WEBSTER & HORSFALL LIMITED ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31 DECEMBER 2001

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2001.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of manufacture of wire from steel rod.

The results for the year and the financial position at the end of the year were considered satisfactory by the directors.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year, and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The directors have recommended the following dividends:

	2001 f	2000 f
Proposed dividends on ordinary shares	70,038	70,038
Dividends paid on ordinary shares	93,384	93,384
	163,422	163,422

THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The directors who served the company during the year together with their beneficial interests, including family holdings, in the shares of the company were as follows:

		At	
	Class of share	31 December 2001	At 1 January 2001
Mr PJC Robinson	Ordinary "A"	8,000	8,000
	Ordinary "B"	17,875	17,875
Mr CAC Horsfall	Ordinary "B"	2,291	2,291
Mr GHGC Horsfall	Ordinary "A"	12,740	12,740
	Ordinary "B"	2,272	2,272
Col JHC Horsfall	Ordinary "A"	21,220	21,220
	Ordinary "B"	7,200	7,200
Mr JMC Horsfall	Ordinary "A"	· -	-
	Ordinary "B"	4,612	4,612
Mr CALC Horsfall	Ordinary "A"	160	160
	Ordinary "B"	6,525	6,525
Mr BP Knox-Peebles	Ordinary "A"	12,040	12,040
	Ordinary "B"	18,060	18,060
Mr CW Bragg	Ordinary "A"	500	500
	Ordinary "B"	3,750	3,750
Mr WI Lawrie	Ordinary "A"	1,370	1,370
	Ordinary "B"	5,500	5,500

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

Mr CAC Horsfall is a joint trustee of a non-beneficial holding of 21,340 ordinary "A" shares (2000: 21,340).

Mr GHGC Horsfall is a joint trustee of a non-beneficial holding of 11,100 ordinary "A" shares (2000: 11,100).

RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

The following directors are to retire from the board in accordance with the Articles of Association and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment:

Mr CAC Horsfall Mr GHGC Horsfall Col JHC Horsfall

FIXED ASSETS

The directors are of the opinion that the market value of the properties at the year end would significantly exceed the net book values included in the financial statements, but they are unable to quantify this excess in the absence of a professional valuation, the costs of which are not considered justifiable in view of the company's intention to retain its existing properties for use in its business for the foreseeable future.

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 at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 10 to 11, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The directors must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors 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.

CLOSE COMPANY PROVISIONS

In the opinion of the directors, the company is a close company within the meaning of S.414 Income and Corporation Taxes Act, 1988 (as amended).

DONATIONS

During the year the company made the following contributions:

•	2001	2000
	£	£
Charitable	•	326

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Wenham Major as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office:

Hay Mills Birmingham B25 8DW Signed on behalf of the directors

PJC Robinson Director

Approved by the directors on 21 May 2002

WEBSTER & HORSFALL LIMITED INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COMPANY

PURSUANT TO SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 16, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2001 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246A 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 section 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We have carried out the procedures we consider 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 section 246A(3) of the Act, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 16 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

89 Cornwall Street Birmingham

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21 May 2002

WENHAM MAJOR Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Wenham Major

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
GROSS PROFIT		1,535,493	1,479,459
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		3,458 1,480,718	9,623 1,400,826
OPERATING PROFIT	2	51,317	69,010
Income from shares in group undertakings Income from participating interests Interest receivable	5 6	28,818 27,468	4,417 16,467 44,101
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFOR TAXATION		107,603	133,995
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(9,626)	(19,500)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		97,977	114,495
Dividends	8	163,422	163,422
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(65,445)	(48,927)
Balance brought forward		2,107,111	2,156,038
Balance carried forward		2,041,666	2,107,111

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Profit for the financial year Dividends	2001 £ 97,977 (163,422)	2000 £ 114,495 (163,422)
	(65,445)	(48,927)
Opening shareholders' equity funds	2,677,460	2,726,387
Closing shareholders' equity funds	2,612,015	2,677,460

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2001

	Note	200	1	200	0
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9		21,007		21,007
Investments	10		18,340		18,340
			39,347		39,347
			33,347		. 33,347
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	743,454		877,663	
Debtors	12	1,702,881		1,570,645	
Cash at bank and in hand		763,065		1,050,952	
		3,209,400		3,499,260	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
within one year	13	(636,732)		(861,147)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			2,572,668		2,638,113
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT	LIABI	LITIES	2,612,015		2,677,460
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up equity share capital	16		233,461		233,461
Other reserves	17		336,888		336,888
Profit and Loss Account			2,041,666		2,107,111
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			2,612,015		2,677,460

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for medium-sized companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 21 May 2002 and are signed on their behalf by:

MR PIC ROBINSON

MR CAC HORSFALL

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

	20	001		2000	
	£	£	£		
NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW					
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		(122,52)	7)	449,2	269
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND					
SERVICING OF FINANCE					
Income from group undertakings	20.010		•	117	
Income from participating interests	28,818		16,4		
Interest received	27,468		44,]	101	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM RETURNS				_	
ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING					
OF FINANCE		56,286	6	64,9	85
TANATION		,		·	
TAXATION		(19,472	4)	41,0	102
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(43,602)	•	(100,3	371)	
Receipts from sale of fixed assets	4,850		16,1	00	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM					
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		(38,752	2)	(84,2	71)
EQUITY DIVIDENDS PAID		(163,422	2)	(116,7	'30)
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH		(287,887	_ 7)	354,3	115
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH		(207,00	() =		
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING OPERATING ACTIVITIES	PROFIT	TO NET	CASH II	NFLOW FRO	OM
		2001		200	00
		£		£	
Operating profit		51,31	7	69,0	10
Depreciation		43,602	2	100,3	71
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		(4,850		(16,1	00)
Decrease in stocks		134,20		6,0	
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors		(132,230	•	158,9	
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors		(214,569	9)	130,9	97
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating ac	tivities	(122 52	 7)	449,2	260
riet cash (outnow)/mnow from operating ac	uvities	(122,52	-	747,2	

CASH FLOW STATEMENT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS

2001		2000 £
(287,887)		354,315
(287,887)		354,315
1,050,952		696,637
763,065		1,050,952
At		At
	_	_
£	£	£
1,050,952	(287,887)	763,065
1,050,952	(287,887)	763,065
	£ (287,887) (287,887) 1,050,952 763,065 At 1 Jan 2001 £ 1,050,952	£ (287,887) (287,887) 1,050,952 763,065 At 1 Jan 2001 Cash flows £ 1,050,952 (287,887)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Consolidation

In the opinion of the directors, the company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a mediumsized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold Property

Over 40 years

Plant & Machinery Fixtures & Fittings Written off as expenditure incurred Written off as expenditure incurred

Motor Vehicles

- Written off as expenditure incurred

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Work in progress

Work in progress is valued on the basis of direct costs plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity. Provision is made for any foreseeable losses where appropriate. No element of profit is included in the valuation of work in progress.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Profit and Loss Account.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

2. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2001	2000
	£	£
Depreciation	43,602	100,371
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(4,850)	(16,100)
Auditors' remuneration		
- as auditors	26,905	27,765
Operating lease costs:		
Plant and equipment	2,560	2,560
Net profit on foreign currency translation	(5,854)	(201)

3. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

	2001	2000
	No.	No.
Number of production staff	70	72
Number of distribution staff	6	5
Number of administrative staff	16	16
	92	93
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were	· :	
	2001	2000
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,616,153	1,529,767
Social security costs	143,903	140,217
Staff pension contributions	85,967	95,047
Other pension costs	9,900	2,000
	1,855,923	1,767,031

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

4. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

		2001	2000
	Emoluments receivable	£ 190 441	£
	Value of company pension contributions to money	180,441	173,727
	purchase schemes	9,817	9,108
		190,258	182,835
	The number of directors who are accruing benefits follows:	under company pension	n schemes were as
		2001	2000
		No.	No.
	Money purchase schemes	2	2
5.	INCOME FROM SHARES IN GROUP UNDERTA	AKINGS	
		2001	2000
		£	£
	Income from group undertakings	-	4,417
6.	INCOME FROM PARTICIPATING INTERESTS		
		2001	2000
		£	£
	Income from participating interests	28,818	16,467
7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		2001	2000
		£	£
	In respect of the year:		
	Corporation Tax based on the results for the year at 20% (2000 - 20%)	9,654	19,500
	Adjustment in respect of previous years:		
	Corporation Tax	(28)	-
		9,626	19,500

WEBSTER & HORSFALL LIMITED NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

8. DIVIDENDS

The following dividends have been paid or proposed in respect of the year:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Proposed dividend on ordinary shares	70,038	70,038
Dividend paid on ordinary shares	93,384	93,384
	163,422	163,422

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST					
At 1 January 2001	115,536	995,022	151,888	402,216	1,664,662
Additions	-	19,139	1,499	22,964	43,602
Disposals	-	, -	-	(23,043)	(23,043)
At 31 December 2001	115,536	1,014,161	153,387	402,137	1,685,221
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 January 2001	94,529	995,022	151,888	402,216	1,643,655
Charge for the year	´ -	19,139	1,499	22,964	43,602
On disposals	-	, <u>-</u>	-	(23,043)	(23,043)
At 31 December 2001	94,529	1,014,161	153,387	402,137	1,664,214
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 December 2001	21,007	-	<u>-</u>	-	21,007
At 31 December 2000	21,007	-	-	-	21,007

The cost of depreciable assets included in land and buildings at the year end is £94,529.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

10. INVESTMENTS

	Webster and Horsfall (Canada) Limited	Latch and Batchelor Limited	Total
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2001	5,000	13,340	18,340
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2001	5,000	13,340	18,340
At 31 December 2000	5,000	13,340	18,340

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of Webster & Horsfall (Canada) Limited, a company incorporated in Canada. The company ceased trading on 28th January 1993.

The company owns 42.9% of the issued share capital of Latch & Batchelor Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The company manufactures and factors steel wire rope.

		2001	2000
		£	£
	Aggregate capital and reserves		
	Webster & Horsfall (Canada) Limited	43,204	43,889
	Latch & Batchelor Limited	522,920	449,189
	Profit and (loss) for the year		
	Webster & Horsfall (Canada) Limited	1,550	1,375
	Latch & Batchelor Limited	190,591	64,489
11.	STOCKS		
		2001	2000
		£	£
	Raw materials	248,800	285,807
	Work in progress	235,719	269,404
	Finished goods	258,935	322,452
		743,454	877,663
			

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

12. DEBTORS

	2001 £	2000 £
Trade debtors	1,242,291	1,277,317
Amounts owed by undertakings in which		
the company has a participating interest	394,113	271,083
Prepayments and accrued income	66,477	22,245
	1,702,881	1,570,645

13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2001 £	2000
Trade creditors	327,015	£ 487,428
Other creditors including taxation and social s	ecurity:	
Corporation Tax	9,654	19,500
Other taxation and social security	127,088	123,980
Dividends payable	70,038	70,038
Accruals and deferred income	102,937	160,201
	636,732	861,147

14. PENSIONS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The funds of the scheme are administered by Trustees and are separate from the company. The company's contribution for the year was £85,967 (2000: £95,047)

15. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2001 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Assets Other Than Land & Buildings	
	2001	2000
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 2 to 5 years	2,560	2,560
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

16. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital:

		2001		2000
		£		£
97,982 Ordinary "A" shares of £1.00	each	97,982		97,982
135,479 Ordinary "B" shares of £1.00	each each	135,479		135,479
161,539 11% non-cumulative prefere		•		•
£1.00 each		161,539		161,539
		395,000		395,000
Allotted and called up:				
Allotted and called up:	2001	l	200)0
Allotted and called up:	2001 No.	l £	200 No.	00 £
Allotted and called up: Ordinary "A" shares fully paid	:			_
•	No.	£	No.	£

17. OTHER RESERVES

	2001	2000
	£	£
Capital redemption reserve	161,539	161,539
Plant replacement reserve balance brought forward	31,000	31,000
Capital reserve balance brought forward	100,000	100,000
General reserve balance brought forward	44,349	44,349
	336,888	336,888
		