DIRECTOR'S REPORT

<u>AND</u>

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST DECEMBER 1988

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The director presents the annual report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st December 1988.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The company trades as motor and agricultural engineers including Distributorships for Ford cars, vans, trucks and tractors, Iveco Ford trucks and Claas combines. The balance sheet on page 5 continues to reflect a strong commercial base despite the pressure of a highly competitive market.

PROFITS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year after tax amounted to £542,810. Dividends of £39,442 were paid during the year in respect of the variable rate preference shares. It is recommended that a dividend of £175 be paid in respect of the $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ preference shares. The balance is transferred to reserves.

DIRECTORS

Mr. D.B. Haynes was a director of the company at 31st December 1988 and served throughout the year.

DIRECTOR'S SHAREHOLDINGS

The interests of the director in the company's share capital are set out below:-

Derow.	At 31st December 1988 Shares of £10 each			t December 1987 es of £10 each
	Ordinary	3½% Cumulative preference shares	Ordinary	3½% Cumulative preference shares
D.B. Haynes	4,200	225	4,200	225

In addition D.B. Haynes holds £14,000 (1987: £14,000) of the perpetual unsecured loan stock.

The director has no interest in the variable rate preference shares or the non-voting ordinary shares.

DISABLED PERSONS

It is established company policy to offer the same opportunity to disabled people as to all others in matters of recruitment and career advancement, provided they have the ability to perform the tasks required with or without training; and to provide retraining where necessary in cases when disability is incurred during employment with the company.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

It is company policy to ensure that employees are provided with information on all matters of concern to them. Accordingly appropriate steps are taken to ensure that employees or their representatives are aware of the financial and economic factors affecting the company's performance, are consulted whenever necessary and are encouraged generally to be involved in the company's overall performance.

DONATIONS

During the year, the company made donations for political and charitable purposes amounting to £1,751 (1987: £2,124).

FIXED ASSETS

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

No provision is made for depreciation of freehold property. The directors estimate that the Ashford Road and Parkwood Industrial Estate properties in Maidstone and the Appledore property, have a current market value at least £2m in excess of the book value.

CLOSE COMPANY PROVISIONS

The company is a close company within the meaning of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint the auditors, Messrs. Kidsons, Chartered Accountants, will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

Registered Office:

23 Ashford Road, Maidstone, Kent.

9th August 1989.

By Order of the Board

B.H. FULLER F.C.A.

Secretary

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the reval. tion of certain land and buildings, give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31st December, 1988 and of its profit and source and application of funds for the year ended on that date and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

KIDSONS

London, 9th August 1989.

Chartered Accountants

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1988

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1988</u> £	1987 £
TURNOVER	2	28,163,430	24,922,139
Cost of sales		25,726,041	22,873,478
Gross profit		2,437,389	2,048,661
Advertising and distribution costs		274,853	238,501
Administrative expenses		1,213,354	1,136,792
OPERATING PROFIT	3	949,182	673,368
Interest payable	3	100,122	78,358
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	3	849,060	595,010
Taxation	6	306,250	210,853
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		542,810	384,157
Dividends	7	39,617	243,517
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		503,193	140,640
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		1,887,318	1,746,678
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		2,390,511	1,887,318

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET - 31ST DECEMBER 1988

		<u> 1988</u>	<u> 1987</u>	
	Note	£	££	
FIXED ASSETC				
Tangible assets	8	743,279	679,231	
CURRENT ASSETS		•		
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9 10	3,358,964 3,079,557 45,106	2,970,801 2,525,830 352,682	
		6,483,627	5,849,313	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	3,474,598	3,273,102	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		3,009,029	2,576,211	
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,752,308	3,255,442	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	60,000	65,000	
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	12	51,942	53,269	
		111,942	118,269	
NET ASSETS		3,640,366	3,137,173	
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called-up share capital Capital reserve General reserve Profit and loss account	13	415,000 9,855 825,000 2,390,511	415,000 9,855 825,000 1,887,318	
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		3,640,366	3,137,173	

On behalf of the Board

NAVNES - Director

9th August 1989.

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

SOURCE AND APPLISATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1988

		988		<u>87</u>
SOURCE OF FUNDS	£	£	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		849,060		595,010
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:				
Depreciation Loss on sale of tangible	56,100		53,304	
fixed assets	63			
		56,163		53,304
TOTAL GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS		905,223		648,314
FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES				
Proceeds from disposal of		574		_
tangible fixed assets				
		905,797		648,314
APPLICATION OF FUNDS				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets Mortgage repayments Dividends paid ACT paid Corporation tax paid Loan repaid	120,785 5,000 61,466 14,683 189,731		34,913 5,000 221,668 91,872 61,687 50,000	
		391,665		465,140
INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL		514,132		183,174
REPRESENTED BY:-				
Increase in stocks Increase in debtors (Increase) in creditors		388,163 367,603 (64,006)		38,010 551,074 (781,152)
Increase in deposit with Ford Motor Company		186,124		209,491
		877,884		17,423
Movement in net liquid funds:				
(Decrease)/increase in cash and ban	k	(363,752)		165,751
		514,132		183,174

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NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST DECEMBER 1988

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting convention except for freehold land and buildings which are partially stated at revalued amounts.

(b) Cost of sales

Cost of sales is stated as all those costs directly incurred by the company, including depreciation in order to bring each product sold to its saleable condition and to provide the services to customers.

(c) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land and buildings which are not depreciated, in equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives at the rate of 10% per annum.

(d) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost, and net realisable value.

(e) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at current taxation rates under the liability method to take account of all timing differences between profits as stated in the financial statements and as computed for tax purposes.

(f) Assets held under finance leases
Rental payments are charged directly against profits.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the invoiced value excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services provided to customers.

3.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	<u>19</u>	88	<u>19</u>	<u>87</u>
	BEFORE TAXATION	£	£	£	£
	This is stated after charging:				
	Interest payable:				
	Loans wholly repayable				
	within five years Loans not wholly repayable	6,829		12,413	
	within five years	5,500		5,500	
	Billik Overdraft and other interest	87,793		60,445	
		************************	100,122		78,358
	Hire of plant and machinery		·		
	held under finance leases		30,955		17,158
	Depreciation		56,100		53,304
	Auditors' remuneration		9,500		9,000
	Directors' emoluments (includi	ng			
	pension contributions) (see	note 4)	218,139		215,340

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST DECEMBER 1988

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4.	DIREC	CTORS' EMOLUMENTS	1988 £	1987 £
	For a	management	218,139	215,340
		ments, excluding pension contributions, analysed as follows:-		
		est paid director (including pension - lated supplement £40,000 (1987: £40,000))	158,139	139,431
	In 19	987 another director received emoluments within the	e range of f	:15,001 -
5.	EMPL	OYEES	1988	<u>1987</u>
	(a)	The average number of persons including directors employed by the company during the year was:		
		Service and workshop staff Management and administration Sales staff	153 71 24	164 75 23
			248	262
	(b)	Staff costs:	£	£
		Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	2,495,260 243,743 150,758	2,346,835 227,445 155,767
			2,889,761	2,730,047
			1000	1007
6.	TAXA	TION	<u>1988</u> £	<u>1987</u> £
	fo Tran	ed Kingdom corporation tax based on the profit or the year at 35% (1987: 35%) after from deferred taxation or) provision in respect of prior years	315,000 (8,000) (750)	
			306,250	210,853

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST DECEMBER 1988 (CONTINUED)

7.	DIVIDENDS				1988 £	1987 £
	3½% Cumulative prefere	nce shares -	- proposed		175	175
	Variable rate cumulati	ve preferenc	ce shares -	paid	39,442	21,493
			-	proposed	-	21,849
	Ordinary shares - paid					200,000
					39,617	243,517
8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold Land and Buildings	Fixtures and <u>fittings</u>		Payments Account a Assets in the course constructi	nd of
		£	£	£	£	£
	COST OR VALUATION					
	1st January 1988	452,747	171,096	542,616	-	1,166,459
	Additions	-	19,677	51,484	49,624	120,785
	Disposals	-	(1,725)	-	-	(1,725)
	31st December 1988	452,747	189,048	594,100	49,624	1,285,519
	DEPRECIATION					
	1st January 1988	-	107,836	379,392	-	487,228
	Charge for the year	-	14,508	41,592	-	56,100
	Disposals		(1,088)	_		(1,088)
	31st December 1988		121,256	420,984	<u> </u>	542,240
	NET BOOK AMOUNT					
	31st December 1988	452,747	67,792	173,116	49,624	743,279
	31st December 1987	452,747	63,260	163,224	474-4	679,231

All tangible fixed assets are shown at cost with the exception of freehold land and buildings which comprised £9,500 at valuation in 1946 and subsequent additions at cost of £443,247.

NOTES OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST DECEMBER 1988

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9.	STOCKS	<u>1988</u> £	1987 £
	Cars and commercial vehicles Agricultural vehicles and implements Parts stock	1,557,304 800,241 1,001,419	1,439,127 688,335 843,339
		3,358,964	2,970,801

The replacement cost of stocks is not materially different from the balance sheet value.

10. DEBTORS	<u>1988</u> £	. <u>1987</u> £
Amounts due within one year:		
Trade debtors Deposit with Ford Motor Company Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	1,760,546 1,004,730 231,352 82,929	1,475,586 818,606 162,814 68,824
	3,079,557	2,525,830

11. CREDITORS			Amounts i	alling
	Amounts	falling	due after m	nore than
	due withi	n one year	one ;	/ear
	1988	<u> 1987</u>	1988	<u> 1987</u>
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	56,176	_		_
Mortgage loan [note (i)]	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000
Perpetual unsecured loan stock	<u> </u>	_	55,000	55,000
Trade creditors	2,309,617	2,207,717	•	
Stocking loans	50,000	50,000	-	
Corporation tax	435,963	332,737	-	
Other taxes and social	•			
security costs	64,179	170,736		-
Other creditors	247,410	224,143	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	306,078	260,745	-	
Proposed dividends	175	22,024		
110poson discounting	-			
	3,474,598	3,273,102	60,000	65,000

⁽i) This loan is secured by a charge on the company's freehold property at Parkwood and is being repaid by quarterly instalments of £1,250. It bears interest at 1½% over Bank Base Rate with a maximum of 10%.

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31ST DECEMBER 1988 (CONTINUED)

12,	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES ANd The provision included in the		t relates	<u>1988</u> £	<u>1987</u> £
	to deferred taxation and co	onsists of the	following:~		
	Accelerated capital allowar Advance corporation tax rec			52,000 (58)	60,000 (6,731)
				51,942	53,269
13.	CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL	198	<u>38</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>987</u>
		<u>Authorised</u> £	Allotted, Issued and Fully Paid	Authorised £	Allotted, Issued and Fully Paid f
	Ordinary shares of £10 each Non-voting ordinary	56,000	56,000	56,000	56,000
	shares of £10 each Variable rate	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
	preference shares of £1 each 3½% cumulative	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000
	preference shares of £10 each	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
		415,000	415,000	415,000	415,000
14.	LEASING COMMITMENTS				£
	Future commitments due under at 31 December 1988 are as		3		
	Year to 31 December 1989 Years to 31 December 1993				10,218
					25,958
	Less future finance charges	3			(3,639)
					22,319

15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Capital commitments authorised by the Board and for which contracts had been placed amounted to £800,000 (1987: £Nil) subject to an amount of compensation from the local authority.

There were no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.