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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.

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

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the one hundred and seventeenth annual general meeting of The Endogram Tea Company, Limited will be held at Wrotham Place, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 7AE on Thursday, 18th April 1996 at 4.45p.m. for the following purposes:-

- 1. To receive and adopt the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 1995
- 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 1996

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 1995.

ACCOUNTS	1995	1994
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	£54,840	£31,886
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	£46,364	£28,786
Dividend proposed	£65,000	£28,000
Retained (loss) profit for the year	£(18,636)	£786

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The company operated as an investment holding company throughout 1995, 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.

Shareholdings

Neither at the end of the year, nor at any time during the year, has either director held a beneficial interest in any shares of the company.

DIVIDENDS

The directors recommend the payment of a dividend amounting to £65,000 (1994 £28,000).

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

18th April 1996

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 1995

		1995	1994
	Notes	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities	2.000	~	~
before taxation	3	54,840	31,886
Taxation on ordinary activities	4	8,476	3,100
			
Profit on ordinary activites			
after taxation		46,364	28,786
Dividend proposed		65,000	28,000
			
Retained (loss) profit for the year	8	£(18,636)	£786
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RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS for the year ended 31st December 1995

	1995 £	1994 £
Profit for the year	46,364	28,786
Dividend	(65,000)	(28,000)
Retained (loss) profit for the year	(18,636)	786
Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments	(69)	(39)
Net movement in shareholders' funds	(18,705)	747
Opening shareholders' funds	175,136	174,389
Closing shareholders' funds	£156,431	£175,136

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

BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 1995

	Notes	1995		199	4
TEXTED A SCIENCE		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Investment	2		150,189		150,189
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	5	72,067		53,747	
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	65,825		28,800	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			6,242		24,947
NET ASSETS			£156,431		£175,136
EQUITY CAPITAL AND RESERVES	5				
Called up share capital	7		60,000		60,000
Profit and loss account reserve	8		96,431		115,136
			£156,431		£175,136
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Approved on 18th April 1996 by the board of directors and signed on their behalf by:

P.A. LEGGATT

Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. 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) Rate of exchange

The rate of exchange used in these accounts was Rs.54.595 = £1 (1994 Rs.49.08 = £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. F	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT	1995	1994
-	Cost At 1st January 1995 and 31st December 1995	£150,189	£150,189
_	Cost 6,170 (1994 6,170) Rs.1,000 Ordinary shares in Koomber Tea Company Limited	£150,189	£150,189

On 14th 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 31st 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 it's shareholding to 39.81%. On 12th February 1988 Koomber made a Bonus 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 it's shareholdings to 51.12%.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

3.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	1995 £	1994 £
	The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is arrived at as follows:-		
	Income from Fixed Asset Investment Unlisted India Interest received Administrative expenses	56,507 2 (880)	33,942 - (861)
	Exchange loss Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(789) —— £54,840	(1,195) ————————————————————————————————————
	Included in administrative expenses are the following items:-		
	Remuneration of the auditors	£825	£800 ====
	Neither of the directors received any remuneration during	ng the year (1994 Nil).	
4.	TAXATION		
	U.K. Corporation Tax at 33% Tax deducted on Indian dividends Taxation adjustment for previous year	23,107 8,476 -	15,608 5,091 (1,991)
	Less double taxation relief	31,583 23,107	18,708 15,608
5.	DEBTORS	£8,476	£3,100
	Amount due from holding company Dividend receivable from group company Amount due from group company Taxation recoverable on dividend	23,294 48,031 126 616	24,149 28,851 62 685
		£72,067	£53,747
6.	CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year		
	Dividends payable Other creditors	65,000 825	28,000
		£65,825	£28,800

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

7.	SHARE CAPITAL	1995 £	1994 £
	Authorised:		
	80,000 shares of £1 each	£80,000	£80,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
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	60,000 shares of £1 each	£60,000	£60,000
			
8.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT RESERVE		
	At 1st January 1995	115,136	114,389
	(Loss) on currency fluctuation	(69)	(39)
	Retained (loss) profit for the year	, ,	
	Retained (1088) profit for the year	(18,636)	786 ———
	At 31st December 1995	£96,431	£115,136
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9. PARENT COMPANY

The parent company is Lawrie Group Plc and the ultimate parent company is Camellia Plc. Both companies are registered in England and their accounts are filed with the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CR4 3UZ.

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 31st December 1995 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

18th April 1996