17,173	16,690 =====
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital Revaluation reserve Profit and loss account	13 14 14	700 4,733 11,740	700 4,823 11,167
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STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBE	ON OF FUNDS ER 1986 1986 E'000s	1985 £'000s
SOURCE OF FUNDS	2000	1 0003
Profit before taxation	1,726	2,008
Items not involving movement of funds		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Profit on sale of fixed assets	1,651 (16)	1,341 (32)
Generated from operations	3,361	3,317
Funds from other sources		
Tangible fixed asset disposals Increase in loans from group companies Corporation tax refund	108 4,861 1	63 667 19
Total source of funds	8,331	4,066
Application of funds		
Tangible fixed assets purchased and inter company transfers Dividends paid Taxation paid Goodwill acquired	1,374 178 413 222 ~~~~~	2,464 125 66
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL	2,187 ~~~~~ 6,144 =====	
Arising from movements in:-		
Stocks Debtors Creditors Inter company balances	582 1,115 (1,426) 352	737 1,877 (236) (17)
	623	2,361
Liquid funds	5,521	(950)
	6,144	1,411

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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a) Accounting Convention

As in previous years the accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except revalued freehold properties as stated in Note 7.

1) Translation of Overseas currencies into sterling

Assets, liabilities, revenues and costs denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rates of exchange ruling at the dates of the transactions; monetary assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are translated at year end rates of exchange except where specific forward contracts exist in respect of these amounts when the contracted rate is used.

c) Depreciation

Land is not depreciated. The cost of other fixed assets held at the beginning of the year is written off over their expected useful lives on a straight line basis, the principal rates used being:-

Per Annum

Freehold buildings			2.5%
Plant and machinery	between	10용	and 40%
Commercial vehicles			25%
Other vehicles			33.33%

d) Stocks and work in progress

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for any obsolete or slow moving items. In the case of finished goods and work in progress, cost comprises direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate proportion of manufacturing fixed and variable overheads. The allocation of manufacturing fixed overheads has regard to budgeted normal production.

e) Research and development

All revenue expenditure on research and development is written off against profits in the year in which it is incurred.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

f) Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deterred taxation, using the liability method, on all material timing differences which are not expected to continue in the future.

g) Leased Assets

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Rentals in respect of assets held under finance or operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

2. TURNOVER AND OPERATING PROFIT

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company exclusive of V.A.T.

Geographical market	198 <u>6</u> £ [†] 000	1985 £ [†] 000
Geographical marker		
United Kingdom Exports to other countries	27,939 14,606	26,624 12,324
Turnover "	42,545	38,948
Less: Changes in stock of finis goods and work in progress Own work capitalised Other operating income Raw materials and consumables	shed (474) (34) (947)	(14)
Staff costs (including Directors - note 3)		
Salaries and Wages Social security costs Other pension costs	10,944 757 1,107 ~~~~12,808	9,834 696 1,038 ~~~~11,568
Depreciation Auditors' remuneration Hire of plant and machine Other operating charges	1,651 27	1,341 26 92 6,772 ~~~~
	39,573	35,495
Operating profit	2,972	3,453

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

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3.	EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS	<u> 1986</u>	1985
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	The emoluments, excluding pension contr Directors are detailed as follows:-	ibutions, o	of the
	Chairman Highest paid Director	nil £34,762	nil £32,512
	Other Directors in scale: Not more than £5,000 £20,001 to £25,000 £25,001 to £30,000 £30,001 to £35,000	1 2 1 2	1 2 1
4.	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	1986	1985
	The average number of persons employed by the company during the year, including directors, was as follows: Production Selling Administration	627 498 188 1,313	
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE	1986 £'000	1985 E'000
	on Loans repayable within 5 years Bank loans, overdrafts and acceptances Holding Company loans Other Loans	640 495 500 1,635	747 353 500 1,600
6.	TAXATION	1986 £'000	1985 £'000
	The charge based on the profit for the year on ordinary activities comprises:	or	
	UK Corporation tax @ 36.25% Adjustments relating to prior y	950 ears (126 824	925 (59) 866 ====

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

8.	Investments	1986 E	1985 £
	Ordinary shares at cost Amounts owing to subsidiaries	300 (204)	300 (204)
		96	96

The company owns the entire share capital of the following subsidiaries incorporated in Great Britain:

The British Drug Houses Limited BDH Pension Trustees Limited Hopkin & Williams Limited

Because no subsidiary has traded during the year and the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Merck Holding Limited (incorporated in Great Britain) group accounts are not presented.

9.	STOCKS	1986 £'000	<u>1985</u> £'000
	Raw Materials Work in progress Finished goods Sundry stocks	5,090 892 6,070 191	4,987 400 6,088 186
		12,243	11,661
10.	DEBTORS	1986 E'000	1985 £'000
	Due within one year Trade debtors Amounts owed by group companies Other debtors	9,748	9,070
		2,066 134	1,658 33
	Prepayments and accrued income	889	553
		12,837	11,314

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

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11.	CREDITORS	1986 £'000	1985 £'000
	Due within one year		
	Bank loans and overdrafts	3,257	8,024
	Other loans	5,000	-
	Trade creditors	3,252	2,378
	Amounts owed to group companies	3,362	3,307
	Taxation and social security	1,641	1,204
	Other creditors	944	311
	Accruals and deferred income	1,834	1,939
	Dividends payable (proposed)	197	178
	full man (bucketa)	~~~~~~	~~~~~
		19,487	17,341
	Due in more than one year		
	Loans - repayable in 1987	_	5,000
	Holding and inter-group loans	6,268	1,407
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		6,268	6,407
		~~~~~	~~~~~
	Total creditors	25,755	23,748
		======	227,10

#### 12. DEFERRED TAXATION

No provision for deferred taxation at 31st December 1985 is required. Potential tax liabilities which are not expected to crystallise in the future, exist in respect of:-

	2,000	3,063
	2,853	3,085
buildings	1,400	1,400
Other short term timing differences Valuation of freehold land and	(474)	(391)
Accelerated capital allowances	1,927	2,076
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	1986	1985

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#### 13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)

Lá.	RESERVES	Revaluation Reserve	Profit & Loss A/c	Total
		£,000	E'000	<u> </u>
	At 31st December 1985	4,823	11.167	15,990
	Retained profit for year Depreciation on re-	-	705	705
	valuation of buildings Goodwill on acquisitions	(90)	90	-
	written off	~~~~~	(222)	(222)
	At 31st December 1985	4,733	11,740 ======	16,473

#### 15. PENSION BENEFITS

Pension benefits are funded over the employees' period of service. Contributions by the Company are based on the most recent actuarial valuation of the Fund.

#### 16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

No provision has been made in these accounts for the following proposed capital expenditure by the company:-

					=====	=====
					1,881	1,794
Authorised	but	not	contracted	for	731	989
Contracted				_	1,150	805
					<u>E'00</u> 0	<u>E'00</u> 0

## 17. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Amounts due under Finance leases are as follows:-

				=====	=====
				1,129	136
within within		to five	years	804 ~~~~	~~~~~
		year		325	57
				£'000	<u>E'00</u> 0
				1986	1985

## 18. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company is jointly and severally liable +ogether with certain of its fellow subsidiaries under group registration for V.A.T.

## 19. HOLDING COMPANY

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The ultimate holding company is Merck AG (incorporated in Switzerland).