

JOHN BROOKE & SONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

DIRECTORS

Mr E. L. M. Brooke (Joint Chairman)
Mr M. R. H. Brooke (Joint Chairman)

SECRETARY

Mr M. R. H. Brooke

REGISTERED OFFICE

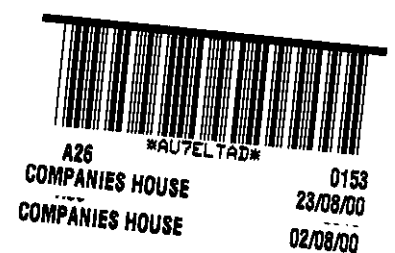
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REGISTERED NUMBER

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AUDITORS

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**Auditors' Report to John Brooke & Sons Holdings Limited
under section 247B of the Companies Act 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 10 together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st March, 2000 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 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 sections 246 (5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 10 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

On 3rd June 2000 we reported as auditors of John Brooke & Sons Holdings Limited to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st March, 2000 and our audit report was as follows.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

JOHN BROOKE & SONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 1, 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 financial statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We have 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 by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company'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 the presentation of information in the financial statements.

QUALIFIED OPINION ARISING FROM DISAGREEMENT ABOUT ACCOUNTING TREATMENT

The Company owns investment properties from which a rental income is derived. Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 19 requires such properties to be stated in the Balance Sheet at open market value. The Balance Sheet discloses such properties at cost less depreciation and no explanation for the departure from SSAP 19 is included in the financial statements as required by the Companies Act 1985.

Except for the failure to comply with SSAP 19, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st March, 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



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3rd July 2000

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF

JOHN BROOKE & SONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 248 (3) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the financial statements of the company and each of its subsidiaries for the year ended 31st March 2000.

BASIS OF OPINION

The scope of our work for the purpose of this report was limited to confirming that the company is entitled to exemption from preparing group financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the company is entitled to the exemption from preparing group accounts conferred by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985



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3rd July 2000

JOHN BROOKE & SONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2000

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	401,203	292,769
Investments	7	<u>1,417,350</u>	<u>1,495,100</u>
		<u>1,818,553</u>	<u>1,787,869</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	29,537	43,647
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>535,441</u>	<u>410,428</u>
		564,978	454,075
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>-75,832</u>	<u>-50,077</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>489,146</u>	<u>403,998</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,307,699	2,191,867
CREDITORS:- amounts falling due after more than one year	10	<u>-322,550</u>	<u>-322,550</u>
		<u>1,985,149</u>	<u>1,869,317</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	11	420,000	420,000
Capital reserve		139,362	139,362
General reserve		10,000	10,000
Profit and loss account		<u>1,415,787</u>	<u>1,299,955</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>1,985,149</u>	<u>1,869,317</u>
Represented by			
Equity interests		1,925,149	1,809,317
Non-equity interests		<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
		<u>1,985,149</u>	<u>1,869,317</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Small Entities.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

M. R. H. BROOKE  Director

Approved by the Board on 3rd July 2000

JOHN BROOKE & SONS HOLDINGS LIMITED

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Consolidation.

The company and its subsidiaries comprise a small group. The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts. The financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Cash flow.

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 'Cash flow statements'.

Turnover.

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods and services provided, excluding VAT.

Tangible fixed assets.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Freehold buildings	- over 15 years straight line
Plant and machinery	- 20%/10% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% straight line
Motor vehicles	- 20%straight line

Foreign currencies.

Assets 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.

Pension costs.

Contributions in respect of the company's defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account for the year in which they are payable to the scheme.

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2. OPERATING LOSS

The operating loss is stated after charging:

	<u>2000</u> £	<u>1999</u> £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	105,176	72,268
Auditors remuneration	5,000	4,800
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. DIRECTORS REMUNERATION

	<u>2000</u> £	<u>1999</u> £
Emoluments	62,073	67,001
Contributions under money purchase schemes	<u> </u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>62,073</u>	<u>67,201</u>

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 2 directors (1999 : 2) in respect of money purchase pensions schemes.

4. TAXATION

The taxation charge at 20% (1999 : 21%) is made up as follows:-

	<u>2000</u> £	<u>1999</u> £
Tax on investment income	-	23,089
Corporation tax payable	<u>17,473</u>	<u>4,507</u>
	<u>17,473</u>	<u>27,596</u>

5. DIVIDENDS

	<u>2000</u> £	<u>1999</u> £
Proposed dividend on 4.55% cumulative preference shares	<u>2,730</u>	<u>2,730</u>

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6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Total</u> £	<u>Freehold</u> <u>Land and</u> <u>Buildings</u> £	<u>Plant</u> <u>Machinery</u> <u>and Fixtures</u> £	<u>Motor</u> <u>Vehicles</u> £
Cost etc. at 1st April, 1999	993,898	638,418	304,487	50,993
Additions	213,610	180,712	32,898	-
Disposals	-50	-50	-	-
Cost etc. at 31st March, 2000	<u>1,207,458</u>	<u>819,080</u>	<u>337,385</u>	<u>50,993</u>
Depreciation at 1st April, 1999	701,129	446,555	222,981	31,593
On disposals	-50	-50	-	-
Charge for year	<u>105,176</u>	<u>65,468</u>	<u>29,510</u>	<u>10,198</u>
Depreciation at 31st March, 2000	<u>806,255</u>	<u>511,973</u>	<u>252,491</u>	<u>41,791</u>
Net book values				
At 31st March, 2000	<u>401,203</u>	<u>307,107</u>	<u>84,894</u>	<u>9,202</u>
At 31st March, 1999	<u>292,769</u>	<u>191,863</u>	<u>81,506</u>	<u>19,400</u>

Assets acquired prior to 31st March, 1948 are stated at the net amount standing in the company's books at the 1st July, 1948 less subsequent sales. Assets acquired since 31st March, 1948 are stated at cost.

7 INVESTMENTS

	<u>Total</u> £	<u>Listed</u> <u>Investments</u> £	<u>Subsidiary</u> <u>Undertakings</u> £
Cost at 1st April, 1999	1,495,100	1,320,735	174,365
Additions	30,460	30,460	
Disposals	<u>-108,210</u>	<u>-108,210</u>	
Cost at 31st March, 2000	<u>1,417,350</u>	<u>1,242,985</u>	<u>174,365</u>
U.K. Stock Exchange		1,099,501	
Other Stock Exchanges		<u>143,484</u>	
		<u>1,242,985</u>	

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Subsidiary undertakings.

The company owns the whole of the ordinary share capitals of John Brooke & Sons Limited and A. B. Spinning Company Limited, both incorporated in England. Neither company has traded since 30th September, 1988. No group accounts have been prepared.

At 31st March, 2000 the aggregate of the share capital and reserves of John Brooke & Sons Limited amounted to £237,790 and of A. B. Spinning Company Limited £84,580.

Listed investments.

The market value of the listed investments at 31st March, 2000 amounted to £2,127,447 (1999: £2,570,369).

8. DEBTORS

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	£	£
Trade debtors	29,537	36,929
Prepayments	-	6,718
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	29,537	43,647
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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	£	£
Trade creditors	48,782	19,776
Corporation tax	9,344	4,507
Sundry tax and social security	7,912	13,654
Director's loan account	-	2,760
Proposed dividend	2,730	2,730
Accruals	7,064	6,650
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	75,832	50,077
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10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	£	£
Amounts owing to group undertakings	<u>322,550</u>	<u>322,550</u>

11. SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>2000</u>	<u>1999</u>
	£	£
Authorised.		
Ordinary shares of £10 each	140,000	140,000
'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each	240,000	240,000
4.55% Cumulative preference shares of £10 each	60,000	60,000
	<u>440,000</u>	<u>440,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £10 each	120,000	120,000
'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each	240,000	240,000
4.55% Cumulative preference shares of £10 each	60,000	60,000
	<u>420,000</u>	<u>420,000</u>

The 'A' Ordinary shares have no voting rights but in all other respects rank pari passu with the Ordinary shares of £10 each in the capital of the company as if each 'A' Ordinary share were a one-tenth part of an Ordinary share.

The preference shares carry no votes at meetings. They carry a dividend of 4.55% cumulative per annum. The preference shareholders have a right to receive £1 per share plus accrued dividends in preference to any payments to the ordinary shareholders in the event of a winding up.

12. COMMITMENTS

Capital expenditure

At 31st March, 2000 there were no commitments for capital expenditure (1999 : Nil).

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13. RELATED PARTIES

The company received a management fee of £16,000 (1999 : £8,000) from The William Brooke Benevolent Fund of which the directors are trustees.

The company also received from The William Brooke Benevolent Fund rental and other associated income, charged on a normal commercial basis, of £22,266 (1999 : £14,596).

14. CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is controlled by Mr E. L. M. Brooke and Mr M. R. H. Brooke who are the beneficial owners of the majority of the company's issued share capital.