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CRAFTEC PAPER LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998



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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

The Directors present their Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 1998.

The results for the year are as stated in the attached Profit and Loss Account.

The principal activity of the Company remained that of paper merchants and converters.

There were no charitable or political donations made during the year.

The Company paid a dividend of £112,000 (1997 - £80,000) for the year.

The present board of Directors is as shown on Page 1 to these Financial Statements.

The Directors who served at any time during the year, together with their shareholding are as follows:

	Ordinary Shares of £1 eac	
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
E.F. Rowbotham, Esq	525	550
U.R. Rowbotham	225	250
A. Bannister, Esq	100	100
L.S. Bannister	100	100
L.R. Holland (appointed 1.5.1998)	50	

The auditors Rowland Charles & Co. have confirmed their willingness to continue in office.

In preparing this report we have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

Approved by the board of directors on 314 Mark 1999 and signed on their behalf by E.F. Rowbotham.

(DIRECTOR)

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

CRAFTEC PAPER LIMITED

We have audited the Financial Statements on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 6 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. 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 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 judgments 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 mis-statement, 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 30th September 1998 and of its profit for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 1985 applicable to small companies.

Date: 4th March, 1999

ROWLAND CHARLES & CO. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS REGISTERED AUDITORS

BALANCE SHEET

AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>97</u>
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Fixed Assets	2(b),5		387,560		340,153
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors	2(c) 7	253,949 815,845		107,122 <u>674,923</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	1,069,794 (1,044,059)		782,045 (804,628)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)			25,735		(22,583)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILTITIES			413.295		317,570
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	9		(172.073)		(143.793)
			£ <u>241,222</u>		£ <u>173,777</u>
FINANCED BY:					
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up Share Capital Profit and Loss Account	13		1,000 240,222		1,000 172,777
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	14		£ <u>241,222</u>		£ <u>173,777</u>

Advantage is taken in the preparation of the financial statements of the special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. In the directors opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.

Approved by the board of directors on 3rel March 1999 and signed on their behalf by E.F. Rowbotham

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

	No	otes 1	1998	<u>1</u>	<u>997</u>
TURNOVER	2(d)		3,663,824		2,692,077
COST OF SALES			(2,739,533)		(1,968,697)
GROSS PROFIT			924,291		723,380
Distribution Costs Administrative Expenses		299,147 389,515	(688,662)	232,673 316,148	(548,821)
OPERATING PROFIT	3		235,629		174,559
Interest receivable Management Fees		1,148 2,000	3,148	752 	<u>752</u>
			238,777		175,311
Interest payable and similar charges			(19,205)		(8,862)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION			219,572		166,449
TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	4		(40,127)		(28,916)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR			179,445		137,533
Dividends			(112,000)		(80,000)
RETAINED PROFITS			67,445		57,533
RETAINED PROFITS, BROUGHT FORWARD			172,777		115,244
RETAINED PROFITS, CARRIED FORWARD			£ 240,222		£ <u>172,777</u>

In each of the years ended 30th September 1998 and 30th September 1997, the only gain recognised by the company was the profit for that year; all of the activities undertaken by the company were continuing activities and the reported profit was found under the historical cost convention.

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

1. DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENS

- a. Company law requires directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the company's state of affairs at the end of the year and profit or loss for the year then ended.
- b. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.
- c. The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Accounting Convention

The financial statements are prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and on a going concern basis.

b. Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of valuation, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life as follows:

Motor Vehicles	20%	on net book value
Plant and Equipment	15%	on net book value
Office Equipment	20%	on net book value

c. Stock and Work in Progress

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for any obsolete or slow moving items, as follows.

Cost incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition:

Raw Materials - Purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis.

Work in Progress - Cost of direct materials and labour plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

d. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods sold and services provided (stated net of value added tax).

e. Finance Leases and Hire Purchase Contracts

Assets acquired under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised, with an equivalent liability included, as appropriate, under Creditors Due Within One Year or After More Than One Year. Associated finance charges are written off, by equal instalments, over the primary period of the lease or over the period of the hire purchase contract.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

f. Pensions

The company has a defined contributions pension scheme. The cost of the contributions made by the company to the scheme are charged to the Profit and Loss Account as incurred.

g. Cash Flow Statement

The company qualifies as a small company under the Companies Act 1985. The directors have elected to take advantage of the exemption under FRS1 not to prepare a cash flow statement.

h. Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences except that no provision is made where it can be reasonably foreseen that such deferred taxation will not be payable in the future.

3. **OPERATING PROFIT**

This is stated after charging:	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Depreciation	71,630	52,881
Auditor's Remuneration	3,000	3,000
Directors' Emoluments	110,865	106,152
Finance Charges - Finance Leases	<u>4,777</u>	<u>5,369</u>

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4. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Based on the profit for the year, at 24% Based on the profit for the year, at 21%	40,127	15,422 13,494
	£ 40,127	£ <u>28,916</u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	5	TANGIBLE FIXI	ED ASSETS	
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TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	<u>Motor</u> Vehicles	Plant and Equipment	Office Equipment	<u>Total</u>
COST	venicies	<u>13quipmene</u>	<u></u>	
Balance B/Fwd	159,550	255,313	28,007	442,870
Disposals	(55,700)			(55,700)
Additions	42.145	101,189	<u>8.265</u>	151,599
Balance C/Fwd	<u>145,995</u>	<u>356,502</u>	<u>36,272</u>	<u>538,769</u>
DEPRECIATION				
Balance b/fwd	30,225	62,745	9,747	102,717
On disposals	(23,138)			(23,138)
Charge for year	24,879	42,225	4,526	71,630
Balance c/fwd	<u>31,966</u>	<u>104,970</u>	<u>14,273</u>	<u>151,209</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30th September 1998	£ <u>114,029</u>	£ <u>251,532</u>	£ <u>21,999</u>	£ <u>387,560</u>
At 30th September 1997	£ <u>129,325</u>	£ <u>192,568</u>	£ <u>18,260</u>	£ <u>340,153</u>

The net book value of tangible fixed assets include the following amounts of assets held under finance leases:

	Plant and Equipment	<u>Motor</u> <u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Total</u>
At 30th September 1998	£	£ <u>32,060</u>	£ <u>32,060</u>
At 30th September 1997	£	£ <u>55,600</u>	£_55,600

Depreciation charged on these assets amounted to £9,115 (1997 £13,900).

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

6.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
	Contracted but not provided for in the accounts	£	£
7.	DEBTORS	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	Trade Debtors Others	782,959 32,886	654,803
		£ <u>815,845</u>	£ <u>674,923</u>
8.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	r <u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	Bank Loans and Overdraft (Secured) Trade Creditors Other Creditors Obligations under Finance Leases (note 11)	111,724 817,669 99,468 15,198	33,216 632,407 117,735 21,270
		£ <u>1,044,059</u>	£ <u>804,628</u>
9.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more tha	n one year 1998	<u>1997</u>
	Bank Loan Directors' Loan Obligations under Finance Leases (note 11)	2,000 161,217 8,856	14,000 118,031
		£ <u>172,073</u>	£ <u>143,793</u>
10.	BANK LOANS	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	Due between one and two years	£2,000	£ 12,000
	Due between two and five years	£	£
11.	OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES	1998	<u>1997</u>
	Wholly repayable by instalments Due within 2 - 5 years	£ <u>8,856</u>	£_11,762

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1998

12. SECURED CREDITORS

Security has been given by the company to secure £332,185 (1997 £196,239) of the amount shown under creditors.

13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Authorised Ordinary Shares of £1 each	£_10,000	£ <u>10,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary Shares of £1 each	£1,000	£ 1,000

14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Profit for the financial year Dividends	179,445 (<u>112,000</u>)	137,533 (80,000)
Net addition to Shareholders funds	67,445	57,533
Opening Shareholders funds	<u>173,777</u>	116,244
Closing Shareholders funds	£ <u>241,222</u>	£ <u>173,777</u>
Equity Interests	£241,222	£ <u>173,777</u>

15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

a Pension Scheme

The assets of the pension scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £55,713 (1997 £30,524).

b Operating Leases

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On 30th September the company has commitments for payments in the following year under non-cancellable operating leases of land and buildings as set out below:

as set out below:	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Operating Leases which expire - in one to five years	£ <u>47,822</u>	£ <u>36,322</u>