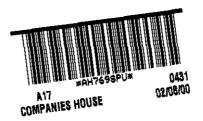
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

> YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2000

Registered Number 61272



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Mrs E E Brown **Directors:**

Mrs B A Brown Lady J Brown M.A. (Oxon) M G S Frampton T.D. F.C.A.

D J Oswald Secretary:

Registered office: 2 Barkers Pool

Sheffield S1 1LZ

Registered number: 61272

Auditors:

BDO Stoy Hayward Beneficial Building 28 Paradise Circus

Queensway Birmingham B1 2BJ

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2000

The Directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 January 2000.

The company has not traded during the above financial year and, accordingly, no profit and loss account has been prepared for the year.

Directors

The Directors of the company during the year were:

Mrs E E Brown Mrs B A Brown Lady J Brown M.A. (Oxon) M G S Frampton T.D. F.C.A.

None of the Directors held any beneficial interest in the ordinary share capital of the company. Mrs E E Brown, Lady J Brown M.A. (Oxon) and M G S Frampton T.D. F.C.A. are Directors of the parent company and their interests in the shares of that company are disclosed in its own financial statements.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Directors do not retire by rotation.

Parent company

The company is a wholly owned undertaking of H L Brown & Son Ltd, a company incorporated in England.

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:

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.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2000 (CONTINUED)

Auditors

BDO Stoy Hayward have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

D.J. OSWALD Secretary

28 April 2000

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 JANUARY 2000

Current assets	2000 £	1999 £
Amount due from parent company Cash at bank and in hand	18,973 3,427	15,351 7,049
	22,400	22,400
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	2,000 20,400	2,000 20,400
	22,400	22,400

These accounts were approved by the board on 28 April 2000.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To the shareholders of Bright and Sons Limited

We have audited the financial statements on page 3.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 1 the company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those 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 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 misstatements, 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.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 January 2000 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BDO Ston Rayer

BDO STOY HAYWARD Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Birmingham B1 2BJ

28 April 2000