

COCKER BROTHERS LIMITED

**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996**

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 1996.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of property letting. The lease expired on the Company's only rental property during the year.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year after taxation was £1,612 (1995: loss of £1,895). No dividend is recommended.

Directors

Set out below are the names of the directors who held office during the year:

D. J. Hall - Chairman
N. A. MacDonald - Director

Neither of the directors had a beneficial interest in the shares of the company.

At 30 September 1996, D. J. Hall and N. A. MacDonald were directors of the ultimate holding company, Firth Rixson plc. Their interests in the shares of Firth Rixson plc are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Coopers & Lybrand as the company's auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board



N. A. MacDonald
Secretary

Sheffield
6 December 1996

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors acknowledge that they are required by the Companies Act 1985 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 for that period. They also acknowledge their responsibility for arrangements to ensure that:

- ♦ adequate accounting records are maintained;
- ♦ the assets of the company are properly safeguarded;
- ♦ the scope for fraud and other irregularities is minimised.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of the financial statements, and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

By order of the board



N. A. MacDonald
Secretary

Sheffield
6 December 1996

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF COCKER BROTHERS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 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 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 30 September 1996, and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Coopers & Lybrand
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Sheffield

6 December 1996

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Turnover	1	10,080	14,976
Depreciation		(8,677)	(14,976)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>1,403</u>	<u>-</u>
Taxation	3	209	(1,895)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		<u>1,612</u>	<u>(1,895)</u>
Accumulated deficit brought forward		(433,383)	(431,488)
Accumulated deficit carried forward		<u>(431,771)</u>	<u>(433,383)</u>

The results of both periods relate to continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the losses above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,403	-
Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge of the year calculated on the revalued amount.	370	(2,099)
Historical cost profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>1,773</u>	<u>(2,099)</u>
Historical cost profit/(loss) for the year after taxation	<u>1,982</u>	<u>(3,994)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

	Notes	1996 £	1995 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	-	8,677
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	125,103	115,023
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Corporation tax		1,000	1,923
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		124,103	113,100
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		124,103	121,777
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	6	335,874	335,160
		<u>(211,771)</u>	<u>(213,383)</u>
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up share capital	7	220,000	220,000
Profit and loss account		(431,771)	(433,383)
Deficiency of equity shareholders' funds	8	<u>(211,771)</u>	<u>(213,383)</u>
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The financial statements of pages 4 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 6 December 1996 and were signed on its behalf by:



N. A. MacDonald
Director

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting, modified to include the revaluation of short leasehold land and buildings.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of the short leasehold land and buildings on a straight line basis based on the length of lease.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation, calculated on the liability method except where there is a reasonable probability that no such liability will arise in the foreseeable future.

Turnover

Turnover represents rents receivable and ancillary services on short leasehold land and buildings.

Cash flows

The cash flows of Cocker Brothers Limited are included in the consolidated cash flow statement of Firth Rixson plc, its ultimate holding company. Consequently, Cocker Brothers Limited is exempt from the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 to prepare a separate cash flow statement.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

1. Turnover

The turnover is all derived from one class of business and arises wholly in the United Kingdom.

2. Directors

No emoluments were received by the directors who held office during the year in respect of their services as directors of the company (1995: Nil).

3. Taxation

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	£	£
Corporation tax payable at 13% (1995: 13%):		
-current year	(1,000)	(1,923)
-prior year overprovision	1,209	28
	<u>209</u>	<u>(1,895)</u>

The tax charge for the year has been reduced by the utilisation of Advance Corporation Tax surrendered without charge.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

4. Tangible fixed assets

Short
leasehold land
and buildings
£

At cost	65,904
At valuation - 4 September 1978	307,500
Disposal	(373,404)

Cost or valuation:

At cost or valuation at 30 September 1996
and at 1 October 1995

NIL

Depreciation:

At 1 October 1995

364,727

Charge for the year

8,677

Disposal

(373,404)

At 30 September 1996

-

Net book value at 30 September 1996

-

Net book value at 30 September 1995

8,677

The amount of short leasehold land and buildings included above, determined according to the historical cost accounting rules is as follows:

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	£	£
Cost	326,372	326,372
Depreciation	(326,372)	(318,065)
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,307</u>

5. Debtors - Amounts falling due within one year

Amounts owed by group companies.

125,103

115,023

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

6. Creditors - Amounts falling due after more than one year

Amounts due to group company	335,874	335,160
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7. Called-up share capital

	1996	1995
	£	£
Authorised:		
Ordinary shares of 20p each	220,000	220,000
	=====	=====
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
Ordinary shares of 20p each	220,000	220,000
	=====	=====

8. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

Profit/(loss) for the year	1,612	(1,895)
Deficiency in shareholders' funds at 1st October 1995	(213,383)	(211,488)
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Deficiency in shareholders' funds at 30th September 1996	(211,771)	(213,383)
	=====	=====

9. Deferred taxation

Deferred tax provided in the accounts and the amounts not provided are as follows:

	Provided		Not provided	
	1996	1995	1996	1995
	£	£	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	-	-	-	1,124
Less: advance corporation tax	-	-	-	(681)
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	-	-	-	443
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10. Immediate and ultimate parent company

The company's ultimate parent company is Firth Rixson plc (formerly Johnson & Firth Brown plc), a company registered in England & Wales. Copies of the consolidated financial statements may be obtained from Firth Rixson House, 25 Carbrook Hall Road, Sheffield S9 2EJ.