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ABRAM PULMAN & SONS LTD

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2003

Number

56547 Registered in England

<u>Address</u>

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the year ended 31st December 2003

Registered Office
Walton Street, Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire

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Review and Dividend

The company has continued to trade as steel stockholders. The profit for the year was £34,506. A dividend of 50% is proposed amounting to £3,510 which when deducted from the profit for the year gives an amount of £30,996 to be added to the retained profits brought forward.

The Future

Forecasts for 2004 suggest that trading conditions will continue to be extremely difficult. However with the company now being involved in more diverse range of steel stockholding the directors believe the company is better placed to improve sales and are hopeful that the return to profitability will be maintained.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year are set out below together with their interests in the shares of the company:

	Shares Held	<u>i</u>
	31st December	31st December
	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
D N Shoesmith	570	550
J C Horner	10	10

Fixed Assets

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in note 1 of the notes to the Balance Sheet.

In the opinion of the directors the market value of the company's Land and Buildings exceeds the book value of £438,250 shown in the financial statements but are unable to quantify the excess since no recent professional valuation has been carried out.

Charitable Donations

Charitable donations during the year amounted to £385 (2002 £385). No political donations were made.

Auditors

A resolution proposing the re-appointment of Sutcliffe & Riley as auditors to the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

D N SHOESMITH Director

Approved by the Board: 8th March 2004

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ABRAM PULMAN & SONS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Abram Pulman & Sons Limited for the year ended 31st December 2003 on pages 4 to 12. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 3.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

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 profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- (a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, and explain in the financial statements any material departures therefrom;
- (d) 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 also 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. 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.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 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.

The accounts have been dawn up on a going concern basis the validity of which is dependent of the continued support of the Associated Company.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st December 2003 and of its profit and cash flow for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

3 Central Street HALIFAX

8th March 2004

SUTCLIFFE & RILEY
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

31st December 2003

- (1) The accounts are prepared in accordance with the accounting practice principles set out in paragraphs 10 to 14 of Schedule 4 Part II Section A to the Companies Act 1985 and with applicable accounting standards.
- (2) Depreciation on tangible fixed assets is provided at rates calculated to write off the assets over their useful lives taking account of any residual value thereof.

The principal rates used are:

Leasehold Land & Buildings
Freehold Land & Buildings
Plant & Machinery
Cranes
Fixtures & Fittings, Office Furniture
& Equipment
Motor Vehicles
Computer Equipment

Over the outstanding term of the Lease 5% p.a. reducing balance 10% p.a. reducing balance

20% p.a. reducing balance

10% p.a. reducing balance 25% p.a. reducing balance 25% p.a. reducing balance

- (3) Stock is valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. For this purpose cost comprises cost of direct materials and labour.
- (4) Any charge for taxation takes into account taxation deferred as a result of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. In general, deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date. However, deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted. In accordance with FRS19, deferred tax is not recognised on revaluation gains. Deferred taxation is measured on a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.
- (5) Turnover represents the value of goods sold by the company excluding VAT.
- (6) The company contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held in a separately identifiable fund. The charge in the profit and loss account represents payments made to the scheme during the year.
- (7) The rental cost of assets acquired under operating leases is charged directly to the profit and loss account.
- (8) Tangible fixed assets purchased under hire purchase contracts are capitalised at a value equal to the cost of acquiring the asset and depreciated in the same manner as owned assets. The interest charges are charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the agreement.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st December 2003

	<u>Notes</u>		2003		<u>2002</u>
Turnover Cost of Sales	(1)		4,589,103 <u>2,939,696</u>		4,089,122 2,630,779
GROSS PROFIT ON CONTINUING OPERATIONS			1,649,407		1,458,343
Distribution Costs Administrative Expenses Other Operating Income – Rent Recei	ved	1,294,400 322,040 (6,773)	<u>1,609,667</u>	1,283,532 262,620	<u>1,546,152</u>
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) ON CO OPERATIONS	NTINUING (2)		39,740		(87,809)
Interest Payable	(3)		<u>5,234</u>		3,008
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACT	IVITIES		34,506		(90,817)
Surplus on Disposal of Tangible Fixed	l Asset		-		144,654
Amount Written Off Investment	(4)				(147)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION			34,506		53,690
Taxation	(5)				
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	3		34,506		53,690
Ordinary Dividends - Equity Shares			3,510		3,510
SURPLUS			30,996		50,180
Retained Profits Brought Forward			1,417,822		1,367,642
RETAINED PROFITS CARRIED FO	RWARD		£ <u>1,448,818</u>		£ <u>1,417,822</u>

The notes on page 6 form part of this account

NOTES TO THE PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

31st December 2003

		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
(1)	Turnover:		
	The whole of the company's turnover relates		
	to the United Kingdom and is attributable to		
	its principal activity of steel stockholders.		
(2)	The Operating Profit/(Loss) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Wages & Salaries	£ 734,695	£ 701,272
	Social Security Costs	£ 93,722	£ 84,036
	Pension Costs	£ 22,541	£ 12,258
	Auditors' Remuneration	£ 6,000	£ 5,500
	Directors' Emoluments	£ 190,810	£ 135,819
	Directors' Pension Costs	£ 24,000	£ 30,000
	Depreciation on Tangible Fixed Assets:	0 00 440	C 40E 000
	Owned by the Company Held Under Hire Purchase Contracts	£ 92,442 £ 9,013	£ 105,238 £ -
	Operating Lease Rentals - Motor Vehicles, Computer & Office Equipment	£ 27,328	£ 7,514
	Operating Lease Rentals - Land & Buildings	£ 22,000	£ 22,000
	Surplus on Disposal of Motor Vehicles	£ (2,056)	£ -
	The directors' pension costs relate to contributions	,	
	to a money purchase pension scheme for two directors.		
(3)	Interest (Payable)/Receivable:		
	Bank Interest Received	6,286	7,280
	Other Interest Received	-	204
	Interest on Bank Overdraft & Bank Loan	(10,925)	(10,492)
	Interest on Hire Purchase Contracts	_ <u>(595</u>)	<u>-</u>
		£ <u>(5,234</u>)	£ <u>(3,008</u>)
(4)	Amount Written Off Investment:		
	This represents the amount written off the cost of the		
	investment in the shares of the subsidiary.	£	£ <u>147</u>
(5)	Taxation	£	£
	No taxation liability arises.		
	There are losses for taxation purposes available to carry forward and set off against future profits of £ 345,477 (2002 £406,449).		
(6)	The average number of employees was	<u>47</u>	<u>48</u>
(7)	The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year and therefore does not provide a statement of recognised gains		

and losses.

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31st December 2003

	<u>Notes</u>		<u>2003</u>		<u>2002</u>
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets Investments Investment in Subsidiary	(1) (2) (3)	789,663 18,000 	807,663	848,637 18,000 <u>43,881</u>	910,518
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock & Work in Progress Debtors Investment - Short Term Deposit Cash in Hand & Bank	(4) (5)	482,434 1,164,676 181,167 396		467,069 1,195,166 174,925 	
CREDITORS PAYABLE WITHIN ON	EYEAR (6)	1,828,673 <u>1,095,315</u>		1,837,265 <u>1,215,751</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>733,358</u>		621,514
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT L	IABILITIES		1,541,021		1,532,032
CREDITORS PAYABLE IN MORE THAN ONE YEAR	(7)	67,668		89,675	
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AN CHARGES	<u>D</u> (8)		67,668		89,675
			£ <u>1,473,353</u>		£ <u>1,442,357</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up Share Capital Reserves Profit & Loss Account	(9) (10)		7,020 17,515 <u>1,448,818</u>		7,020 17,515 <u>1,417,822</u>
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	2		£ <u>1,473,353</u>		£ <u>1,442,357</u>

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of this account

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

D N Shoesmith Director

Approved by the Board: 8th March 2004

NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

31st December 2003

(1)	Tangible Fixed Assets are:	<u> </u>	<u>Plant</u> <u>&</u>	<u>Fixtures</u> <u>Fittings</u> <u>Office</u> <u>Furniture</u>	<u>Motor</u>	
	<u>Cost</u>	Buildings	Machinery	& Equipment	<u>Vehicles</u>	Total
	1.1.03 Additions Disposals	825,713 - -	650,240 - -	325,730 12,733	287,839 36,055 (22,718)	2,089,522 48,788 (22,718)
	31.12.03	£ <u>825,713</u>	£ 650,240	£ 338,463	£ 301,176 £	2,115,592
	<u>Depreciation</u>					
	1.1.03 Years Charge Elimination on Disposals	353,464 33,999 	449,317 21,079	218,192 21,958	219,912 24,419 (16,411)	1,240,885 101,455 (16,411)
	31.12.03	£ <u>387,463</u>	£ 470,396	£ 240,150	£ 227,920	£ 1,3 <u>25,</u> 929
	Book Value					
	31.12.03	£ <u>438,250</u>	£ 179,844	£ 98,313	£ 73,256	£ 789,663
	31.12.02	£ <u>472,249</u>	£ 200,923	£ 107,538	£ 67,927	£ 848,637
	The book value of Land and B Freehold Short Leasehold	uildings comp	rises:		2003 318,275 119,975	2002 335,026 137,223
	The net book value of tangible (2002 £Nil) in respect of asset				£ <u>438,250</u>	£ <u>472,249</u>
(2)	Investments are:					
	Listed Investment at Cost (Ma Holiday Property Bonds at Co		/12/03 £264)			<u> 18,000</u>
	The Holiday Property Bonds, policies effected on the lives of entitlement to holidays in a per a surrender value at the year expects to hold the bonds for the bonds are shown at cost apermanent diminution in value	of the directors ersonal capaci end date. Ho at least two yo since there is	s give the life as ty. The bonds h wever the Comp ears and therefo	sured ave pany pre	£ <u>18,000</u>	£ <u>18,000</u>
(3)	Investment in Subsidiary:					
	The Company holds the whole of David Costello Materials Lingland. The subsidiary was and has not traded since that	imited a comp acquired on 3	any registered i	n		
	Cost of Shares Acquired Less Amounts Written Off to Less Amount Due to Subsidi				219,356 (175,475) <u>(43,881</u>)	

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NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET CONTINUED

	31st December 2003		
		<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
(4)	Stock & Work in Progress comprise:		
	Raw Materials Work in Progress	482,095 339	465,335 <u>1,734</u>
		£ <u>482,434</u>	£ <u>467,069</u>
(5)	Debtors Comprise:		
	Due after more than one year: Other Debtors Due within one year:	17,546	21,646
	Trade Debtors Other Debtors	1,147,130 	1,168,495 <u>5,025</u>
	Included within other debtors are interest free unsecured loans to the directors totalling £17,546 being loans to D N Shoesmith £10,000 and J C Horner £7,546. The maximum amount outstanding during the year was from D N Shoesmith £10,000 and J C Horner £7,546.	£ <u>1,164,676</u>	£ <u>1,195,166</u>
(6)	Creditors falling due within one year are:		
	Bank Overdraft Bank Loan Instalments (note 7) Hire Purchase Instalments (note 7) Trade Creditors Amounts due to Subsidiary Taxation & Social Security Accruals Proposed Dividend Other Creditors	439,148 38,386 13,060 457,821 70,317 73,045 3,510 28	346,798 37,107 - 606,210 43,881 66,977 53,045 3,510 58,223
		£ <u>1,095,315</u>	£ <u>1,215,751</u>
(7)	Creditors payable in more than one year are:		
	Bank Loan Hire Purchase Contracts	54,381 <u>13,287</u> £ <u>67,668</u>	89,675
	The bank loan and overdraft (note 6) are secured by a legal charge over a part of the company's freehold land and buildings		
	The bank loan outstanding at the year end amounted to £92,767 (2002 £126,782) which bears interest at 1.25% above the bank base rate and is repayable by monthly instalments over 5 years commencing July 2001 as follows:		
	Within one year Between one and two years Between two and five years	38,386 38,386 <u>15,995</u>	37,107 37,107 52,568
		£ <u>92,767</u>	£ <u>126,782</u>

NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET CONTINUED

31st December 2003

			<u>2003</u>	2002
(7)	Creditors payable in more than one y	year continued:		
	Obligations under hire purchase con Within one year Between one and five years	tracts mature as follows:	14,096 14,687	<u>-</u>
	Less interest and charges allocated	to future periods	28,783 _2,436	<u>-</u>
			£ <u>26,347</u>	£
	Hire purchase contracts are analyse Current obligations Non current obligations	ed as follows:	13,060 <u>13,287</u>	<u> </u>
			£ <u>26,347</u>	£
	The hire purchase contracts are sec	cured on the assets concerned.		
(8)	Provision for liabilities and charges	are:		
	The Company has no provision for The Company has a deferred taxati which comprises:			
	Timing Differences Unrelieved Tax Capital Allowances	Losses	103,643 <u>(58,903)</u>	121,935 <u>(60,059</u>)
	The deferred taxation asset has no the unrelieved losses for taxation p exceed any taxable profits of the co	urposes are expected to	£ <u>44,740</u>	£ <u>61,876</u>
(9)	The called up share capital is:			
	Authorised:	£5 Ordinary Shares - Equity	£ <u>25,000</u>	£ <u>25,000</u>
	Allotted & Fully Paid:	£5 Ordinary Shares - Equity	£ <u>7,020</u>	£ <u>7,020</u>
(10)	Reserves are:			
	Capital Reserve Share Premium Account Capital Redemption Reserve		312 188 <u>17,015</u>	312 188 <u>17,015</u>
	The Capital Redemption Reserve of 3,403 ordinary £5 shares purchashareholders under a written resol	ased by the company from its	£ <u>17,515</u>	£ <u>17,515</u>
(11) Capital Commitments:			
	Capital expenditure authorised by	the directors:		
	a) For which contracts had beenb) Not yet subject to contract	placed	£ - £ -	£ 17,000 £ -

NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET CONTINUED

		31 st December 2003	2003	<u>2002</u>
	tax Pro of n like is e	ere is a contingent liability in respect of corporation on the capital gain arising on the sale of Freehold perty, which has been rolled over against the cost new buildings acquired. Additional Capital Gains Tax ly to arise on future sale of the Freehold Property stimated to be	£ <u>41,000</u>	£ <u>41,000</u>
(13)	Ope	erating Lease Commitments:		
		e company had the following annual commitments under a cancellable operating leases:		
	a)	Computer & Office Equipment: Expiring within one year	£	£=
		Expiring within one year	~	
		Expiring within two and five years	£ <u>53,049</u>	£ <u>2,184</u>
	b)	Land and Buildings: Expiring within one year	£	£
		Expiring within two and five years	£	£
		Expiring after five years	£ <u>22,000</u>	£ <u>22,000</u>
(14)	Re	conciliation of movements in Shareholders' Funds:		
		ofit for the Financial Year vidends	34,506 (3,510)	53,690 <u>(3,510</u>)
		et Addition to Shareholders' Funds bening Shareholders' Funds	30,996 <u>1,442,357</u>	50,180 <u>1,392,177</u>
	CI	osing Shareholders' Funds	£ <u>1,473,353</u>	£ <u>1,442,357</u>

(15) Related Parties:

- a) The company leases land and buildings owned by the directors' pension scheme under a ten year lease dated 1st December 2000. A normal commercial rent of £22,000 was payable during the year and at the year end date no amount was outstanding.
- b) Additional related party information relative to directors' loan is given in note 5.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st December 2003

	Notes	2003	2002
Reconciliation of Operating Profit/(Loss) with net Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Operating profit/(loss) on continuing activities		39,740	(87,809)
Depreciation charges and adjustments on sale of fixed assets Decrease (Increase) in Stocks Decrease (Increase) in Debtors Increase (Decrease) in Creditors		99,399 (15,365) 30,490 (<u>183,244</u>)	105,238 (58,031) (142,092) _29,714
Net cash flow from operating activities		£ <u>(28,980</u>)	£ (<u>152,980</u>)
Cash Flow Statement			
Net cash flow from operating activities above		(28,980)	(152,980)
Returns on investments less servicing of finance Taxation (Paid) Repaid	1(a)	(5,234)	(3,008) (1,886)
Capital Expenditure Proceeds on Disposals of Tangible Fixed Assets	1(b)	(48,788) <u>8,363</u>	(80,104) 175,273
Equity Dividends Paid		(74,639) (3,510)	(62,705) _(3,510)
Management of Liquid Resources Financing	1(c) 1(d)	(78,149) (6,242) (7,668)	(66,215) (6,664) (32,168)
(Reduction) Increase in cash in period		£ <u>(92,059</u>)	£ (<u>105,047</u>)
Reconciliation of Cash Flow with Movement in Net Funds (Debt)			
Increase (Reduction) in cash in period as above Hire Purchase Contracts taken out in Year Bank Loan Repayments Capital Element of Hire Purchase Contracts Repayment Cash used to Increase (Reduce) Liquid Reserves	1(c)	(92,059) (32,450) 34,015 6,103 <u>6,242</u>	(105,047) - 32,168 - - 6,664
Change in Net Funds (Debt)	- (0)	(78,149)	(66,215)
Net Funds (Debt) on 1/1/03	2	(298,550)	(<u>232,335</u>)
Net Funds (Debt) on 31/12/03	2	£ (<u>376,699</u>)	£ (<u>298,550</u>)

The notes on page 12 form part of this statement

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st December 2002

					2003	2002
(1)	Gros	s Cash Flows				
	(a)	Returns on investment and servicing of fi	nance			
		Interest Received Interest Paid			6,286 (<u>11,520</u>)	7,484 (<u>10,492</u>)
	(h.)	Caribal Funandibura			£ <u>(5,234)</u>	£ <u>(3,008</u>)
	(b)	Capital Expenditure				
		Tangible fixed assets investments			(48,788) —— -	(77,104) <u>(3,000)</u>
					£ (<u>48,788</u>)	£ (<u>80,104</u>)
	(c)	Management of Liquid Resources				
		Placed on deposits at notice Withdrawn from deposits at notice			(181,167) <u>174,925</u>	(174,925) 168,261
	(d)	Financing			£ <u>(6,242)</u>	£ <u>(6,664</u>)
		Hire Purchase Contracts Bank Loan Repayments Capital Element of Repayments under H	Hire Purchase Co	ntracts	32,450 (34,015) <u>(6,103</u>)	(32,168)
					£ <u>(7,668</u>)	£ <u>(32,168</u>)
(2)	<u>Ana</u>	alysis of Changes in Net Funds (Debt)				
			<u>1/1/03</u>	31/12/03	<u>Cash</u> 2003	Flows 2002
		sh in hand & at bank erdrafts	(346,693)	(438,752)	(<u>92,059</u>)	(105,047)
					(92,059)	(105,047)
	De	bt due within 1 Year bt due after 1 Year	(37,107) (89,675)	(38,386) (54,381)	(1,279) 35,294	(1,117) 33,285
		e Purchase Contracts rrent Asset Investments	174,925	(26,347) <u>181,167</u>	(26,347) <u>6,242</u>	6,664
	Ne	t Funds (Debt)	£ (<u>298,550</u>)	£ (<u>376,699</u>)	£ (<u>78,149</u>)	£ <u>(66,215</u>)