

**Registered No. 154861**

**UNITED BUILDERS MERCHANTS LIMITED**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000**



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**UNITED BUILDERS MERCHANTS LIMITED**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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The Directors submit their report and financial statements for the nine month period ended 31 December 2000. The Company has not traded during the period.

**DIRECTORS**

|              |                               |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| L. Poston    | (Appointed 6 April 2000)      |
| A.R. Oxenham | (Appointed 29 September 2000) |
| A.J. Burton  | (Resigned 6 April 2000)       |
| J.M. Hogg    | (Resigned 29 September 2000)  |

Due to the change in ownership of Saint-Gobain Building Distribution Limited (formerly Meyer International PLC) all Scheme and Plan shares were vested in accordance with their respective rules. Details of the shares vested during the period for L. Poston are disclosed in the Report and Accounts of Saint-Gobain Building Distribution Limited.

A.R. Oxenham does not have any interests requiring disclosure under the Companies Act 1985.

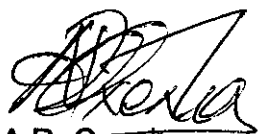
The Directors confirm that the Company was dormant within the meaning of Section 250(3) of the Companies Act 1985 throughout the accounting period ended on the balance sheet date.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD**

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Registered No. 154861

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A.R. Oxenham  
Secretary

**UNITED BUILDERS MERCHANTS LIMITED**  
**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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Company law requires the Directors to prepare the financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company. 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

**UNITED BUILDERS MERCHANTS LIMITED**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000**

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|                             | <u>Notes</u> | 31 December 2000<br>£ | 31 March 2000<br>£ |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>       |              |                       |                    |
| Debtors                     | 3            | 1,373,254             | 1,373,254          |
|                             |              | <hr/>                 | <hr/>              |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b> |              |                       |                    |
| Called up share capital     | 4            | 1,005,000             | 1,005,000          |
| Share premium account       |              | 234,514               | 234,514            |
| Profit and loss account     |              | 133,740               | 133,740            |
|                             |              | <hr/>                 | <hr/>              |
|                             |              | 1,373,254             | 1,373,254          |
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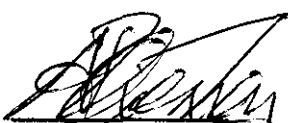
For the period ended 31st December 2000 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

No members have required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 249B(2).

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- i. ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- ii. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of its financial period and of its profit and loss for the financial period in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

On behalf of the board on <sup>-3</sup> AUG 2001



A.R. Oxenham  
 Director

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000**

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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards under the historical cost convention.

As permitted by Financial Reporting Standard 8 – “Related Party Disclosures”, the financial statements do not disclose transactions with companies that are part of the ultimate holding company’s Group, on the grounds that the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the ultimate holding company includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

**2. DIRECTORS’ EMOLUMENTS**

None of the Directors received any emoluments during the period (31 March 2000: £Nil).

**3. DEBTORS**

|  | 31 December 2000<br>£ | 31 March 2000<br>£ |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Amount owed by immediate holding company | <u>1,373,254</u>      | <u>1,373,254</u>   |

**4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

|  | <u>Authorised</u><br>£ | <u>Allotted and<br/>fully paid</u><br>£ |
|--|------------------------|---|
| Ordinary shares of 25p each<br>at 31 December 2000 and<br>at 31 March 2000 | <u>1,005,000</u>       | <u>1,005,000</u>                        |

**5. HOLDING COMPANIES**

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Meyer 6 Limited.

The ultimate holding and controlling company is Compagnie de Saint-Gobain, incorporated in France. The intermediate holding company is Saint-Gobain Building Distribution Limited (formerly Meyer International PLC), incorporated in the UK.

The company accounts for Saint-Gobain Building Distribution Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from the Registrar of Companies. The consolidated accounts for Compagnie de Saint-Gobain are also available to the public and may be obtained from Compagnie de Saint-Gobain, Les Miroirs, 18 Avenue d’Alsace, 92096 La Défense Cédex, Paris, France.