Company number: 22169

HUNTERS & FRANKAU LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995



HUNTERS & FRANKAU LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1995.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company is engaged in importing and selling cigars and allied products.

The directors consider the result for the year and the financial position at the end of the year to be satisfactory.

The prospects for 1996 are largely dependent on the receipts of adequate cigar shipments from Cuba. With adequate shipments the directors anticipate a similar result to 1995.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The results for the year ended 31st December 1995 are shown in the profit and loss account on page 4. The group profit for the year after taxation was £2,956,864.

An interim dividend of 36.9p per 'A' and 'B' ordinary share was paid in the year.

A further interim dividend of 110.6p per 'A' and 'B' ordinary share was paid on 4th April 1996.

The directors recommend that a final dividend of 36.9p per 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares be paid for the year.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year were:

- N.D.J. Freeman (Chairman)
- S.A. Morera Gonzalez (Joint Managing Director)
- J.G. Simonds (Joint Managing Director)
- S.G. Chase
- J.H. Darnton
- P.J. Hambidge
- D.G. Lewis
- D.A.J. Baxter
- E. Mendez Perez (resigned 7th May 1996)

Mr. J. Blanco Lamelas was appointed a director on 14th May 1996.

No director had any beneficial interest in the shares of the company at 1st January 1995 or 31st December 1995.

HUNTERS & FRANKAU LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

The movements in tangible fixed assets are set out in note 9 on pages 12 and 13 of the financial statements. Additions to tangible fixed assets during the year comprised normal replacements and additions.

DONATIONS

Donations to charity during the year amounted to £7,500.

CLOSE COMPANY STATUS

The close company provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 apply to the company.

AUDITORS

Chantrey Vellacott have indicated their willingness to continue as auditors of the company and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the

Board of Directors

P.J. HAMBIDGE

Secretary

14th May 1996

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

to the members of

HUNTERS & FRANKAU LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 17 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 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 group'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 presentation of information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group at 31st December 1995 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

CHANTREY VELLACOTT

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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

14th May 1996

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

	Notes	£	<u>1995</u> £	£	<u>1994</u> £
TURNOVER	2		20,599,254		18,202,933
Cost of sales			13,518,566		12,117,552
Gross profit			7,080,688		6,085,381
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		1,030,092 1,958,451		986,786 1,781,465	
			2,988,543		2,768,251
Operating profit			4,092,145		3,317,130
Profit on sale of surplus leasehold property			259,461		-
Interest receivable			98,133		25,317
Interest payable	3		(144,139)		(234,339)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	4		4,305,600		3,108,108
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7		1,348,736		1,046,420
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR			2,956,864		2,061,688
DIVIDENDS	8		2,500,000		1,200,000
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR			£ 456,864		£ 861,688

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profits above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented. There is no difference between the profits shown above and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1995

	<u>Notes</u>	£	<u>1995</u> £	£	<u>1994</u> £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	9		889,186		1,402,283
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	11 12	1,773,301 5,559,670 61,324 7,394,295		2,556,794 4,122,407 8,168 6,687,369	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	13	(4,989,796)		(4,218,075)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			2,404,499		2,469,294
LIABILITIES			3,293,685		3,871,577
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(550,000)		(1,561,503)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
Deferred taxation	15		$\frac{(44,715)}{£2,698,970}$		$\frac{(67,968)}{£2,242,106}$
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	16		678,001		678,001
Share premium account Profit and loss account	17		1,250 2,019,719		1,250 1,562,855
			£2,698,970		£2,242,106

Approved by the Board of Directors on 14th/May 1996

N.D.J. FREEMAN

P.J. HAMBIDGE

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

HUNTERS & FRANKAU LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1995

	Notes	£	1995 £	£	<u>1994</u>
FIXED ASSETS		r	L	ŗ	£
Tangible assets	9	436,217		335,842	
Investments	10	3,399,664		3,399,664	
			3,835,881		3,735,506
CYIDDENIA COETO					
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks	11	1,773,301		2,556,794	
Debtors	12	5,095,560		4,079,058	
Cash at bank and in hand	12	61,205		7,929	
		6,930,066		6,643,781	
CREDITORS: amounts falling					
due within one year	13	(7,727,338)		(6,515,158)	
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASS	ETS		(797,272)		128,623
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES			3,038,609		3,864,129
CREDITORS, amounts folling due					
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(550,000)		(1,561,503)
arter more than one year	17		(330,000)		(1,501,505)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES					
AND CHARGES					
Deferred taxation	15		(32,989)		(44,231)
			£2,455,620		£2,258,395
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	4.6		CTT 0 001		6 7 0.004
Called up share capital	16		678,001		678,001
Share premium account Profit and loss account	17		1,250 1,776,369		1,250 1,579,144
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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

	£	<u>1995</u> £	£	<u>1994</u>	£
Net cash inflow from	r	ŗ	L		r
operating activities (note 1)		3,516,874		4,574,	039
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest paid	(144,139)		(247,869)		
Dividend paid	(1,100,000)		(1,040,000)		
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing					
of finance		(1,244,139)		(1,287,	869)
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Taxation					
Corporation tax paid		(1,061,956)		(691,	764)
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(297,282)		(266,096)		
Sale of tangible fixed assets	877,424		137,237		
Disposal of subsidiary undertakings	-		108,028		
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from					
investing activities		_580,142		(20,	831)
Net cash inflow before financing		1,790,921		2,573,	575
Financing					
Loans repaid	(1,011,503)		(1,586,503)		
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from			<u> </u>		
financing activities		(1,011,503)		(1,586,	503)
Increase in cash and cash					
equivalents (note 2)		£ 779,418		£ 987,	072

The notes to the consolidated cash flow statement are on page 8.

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

1.	RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NEINFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	T CASH	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	Operating profit		£ 4,190,278	£ 3,342,447
	Depreciation Depreciation		200,320	178,187
	Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets		(7,904)	•
	Decrease in stocks		783,493	262,918
	(Increase)/decrease in debtors		(1,274,763)	384,738
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors		(374,550)	443,921
	Net cash inflow from operating activities		£3,516,874	£4,574,039
2.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			
	Balance at 1st January 1995		(720,836)	(1,707,908)
	Net cash inflow		779,418	987,072
	Balance at 31st December 1995		£58,582	£(720,836)
3.	ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CA EQUIVALENTS AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SH			
		1005		Changes in
		<u>1995</u> £	<u>1994</u> £	<u>year</u>
	Cash at bank and in hand	£ 61,324	8,168	£ 53,156
	Bank overdrafts	(2,742)	(729,004)	726,262
	Dunt Orelands	£58,582		
		130,304	£(720,836)	£779,418

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

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

b) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings. The subsidiary undertakings prepare their financial statements to 31st December and are consolidated using the acquisition method of accounting.

c) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is the purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis. Net realisable value is the price at which the stock can be realised in the normal course of business. Provision is made for slow moving stocks.

d) Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates, on a straight line basis, so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives as follows:

Freehold property - 2% Long leasehold property - 2% Leasehold improvements - 15%

Plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings

- 15 - 25% according to category

Motor vehicles

- 25 - 33% according to category

e) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided under the liability method in respect of all material timing differences between the profits as computed for taxation purposes and the profits as stated in the financial statements, to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise. The rate of tax used is that which is expected to be applied when the liability or asset is expected to crystallise.

f) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the balance sheet. Gains and losses on exchange on transactions in foreign currencies are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

g) Goodwill

Purchased goodwill arising on the acquisition of a subsidiary represents the difference between the fair value of the consideration given for the company and the aggregate of the fair values of the separable net assets acquired.

The group eliminates positive purchased goodwill by immediate write off to reserves on acquisition.

h) Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to profit and loss account as they fall due.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

i) Pension costs

The expected cost of pensions in respect of the group's pension schemes is charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the service lives of employees. Variations from the regular cost are spread over the expected service lives of current employees in the scheme.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the amount receivable for goods sold during the year and is exclusive of V.A.T. Turnover arose as follows:-

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	£	£
United Kingdom	20,235,797	17,905,601
Europe	363,457	297,332
	£20,599,254	£18,202,933

Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation is derived from importing and distributing cigars and allied products.

3.	INTEREST PAYABLE	<u>1995</u> £	<u>1994</u> £
	Interest on bank loans and overdrafts and loans wholly repayable within 5 years	£ <u>144,139</u>	£234,339
4.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	<u>1995</u> £	<u>1994</u> £
	Is stated after charging:	200 220	150 105
	Depreciation	200,320	178,187
	Directors' emoluments (note 6)	587,739	540,142
	Auditors' remuneration	19,700	18,700
	Property rentals	180,103	182,242

Fees charged by the group's auditors for other services were £4,825 (1994: £5,300).

and after crediting:		
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	7,904	38,172
(Other than surplus leasehold property)		
		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

5.	STA	FF COSTS	1995 £	1994
	a)	Staff costs during the year amounted to: Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	1,587,778 149,019 226,886 £1,963,683	1,477,237 133,167 215,081 £1,825,485
	b)	The average weekly number of employees during the year wa	is made up as	follows:
		Warehousing and distribution Office and management	1995 41 23 64	1994 Number 41 21 62
6.	DIR	ECTORS' EMOLUMENTS	1995 £	<u>1994</u> £
	a)	Fees Management remuneration Contributions to pension schemes	17,500 494,158 76,081 £587,739	16,250 447,536 76,356 £540,142
	b)	Fees and management remuneration only:	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
		Chairman and highest paid director	£ <u>138,000</u>	£ <u>105,187</u>
		Other directors received emoluments in the following ranges:		<u>Number</u>
		£Nil to £5,000 £10,001 to £15,000 £25,001 to £30,000 £50,001 to £55,000 £55,001 to £60,000 £65,001 to £70,000 £75,001 to £80,000 £85,001 to £90,000 £95,001 to £100,000	2 1 - 2 1 1	1 1 1 2 1 1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	U.K. corporation tax based on	£	£
	the profit for the year at 33% (1994 - 33%)	1,373,558	1,025,796
	(Over)/under provision in prior year	(1,569)	1,416
	Transfer (from)/to deferred taxation	(23,253)	19,208
		£1,348,736	£1,046,420
8.	DIVIDENDS	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	On the 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares:	£	£
	First interim paid 23rd November 1995	500,000	200 000
	•	,	300,000
	Second interim proposed	1,500,000	300,000
	Proposed final	_500,000	600,000
		£2,500,000	£1,200,000

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

a) Group				Plant,		
		Long	Short	equipment,		
	Freehold	leasehold	leasehold	fixtures &	Motor	
	property	property	improvements	fittings	<u>vehicle</u>	s <u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
COST						
At 1st January 1995	548,434	841,795	74,793	463,263	476,573	2,404,858
Additions	-	_	69,062	137,029	91,191	297,282
Disposals		(<u>841,795</u>)		(179,788)	(54,706)	(1,076,289)
At 31st December 1995	548,434		143,855	420,504	513,058	1,625,851
DEPRECIATION						
At 1st January 1995	84,671	244,382	66,699	409,359	197,464	1,002,575
Provision for year	10,969	-	12,836	48,372	128,143	200,320
Adjustment for disposals	<u> </u>	(244,382)		(<u>177,717</u>)	(44,131)	,
At 31st December 1995	95,640		79,535	280,014	281,476	736,665
NET BOOK VALUE						
At 31st December 1995	£452,794	£ -	£64,320	£ <u>140,490</u>	£231,582	£889,186
At 31st December 1994	£463,763	£597,413	£ 8,094	£53,904	£279,109	£1,402,283

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (continued)

	b) Company	Short leasehold improvements	Plant, equipment, fixtures & fittings £	Motor <u>vehicles</u> £	<u>Total</u> ₤
	COST				
	At 1st January 1995	74,793	261,741	476,573	813,107
	Additions	69,062	137,029	91,191	297,282
	Disposals		(68,876)	(54,706)	(123,582)
	At 31st December 1995	143,855	329,894	513,058	986,807
	DEPRECIATION				
	At 1st January 1995	66,699	213,102	197,464	477,265
	Provision for year	12,836	45,353	128,143	186,332
	Adjustment for disposals		(68,876)	<u>(44,131</u>)	$(\underline{113,007})$
	At 31st December 1995	79,535	189,579	281,476	550,590
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 31st December 1995	£64,320	£140,315	£231,582	£436,217
	At 31st December 1994	£ 8,094	£48,639	£279,109	£335,842
10.	INVESTMENTS		£		
	Shares in subsidiary undertakings:				
	COST				
	At 1st January 1995 and 31st December 1995		4,120,714		
	PROVISION FOR REDUCTION TO NET ASSET VALUE At 1st January 1995 and 31st December 1995		751,050		
	1xt 1st sandary 1775 and 51st December 1775				
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31st December 1995 and 31st December 1995	94	£3,399,664		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

10. INVESTMENTS

At 31st December 1995 the principal subsidiary undertaking is Joseph Samuel & Son Limited, a company wholly owned and incorporated in Great Britain.

Dormant subsidiary company details are not disclosed as in the directors' opinion, this information is of excessive length.

11.	STOCKS			<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	Stocks consist of goods purchased for resale			£1,773,301	£2,556,794
12.	DEBTORS	1007	<u>GROUP</u>		OMPANY
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	Amounts receivable within one year:	£	£	£	£
	Trade debtors	4,336,181	2 405 142	4 226 191	2 405 140
	Other debtors	547,478	3,485,143 100,512	4,336,181	3,485,142
	Prepayments and accrued income	•	•	84,735	75,504
	rrepayments and accrued income	363,511	386,752	362,144	368,412
		5,247,170	3,972,407	4,783,060	3,929,058
	Amounts receivable after more than one year:				
	Advance corporation tax recoverable	312,500	150,000	312,500	150,000
		£5,559,670	£4,122,407	£5,095,560	£4,079,058
13.	CREDITORS: amounts falling		GROUP	C	OMPANY
	due within one year	<u> 1995</u>	1994	1995	1994
		£	£	£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	2,742	729,004	2,625	726,534
	Amount owed to subsidiary undertaking	_	-	2,753,379	2,327,202
	Trade creditors	334,921	462,828	334,921	445,513
	Corporation tax	1,535,382	1,062,849	1,520,646	1,056,136
	Other taxes and social				
	security costs	730,547	1,084,832	730,197	1,082,411
	Proposed 2nd interim dividend	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	-
	Proposed final dividend	500,000	600,000	500,000	600,000
	Other creditors	25	54	25	54
	Accruals	386,179	278,508	385,545	277,308
		£4,989,796	£4,218,075	£7,727,338	£6,515,158

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

13. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year (continued)

The bank loans and overdrafts secured by a mortgage debenture over the group's assets are as follows:-

	Due within one year	1995 £ £2,742	1994 £ £729,004
14.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year £1,100,000 10% Unsecured loan stock 1998/99 9% Unsecured loan stock 1996/97	1995 £ 550,000	1,100,000 461,503
		£550,000	£1,561,503

15.	DEFERRED TAXATION	D TAXATION <u>GROUP</u>		COMPANY	
		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
		£	£	£	£
	Accelerated capital allowances	23,313	(1,065)	35,039	22,672
	Other timing differences	(68,028)	(66,903)	(68,028)	(66,903)
	Deferred tax liability	£(44,715)	£(67,968)	£ $(32,989)$	$\pounds(\underline{44,231})$

The provision for deferred taxation has been calculated based on a corporation tax rate of 33% (1994 : 33%).

The movement during the year is analysed as follows:

	<u>GROUP</u>		<u>COMPANY</u>	
	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u> 1995</u>	<u> 1994</u>
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1st January 1995	(67,968)	(51,260)	(44,231)	(28,950)
Disposal of subsidiary	-	2,500	_	_
Released/(provided) in year	23,253	(19,208)	11,242	(15,281)
Balance at 31st December 1995	$\underline{\pounds(44,715)}$	£(67,968)	£ $(32,989)$	$\underbrace{1}_{(44,231)}$

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1995

16.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL			Authorise and ful	
				<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
				£	£
	678,000 ordinary 'A' shares of 50p each			339,000	339,000
	678,000 ordinary 'B' shares of 50p each 1 ordinary 'C' share of 50p			339,000	339,000
	1 ordinary C share of 30p		-	1	1
			‡ =	678,001	£678,001
17.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		GROUP	CO	OMPANY
		<u> 1995</u>	1994	1995	1994
		£	£	£	£
	Retained profit at 1st January 1995	1,562,855	701,167	1,579,144	700,154
	Retained profit for the year	456,864	861,688	197,225	878,990
	Retained profit at 31st December 1995	£2,019,719	£1,562,855	£1,776,369	£1,579,144
18.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN		GROUP	C	OMPANY
	SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	<u> 1995</u>	1994	1995	1994
		£	£	£	£
	Profit for the financial year	2,956,864	2,061,688	2,697,225	2,078,990
	Dividends	(2,500,000)	(1,200,000)	(2,500,000)	(1,200,000)
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	456,864	861,688	197,225	878,990
	Opening shareholders' funds	2,242,106	1,380,418	2,258,395	1,379,405
	Closing shareholders' funds	£2,698,970	£2,242,106	£2,455,620	£2,258,395
19.	LEASE COMMITMENTS		GROUP	C	OMPANY
		<u> 1995</u>	1994	1995	1994
	Annual property rentals payable under leases which expire:	£	£	£	£
	Within one year	10,833	10,833	10,833	10,833
	After five years	159,500	164,500	159,500	159,500
		£170,333	£175,333	£170,333	£170,333

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20. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The group operates a pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable salary. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company being invested with a major U.K. insurance group. The contributions are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the "projected unit" method. The most recent valuation was as at 31st December 1994. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments and the rate of increase in salaries and pensions. It was assumed the yield on the fund would exceed the rate of increase in pensionable salaries by 2% per annum. This is consistent with assumptions usually used for longer term funding.

The pension charge for the year was £226,886 (1994: £215,081).

The most recent actuarial valuation showed that the market value of the scheme's assets was £4,629,000 and that the actuarial value of those assets represented 95 per cent of the benefits that had accrued to members.

At 31st December 1995, the group has prepaid a contribution of £206,145 (1994: £202,736) to the scheme.

21. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT - PARENT COMPANY

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, a separate profit and loss account for the parent company is not presented.