

THE LANCASTER FARMERS' AUCTION MART
COMPANY, LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST DECEMBER, 1998



**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE LANCASTER FARMERS' AUCTION
MART COMPANY, LIMITED**

UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 6 together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December, 1998 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 6 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.



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Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants

10th June, 1999

THE LANCASTER FARMERS' AUCTION MART
COMPANY, LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET

31ST DECEMBER, 1998

	Notes	1998 £	1997 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	851,917	849,534
Investments	3	<u>549</u>	<u>549</u>
		852,466	<u>850,083</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors due within one year		1,136,013	1,061,176
Debtors due after more than one year		71,666	59,866
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>254,871</u>	<u>387,575</u>
		1,462,550	1,508,617
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>(896,718)</u>	<u>(905,496)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>565,832</u>	<u>603,121</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,418,298	1,453,204
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>(18,300)</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>1,399,998</u>	<u>1,453,204</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up share capital	4	250,000	250,000
Revaluation reserve		541,414	547,572
Profit and loss account		<u>608,584</u>	<u>655,632</u>
SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS		<u>1,399,998</u>	<u>1,453,204</u>

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The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

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Notes

1998


1997

Balance Sheet continued

Statement by the directors

The abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board :


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R.T. Halhead Esq.

Director

Date : 2nd June, 1999

The notes set out on pages 4 to 6 form part of these financial statements

**THE LANCASTER FARMERS' AUCTION MART
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1998**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Applicable Accounting Standards.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual values, of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives to the business. The annual depreciation rates and methods are as follows:

Freehold Land and Buildings	- 1% Straight Line (Excluding Land)
Fixtures and Fittings	- 10% Straight Line
Motor Vehicles	- 25% Straight Line
Office Equipment	- 10% - 25% Straight Line
Computer	- 25% Straight Line
Restaurant Equipment	- 10% Straight Line

The Directors revised the depreciation rates in the year to more accurately reflect the estimated useful lives of the assets in the business. This resulted in additional depreciation of £7,262 being charged in these accounts.

(c) Deferred taxation

Provisions are made so that the deferred taxation account represents corporation tax, calculated on the liability method, in respect of the following timing differences:

The excess of tax allowances given for fixed assets over the depreciation provided

Other timing differences

reduced by:

Tax on losses carried forward

Advance corporation tax paid and recoverable

except to the extent that the directors are able to foresee that no liability is likely to arise from a reversal of the above timing differences for some considerable period.

(d) Debtors

Known bad debts are written off and provision is made for any considered to be doubtful.

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(e) Investment income

Income from investments is stated at the amount received plus the related tax credits.

(f) Pensions

The company makes contributions to some members of staff's individual Personal Pension Plans, the assets of such schemes being held separately from the assets of the company. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable to the scheme.

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST

	£
At 1st January, 1998	1,149,364
Additions at cost	50,681
Applicable to disposals	<u>(6,100)</u>
At 31st December, 1998	<u>1,193,945</u>

DEPRECIATION

At 1st January, 1998	299,831
Charge for the year ended	46,742
Released by disposals	<u>(4,545)</u>
At 31st December, 1998	<u>186,953</u>

NET BOOK VALUE

At 31st December, 1998	<u><u>851,917</u></u>
At 31st December, 1997	<u><u>849,534</u></u>

3 INVESTMENTS

	1998 £	1997 £
Participating interests	49	49
Unlisted investments	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u><u>549</u></u>	<u><u>549</u></u>
At 1st January, 1998 and		
At 31st December, 1998	<u><u>49</u></u>	

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Details of undertakings in which the company has a participating interest at the balance sheet date are as follows:

Name of company and business	Class of Shares	Holding %	Year end
Lancaster Insurance Services (Golgotha) Limited			
Insurance Brokers	Ords	49.00	31st December
Deficit of capital			
and reserves	£88,392		
Loss for year	£33,872		

This company is incorporated within Great Britain.

4	SHARE CAPITAL	Number 1998	Value 1998 £	Number 1997	Value 1997 £
	Authorised:				
	Ordinary shares				
	of £1 each	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>
	Issued and fully paid:				
	Ordinary shares				
	of £1 each	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>