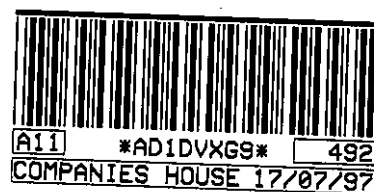


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PLATT & HILL LIMITED  
STATEMENT OF ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996



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PLATT & HILL LIMITED

Company Information

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Secretary	I T Gubbins
Company Number	60275
Registered Office	Belgrave Mill Fitton Hill Road Oldham OL8 2LZ
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**PLATT & HILL LIMITED**

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**PLATT & HILL LIMITED****DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present their Report and Audited Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 1996.

**ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company has continued to be the manufacture of flexible foam products and fibre products.

**BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

Turnover has decreased by 1.4% during 1996 and the result for the year was a pre tax profit of £90,001 (1995 : £28,872 pre tax loss). After bringing into account tax charges of £25,499 (1995 : £14,840 tax charges) an amount of £64,502 was added to retained profits (1995 : £43,712 deducted from retained profits).

The Directors consider that the Company's financial position at the year end was sound despite the competitive nature of trading during 1996 and the Company is still in a good position to take advantage of any opportunities which may arise.

**FIXED ASSETS**

Full details of the changes in fixed assets are shown in Note 15 to the Accounts. In the opinion of the Directors the market value of Land and Buildings exceeds book value by at least £200,000.

**DIVIDEND**

The Directors propose that no dividend be declared in respect of the year under review.

**DIRECTORS**

The following have served as Directors during the year, and their interests in the capital of the Company were as stated below :

	Ordinary £1 Shares	
	1996	1995
A R Hill	15,779	15,779
J P Platt	17,515	17,515
D S Hill	15,779	15,779
R J Smith (Resigned 27 March 1997)	NIL	NIL
I T Gubbins	NIL	NIL

**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 and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Directors are required to :

**PLATT & HILL LIMITED****DIRECTORS' REPORT continued ..**

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**DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES continued ..**

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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. 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.

**SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES**

Details of the subsidiaries are shown in Note 16 to the Accounts. In accordance with the provisions of Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 Group Accounts have not been prepared.

**DISABLED EMPLOYEES**

The Company gives full consideration to application for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job can be adequately fulfilled by a handicapped or disabled person.

**EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT**

During the year, the policy of providing employees with information about the Company has been continued and meetings are held between management and employees to allow a free flow of information and ideas.

**AUDITORS**

A resolution in accordance with Section 385 Companies Act 1985 for the re-appointment of Messrs Alan Partington & Co as Auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This Report was approved by the Board on 21 May 1997.

Signed on behalf of the Directors



**I T GUBBINS**  
Secretary

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO PLATT & HILL LIMITED**  
**PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 of SCHEDULE 8 to the COMPANIES ACT 1985**

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We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 17 together with the full financial statements of Platt & Hill Limited for the year ended 31 December 1996.

The directors are responsible for preparing abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 6 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for this purpose does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

In our opinion, the company is entitled under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemption conferred by Section B of Part 3 of schedule 8 to the Act in respect of the year ended 31 December 1996 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 17 have been properly prepared in accordance with that schedule.

On 21 May 1997, as auditors of Platt & Hill Limited, we reported to the members on the accounts of the company prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1996 and our audit report was as follows :

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 17 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 7 and 8.

**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 these statements and to report our opinion to you.

**Basis of Opinion**

We 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 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 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.

**AUDITORS' REPORT TO PLATT & HILL LIMITED**  
**PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 of SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 continued ..**

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**Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 December 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



**Alan Partington & Co**  
Chartered Accountants and  
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21 May 1997

**PLATT & HILL LIMITED****ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996**

	<u>Notes</u>	1996 £	1995 £
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		5,173,897	5,231,447
Staff Costs	3	(2,826,072)	(2,903,957)
Depreciation		( 287,106)	( 253,183)
Other Operating Charges		(1,922,653)	(2,056,869)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>		<u>138,066</u>	<u>17,438</u>
Profit/(Loss) on Sale of Fixed Assets		7,649	17,625
Interest Receivable and Other Income	4	24,680	20,523
Interest Payable	5	( 80,394)	( 84,458)
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>	6	<u>90,001</u>	<u>( 28,872)</u>
Tax on Profit/(Loss) on Ordinary Activities	7	( 25,499)	( 14,840)
<b>PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION</b>		<u>64,502</u>	<u>( 43,712)</u>
Dividend	8	( NIL )	( NIL )
<b>RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	17	<u>£ 64,502</u>	<u>£ ( 43,712)</u>

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account.

The Notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these Accounts.



## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET : AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

		1996		1995	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible Assets	15		1,570,778		1,197,796
Investments	16		3,051		3,051
			<u>1,573,829</u>		<u>1,200,847</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	9	624,159		932,952	
Debtors	10	2,067,704		2,109,143	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		416		1,532	
		<u>2,692,279</u>		<u>3,043,627</u>	
<b>CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(2,162,783)</u>		<u>(2,150,422)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>529,496</u>		<u>893,205</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>2,103,325</u>		<u>2,094,052</u>
<b>CREDITORS : Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12	( 682,638)		( 729,535)	
<b>PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES</b>	13	( 23,987)		( 32,319)	
		<u>( 706,625)</u>		<u>( 761,854)</u>	
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>£1,396,700</u>		<u>£1,332,198</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>					
Called Up Share Capital	14		99,200		99,200
Profit and Loss Account	17		1,297,500		1,232,998
Shareholders' Funds	18		<u>£1,396,700</u>		<u>£1,332,198</u>

The Accounts were approved by the Board on 21 May 1997 and signed on its behalf.

Signed :

A R HILL  Director

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Schedule 8 part IIIB of the Companies Act 1985 and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions as a medium-sized company.

The Notes on pages 8 to 17 form part of these Accounts.

## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

	1996		1995	
	£	£	£	£
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities (Note 23)		768,120		407,569
Returns on Investments and Servicing Finance :				
Dividend Paid	( - )		( - )	
Interest Paid	( 80,394 )		( 84,458 )	
Interest Received	1,715		1,357	
Net Cash Outflow - Returns on Investments and Servicing Finance		( 78,679 )		( 83,101 )
Taxation:				
UK Corporation Tax Paid	( 26,932 )		( - )	
UK Corporation Tax Received	34,625		38,934	
		7,693		38,934
Investing Activities :				
Purchases of Fixed Assets	(682,589)		(163,221)	
Proceeds from Sales of Fixed Assets	30,150		42,000	
Net Cash (Outflow) from Investing		(652,439)		(121,221)
Net Cash Inflow before Financing		<u>£ 44,695</u>		<u>£242,181</u>
Financing (Note 25) :				
Proceeds from New Borrowings	(10,000)		( - )	
Repayment of Bank Loan	53,558		67,292	
Repayment of Finance Lease Obligations	26,967		28,136	
		70,525		95,428
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash in Hand and at Bank (Note 24)		(25,830)		146,753
		<u>£44,695</u>		<u>£242,181</u>

## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items considered material in relation to the Company's Accounts.

## (a) Basis of Preparation of Accounts

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and incorporate the results of the principal activity which is described in the Directors' Report and which is continuing. The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

## (b) Consolidation

The Company and its Subsidiary Companies comprise a medium sized group. The Company has, therefore, taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

## (c) Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and Work in Progress have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

## (d) Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the assets over their useful lives. The rates applied (on a straight line basis) are as follows :

Freehold and Leasehold Buildings	-	2½%
Plant and Machinery	-	12½%
Computer Installation	-	20%
Fixtures and Fittings	-	10%
Office Equipment	-	10%
Motor Vehicles	-	25%

## (e) Deferred Taxation

Deferred Taxation is provided (where appropriate) at the rate of 33% in respect of accelerated capital allowances on Fixed Assets other than buildings as detailed in Note 13.

## (f) Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution scheme for certain senior employees which requires contributions to be made to a separately administered fund. The Company also operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the Directors. Contributions are charged to the Profit and Loss Account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

**PLATT & HILL LIMITED****NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)****(g) Leasing and Hire Purchase Commitments**

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives.

The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to Profit and Loss Account over the period of the lease, and represents a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding. Rentals under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis.

**(h) Foreign Currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date.

All differences are taken to the Profit and Loss Account.

**2. EXPORTS**

During the year the company exported 14.25% (1995 - 10.87%) of its turnover to geographical markets outside the United Kingdom.

**3. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS**

- (a) The average number of persons employed by the Company (including Directors) during the year was as follows :

Management	15	17
Administration	24	30
Production	216	251
	<u>255</u>	<u>298</u>

## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

	1996	1995
	£	£
<b>3. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS (Continued)</b>		
(b) The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows :		
Wages and Salaries	2,555,096	2,633,933
Social Security Costs	200,806	201,639
Company Pension and Health Scheme Contributions	70,170	68,385
	<u>£2,826,072</u>	<u>£2,903,957</u>
(c) Directors' Remuneration :		
The payroll costs as shown above include the following remuneration in respect of Directors :		
Remuneration for Management	239,986	226,650
Pension Contributions	25,705	24,986
	<u>£265,691</u>	<u>£251,636</u>
The emoluments of the Chairman (excluding Pension Contributions) were :	<u>£ 65,480</u>	<u>£ 61,891</u>
The emoluments of the Highest Paid Director (excluding Pension Contributions) were :	<u>£ 65,480</u>	<u>£ 61,891</u>
The number of Directors whose emoluments (excluding Pension Contributions) fell within the following ranges were :		
£ 0 - 5,000	1	1
£40,001 - 45,000	-	1
£45,001 - 50,000	1	-
£55,001 - 60,000	-	1
£60,001 - 65,000	1	2
£65,001 - 70,000	2	-

**4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME**

Bank Deposit Interest	1,715	1,357
Property Income	22,965	19,166
	<u>£24,680</u>	<u>£20,523</u>

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

	1996 £	1995 £
<b>5. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES</b>		
Lease Finance Interest	8,940	10,022
Bank Overdraft Interest	2,396	7,061
Bank Loan Interest	20,194	26,678
	<u>31,530</u>	<u>43,761</u>
Total for items repayable within five years	31,530	43,761
Bank Loan Interest (Loan repayable in over five years)	48,864	40,697
	<u>£80,394</u>	<u>£84,458</u>
<b>6. PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAXATION</b>		
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation is stated after charging :		
Loss on Foreign Exchange	9,721	-
Operating Lease Payments	31,320	36,016
Directors' Remuneration	265,691	251,636
Depreciation	287,106	253,183
Auditors' Remuneration: Audit Services	8,400	8,000
Non-audit Services	4,600	3,000
Ex Gratia Payments	4,160	4,030
	<u>9,721</u>	<u>40,645</u>
And after crediting :		
Profit on Disposal of Fixed Assets	7,649	17,625
Surplus on Foreign Exchange	-	24,751
	<u>7,649</u>	<u>42,376</u>
<b>7. TAXATION</b>		
The Profit and Loss Account charge is made up as follows :		
UK Corporation Tax at 24%/25%	39,731	28,205
Adjustments re prior years (credit)	( 5,900)	-
Deferred Taxation Current Year (credit)	( 8,332)	(12,747)
Interest Supplement on Corporation Tax Recovered	-	( 618)
	<u>£25,499</u>	<u>£14,840</u>
<b>8. DIVIDEND</b>		
Proposed Dividend	£ NIL	£ NIL

## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

	1996	1995
	£	£
<b>9. STOCKS</b>		
Stocks of Materials and Consumables	510,144	805,291
Stocks of Finished Goods	114,015	123,227
Stocks of Fuel and Other Items	-	4,434
	<u>£624,159</u>	<u>£932,952</u>
<b>10. DEBTORS</b>		
Trade Debtors (Net of Bad Debts Provision)	1,981,191	1,988,981
Prepayments	81,886	85,537
Corporation Tax Recoverable	4,627	34,625
	<u>£2,067,704</u>	<u>£2,109,143</u>
<b>11. CREDITORS : Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Trade Creditors	1,415,105	1,314,364
PAYE and National Insurance Contributions	65,448	61,146
Value Added Tax	107,374	154,838
Corporation Tax (less ACT already paid)	39,731	28,205
Proposed Dividend	-	-
Advance Corporation Tax on Proposed Dividend	-	-
Accruals	298,439	356,269
Bank Overdraft (secured)	156,735	132,021
Amount owing to Subsidiary Companies	3,051	3,051
Finance Leases (secured)	19,700	26,528
Bank Loans (secured)	57,200	74,000
	<u>£2,162,783</u>	<u>£2,150,422</u>
<b>12. CREDITORS : Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>		
Bank Loan (secured) wholly repayable within five years	181,560	210,352
Bank Loan (secured) not wholly repayable within five years	478,075	486,041
Finance Leases wholly repayable within five years	23,003	33,142
	<u>£682,638</u>	<u>£729,535</u>

## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

	1996 £	1995 £
<b>12. CREDITORS : Amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)</b>		
Bank Loans (secured by legal mortgages and a debenture) - National Westminster Bank plc interest charged at 2% over base rate or 10.125% per annum. Amounts repayable by instalments :		
within five years	285,560	323,352
after five years	431,275	447,041
	<u>716,835</u>	<u>770,393</u>
Included in Creditors due within one year	57,200	74,000
	<u>£659,635</u>	<u>£696,393</u>
<b>13. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES</b>		
Deferred Taxation		
(a) Movement during the year was as follows :		
Opening Balance	32,319	45,066
Charge (Credit) to Profit and Loss Account	( 8,332)	(12,747)
	<u>£23,987</u>	<u>£32,319</u>
(b) The Closing Balance is made up as follows :		
Accelerated Capital Allowances	19,252	27,584
Rolled-Over Capital Gains	4,735	4,735
Other Timing Differences	NIL	NIL
Unrelieved Tax Losses	( - )	( - )
	<u>23,987</u>	<u>32,319</u>
Less: ACT on Proposed Dividend	NIL	NIL
	<u>£23,987</u>	<u>£32,319</u>
<b>14. SHARE CAPITAL</b>		
Authorised : 100,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	£100,000	£100,000
Alotted, Called Up and Fully Paid : 99,200 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	£ 99,200	£ 99,200



## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

## 15. FIXED ASSETS

See schedule on page 17.

## 16. INVESTMENTS

		1996		1995	
		£	£	£	£
Shares in Subsidiary Companies:	<u>Holding</u>				
Tranquility Products Limited					
at Cost	100%	100		100	
<u>Less: Amounts written off</u>		( 100)		( 100)	
			NIL		NIL
David Moore & Co Limited at Cost	100%	8,000		8,000	
<u>Less: Amounts written off</u>		(4,949)		(4,949)	
			3,051		3,051
			<u>£3,051</u>		<u>£3,051</u>

Both subsidiaries were incorporated in England and are dormant.

The amounts of the Aggregate Share Capital and Reserves at 31 December 1996 were equal to the amount shown above.

## 17. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	1996	1995
	£	£
Balance 1 January 1996	1,232,998	1,276,710
Profit/(Loss) Retained for the Year	64,502	( 43,712)
Balance 31 December 1996	<u>£1,297,500</u>	<u>£1,232,998</u>

## 18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1996	1995
	£	£
Profit/(Loss) for the Year	64,502	( 43,712)
Dividend	-	-
Retained Profit/(Loss) for the Year	64,502	( 43,712)
Shareholders' Funds at 1 January 1996	1,332,198	1,375,910
Shareholders' Funds at 31 December 1996	<u>£1,396,700</u>	<u>£1,332,198</u>

## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

## 19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At the Balance Sheet date the Company had contracted for capital expenditure totalling £8,500 (1995 : £60,637).

## 20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

## Deferred Taxation

There is a further potential liability of approximately £27,000 (1995 : £26,000) in respect of tax deferred by virtue of capital allowances, but the Directors consider that this will not arise in the foreseeable future.

## 21. LEASING COMMITMENTS (PLANT AND EQUIPMENT)

At 31 December 1996 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below :

	1996	1995
	£	£
Operating Leases which expire :		
Within one year	9,872	4,402
In the second to fifth years	21,227	21,586
	<u>£31,099</u>	<u>£25,988</u>

## 22. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates defined contribution pension schemes for the directors and senior management and staff. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds and there is no ongoing commitment to these schemes. The premiums paid to the schemes in the year amounted to £58,697 (1995 : £35,555).

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

	1996		1995	
	£	£	£	£
<b>23. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE TAX TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>				
Profit/(Loss) before Tax		90,001		( 28,872)
Interest Payable		80,394		84,458
Interest Receivable		( 1,715)		( 1,357)
		<u>168,680</u>		<u>54,229</u>
Depreciation	287,106		253,183	
Loss/(Profit) on Sales of Fixed Assets	( 7,649)		( 17,625)	
Bad Debt Provision	43,985		64,372	
(Increase) Decrease in Debtors	( 32,544)		92,201	
(Increase) Decrease in Stocks	308,793		(152,257)	
Increase (Decrease) in Creditors	( 251)		113,466	
		<u>599,440</u>		<u>353,340</u>
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities		<u>£768,120</u>		<u>£407,569</u>
<b>24. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH IN HAND AND AT BANK</b>				
			£	£
Balance 1 January 1996 :				
Overdraft				(132,021)
Cash				<u>1,532</u>
				<u>(130,489)</u>
Net Cash Outflow				<u>( 25,830)</u>
Balance 31 December 1996			(156,735)	
Overdraft			416	
Cash			<u>£(156,319)</u>	
<b>25. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCE DURING THE YEAR</b>				
		Share Capital	Loans and Finance Lease Obligations	
Balance 1 January 1996		99,200	830,063	
Cash Outflow		-	( 80,525)	
New Finance Lease Contracts		-	10,000	
		<u>£99,200</u>	<u>£759,538</u>	

## PLATT &amp; HILL LIMITED

## SCHEDULE OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS : YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

COST	Freehold Land & Buildings	Long Leasehold Land & Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Computer Installations	Fixtures & Fittings	Office Equipment	Motor Vehicles	"	Total
As at 1 January 1996	161,941	652,763	2,097,472	373,610	167,704	91,929	96,417	3,641,836	
Additions	-	250,026	382,142	7,819	19,503	23,099	-	682,589	
(Disposals)	-	-	(30,000)	-	-	-	(12,990)	(42,990)	
As at 31 December 1996	£161,941	902,789	2,449,614	381,429	187,207	115,028	83,427	4,281,435	
DEPRECIATION									
As at 1 January 1996	59,708	67,117	1,700,485	330,664	137,111	72,102	76,853	2,444,040	
Charge for Year	4,048	22,570	199,185	32,778	9,968	10,549	8,008	287,106	
(Applicable to Disposals)	-	-	(7,500)	-	-	-	(12,989)	(20,489)	
As at 31 December 1996	£ 63,756	89,687	1,892,170	363,442	147,079	82,651	71,872	2,710,657	
NET BOOK VALUE									
At 31 December 1996	£ 98,185	813,102	557,444	17,987	40,128	32,377	11,555	1,570,778	
At 31 December 1995	£102,233	585,646	396,987	42,946	30,593	19,827	19,564	1,197,796	

The net book value of assets held under finance leases amounts to Plant and Machinery £32,557 (1995 : £35,728), Computer Installation £NIL (1995 : £10,410) and Office Fixtures £NIL (1995 : £4,366).

The above charge for depreciation includes £27,947 (1995 : £26,417) in respect of leased assets.