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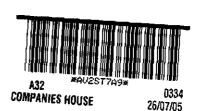
REGISTERED NUMBER: 46450 (England and Wales)

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

FOR

UNDERWOOD & COMPANY LTD



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COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

DIRECTORS:

R F Underwood

D P Underwood

SECRETARY:

R F Underwood

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Unit 16

Shrub Hill Industrial Estate

Worcester Worcestershire WR4 9EL

REGISTERED NUMBER:

46450 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

Ballard Dale Syree LLP Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors Kingswood Road Hampton Lovett Droitwich Spa

Worcestershire WR9 0QH

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO UNDERWOOD & COMPANY LTD **UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages three to six, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2004 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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 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 full 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 three to six are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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Date: 1107)2005

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2004

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	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	2		2,500,000		2,410,000
Investments	3		253,206		3,208
			2,753,206		2,413,208
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	4	245,401		508,819	
Cash at bank		210,014		111,905	
		455,415		620,724	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due within one year		144,886		78,128	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			310,529		542,596
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES:			£3,063,735		£2,955,804
			=====		
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	5		9,656		9,656
Revaluation reserve			329,480		239,480
Other reserves			12,250		12,250
Profit and loss account			2,712,349		2,694,418
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:			£3,063,735		£2,955,804

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

- Director

Approved by the Board on 30 06 05

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of services, excluding value added tax.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Land and buildings at Worcester are an investment property and are therefore not depreciated. Land and buildings at Hereford are used by a subsidiary company; these are not depreciated on the grounds that any depreciation charge would be immaterial because of their long useful economic lives and the fact that the directors have a policy and practice of regular maintenance and repair.

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

Group accounts

The company is entitled to exemption under Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 from the obligation to prepare group accounts.

Total

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	
	£
COST OR VALUATION:	
At 1 January 2004	2,410,000
Surplus on revaluation	90,000
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At 31 December 2004	2,500,000
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31 December 2004	2,500,000
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At 31 December 2003	2,410,000

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

4.

undertakings

808H			£
COST: At 1 January 2004 Additions			3,208 249,998
At 31 December 2004			253,206
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31 December 2004			253,206
At 31 December 2003			3,208
The company's investments at the balance st following:	heet date in the share capital	of unlisted compar	nies include the
Underwoods Steel Stockholders Ltd Nature of business: Steel stockholders			
	%		
Class of shares: Ordinary	holding 100.00		
		2004 £	2003 £
Aggregate capital and reserves		295,558	(117,386)
Profit for the year		162,946 ———	441
DEBTORS FALLING DUE AFTER MORI	E THAN ONE YEAR		
		2004	2003
		£	£
Amount owed by group			

150,000

150,000

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised:				
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2004 £	2003 £
7,311	Ordinary shares	£1	7,311	7,311
2,689	Preference shares	£1	2,689	2,689
			10,000	10,000
Allotted, iss	ued and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2004 £	2003 £
6,967	Ordinary shares	£1	6,967	6,967
2,689	Preference shares	£1	2,689	2,689
			9,656	9,656
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6. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

At 31 December, 2004 the directors were owed £38,181 by the company (2003:£25326).