# THE ENDOGRAM TEA COMPANY, LIMITED REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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Incorporated 1880

#### SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised £80,000

In shares of £1 each

Issued £60,000

Directors

H.K. FITZGERALD (Chairman)

P.A. LEGGATT, M.B.E. A.K. MATHUR, F.C.A.

Secretary

P.E. HILL, F.C.I.S.

Auditors

MOORE STEPHENS ST. PAUL'S HOUSE, WARWICK LANE, LONDON EC4P 4BN

Bankers

**DUNCAN LAWRIE LIMITED** 

Registered Office

WROTHAM PLACE,

WROTHAM, SEVENOAKS, KENT TN15 7AE

Registered Number

14663C

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the one hundred and twenty second annual general meeting of The Endogram Tea Company, Limited will be held at Wrotham Place, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 7AE on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2001 at 4.45 p.m. for the following purposes:-

- 1. To receive and adopt the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 2000
- 2. To declare a dividend
- 3. To re-appoint the auditors and authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board

P.E. HILL

Secretary

Wrotham Place, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 7AE

18th April 2001

A member entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him and such proxy need not be a member of the company.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit to the members their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2000.

ACCOUNTS	2000	1999
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	£43,874	£67,215
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	£42,655	£67,215
Dividend proposed	£42,000	£67,000
Retained profit for the year	£655	£215

#### REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The company operated as an investment holding company throughout 2000, with its main investment consisting of a shareholding in Koomber Tea Company Limited, a company incorporated in India.

#### DIRECTORS

#### Board

The present board is shown on page one.

Mr. A.K. Mathur was appointed to the board on 10th April 2000.

#### Shareholdings

Neither at the end of the year, nor at any time during the year, has any director held a beneficial interest in any shares of the company. The interests of the directors in shares of group companies are disclosed in the accounts of the parent company, Camellia Plc.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

The directors recommended the payment of a first and final dividend amounting to £42,000 for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000 (1999 £67,000).

#### **AUDITORS**

Moore Stephens have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors of the Company and a resolution proposing their re-appointment and empowering the directors to fix their remuneration will be put before the annual general meeting.

By Order of the Board

P.E. HILL

Secretary

18<sup>th</sup> April 2001

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	.3	43,874	67,215
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	4	1,219	-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		42,655	67,215
Dividend proposed		42,000	67,000
Retained profit for the year	8	£655	£215

# RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS for the year ended $31^{\rm st}$ December 2000

	2000 £	1999 £
Profit for the year	42,655	67,215
Dividend	(42,000)	(67,000)
Retained profit for the year	655	215
Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments	3	4
Net movement in shareholders' funds	658	219
Opening shareholders' funds	159,872	159,653
Closing shareholders' funds	£160,530	£159,872

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the above.

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 2000

	Notes	2	.000	1	999
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Investments	2		150,189		150,189
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	5	53,291		77,603	
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	42,950		67,920	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			10,341		9,683
NET ASSETS			£160,530		£159,872
EQUITY CAPITAL AND RES	SERVES				
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	7 8		60,000 100,530		60,000 99,872
			£160,530		£159,872

Approved on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2001 by the board of directors and signed on their behalf by:

P.A. LEGGATT

Director

#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

b) Exchange Rates

The rate of exchange used in these accounts was Rs.69.73 = £1 (1999 Rs.70.14 = £1). Exchange differences arising from transactions are included in the Profit and Loss Account. Adjustments arising on translation of the net foreign currency investments are dealt with in the profit and loss reserve.

c) Group Company

Investment in the group company is stated at cost.

Dividends from the group company are accounted for on a receivable basis.

#### 2. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT

2000

1999

Cost

At 1st January 2000 and 31st December 2000

6,170 Rs.1,000 Ordinary shares in Koomber Tea Company Limited

£150,189

£150,189

On 14<sup>th</sup> January 1983 the Reserve Bank of India approved the scheme to transfer Endogram's Indian assets to Koomber Tea Company Limited with effect from close of business on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1981 placing a value of £81,159 on Endogram's 35.89% shareholding in Koomber. During 1985 Koomber Tea Company Limited issued a further 320 equity shares of Rs.1,000, of which 280 were taken up by Endogram, thus increasing its shareholding to 39.81%. On 12<sup>th</sup> February 1988 Koomber made a capitalization issue in the ratio of 1:1, thereby increasing Endogram's holding to 3,360 shares of Rs.1,000 each. During 1992 Koomber issued a further 4,263 equity shares of Rs.1,000, of which 2,810 were taken up by Endogram, thus increasing its shareholdings to 51.12%.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

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3.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2000	1999
	The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is arrived at as follows:-	£	£
	Income from Fixed Asset Investment Unlisted India	44,242	65,975
	Interest received	12	7
	Administrative expenses	(988)	(988)
	Exchange gain	608	2,221
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	£43,874	£67,215
	Included in administrative expenses is the following item:-		
	Remuneration of the auditors	£950	£920
4.	TAXATION		
	U.K. corporation tax	27,590	31,210
	Double taxation relief	(26,371)	(31,210)
		£ 1,219	£ Nil
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5.	DEBTORS		
	Amount due from group companies	8,567	11,149
	Dividend receivable	44,242	65,975
	Taxation recoverable on dividend	482	479
		£53,291	£77,603
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6.	CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year		
	Dividends payable	42,000	67,000
	Other creditors	950	920
		£42,950	£67,920

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

7. SHARE CAPITAL	2000 £	1999 £
Authorised: 80,000 shares of £1 each	£80,000	£80,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid 60,000 shares of £1 each	£60,000	£60,000
8. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	RESERVE	
At 1 <sup>st</sup> January Gain on currency fluctuation Retained profit for the year	99,872 3 655	99,653 4 215
At 31st December	£100,530	£99,872

#### 9. PARENT COMPANY

The parent company at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000 was Camellia Plc which is registered in England and Wales. The consolidated financial statements of Camellia Plc can be obtained from the Company's registered office at Wrotham Place, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 7AE.

#### 10. CONTROL OF CAMELLIA PLC

Camellia Holding AG holds 1,420,000 ordinary shares (51.53%) of Camellia Plc.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2000, the Libra Foundation (being a private stiftung (foundation) resident in Liechtenstein associated with Mr. Gordon Fox) transferred the ownership of Camellia Holding AG to Camellia Private Trust Company Ltd (being a corporate trustee incorporated in Bermuda to hold on trust the investments of the Camellia Foundation). The Camellia Foundation is a Bermudan Trust, associated with Mr. Gordon Fox, whose income is utilised for charitable, educational and humanitarian causes at the discretion of the Trustees.

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUDITORS' REPORT

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year. The directors consider that in preparing the accounts, the company has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. In addition the directors confirm that the going concern basis is appropriate and all applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors have responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors also have responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the company and for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### AUDITORS' REPORT

to the members of The Endogram Tea Company, Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages four to eight which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page six.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described above, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2000 and of the profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

18<sup>th</sup> April 2001