# THE HARMUTTY TEA COMPANY LIMITED REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

1994



# Incorporated 1926

# SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised £90,000

In shares of £1 each

Issued £86,280

Directors

P.A. LEGGATT, M.B.E. P.E. HILL, F.C.I.S. A.K. MATHUR, F.C.A.

Secretary

P. E. HILL, F.C.I.S.

Auditors

MOORE STEPHENS

Registered Office

Wrotham Place, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 7AE

Registered Number

215870

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the sixty-ninth annual general meeting will be held at Wrotham Place, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 7AE on Friday, 21st April 1995 at 11.10 a.m. for the following purposes:-

- To receive and adopt the directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December 1994.
- 2. To declare a dividend.
- 3. To re-elect a director.
- 4. To re-appoint the auditors and authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.

By Order of the Board

P.E. HILL

Secretary

21st April 1995

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, vote instead of him and such proxy need not be a member of the company.

#### REPORT BY THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report together with the accounts for the year ended 31st December 1994

ACCOUNTS	1994	1993
Profit on ordinary activities		2770
before taxation	£42,669	£55,492
Profit on ordinary activities	<del></del>	
after taxation	£42,023	£40,543
	<del></del>	<del></del>
Proposed dividend	£42,000	£40,500
Retained profit for year	£23	£43
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# PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity is that of an investment holding company.

The investment consists of shares in Stewart Holl (India) Ltd., a company incorporated in India and which operates tea estates in that country. The estates are operating profitably.

#### DIRECTORS

Board

The present board is shown on page one.

Mr. A.K. Mathur retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

#### Shareholdings

Neither at the end of the year, nor at any time during the year, has any director held a beneficial interest in any shares of the company.

#### **AUDITORS**

Moore Stephens have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors of the Company. A resolution proposing their re-appointment and empowering the directors to fix their remuneration will be put before the annual general meeting.

By Order of the Board

P.E. HILL

Secretary

21st April 1995

THE HARMUTTY TEA COMPANY LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December 1994

		1994	1993
Investment income	Notes	£	£
Unlisted - group		44,173	59,794
Administrative expenses Exchange loss		432 1,072	432 3,870
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	42,669	55,492
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	4	646	14,949
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		42,023	40,543
Proposed dividend		42,000	40,500
Retained profit for year	9	£23	£43

# BALANCE SHEET as at 31st December 1994

	Notes	19	994	19	93
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Investments	5		68,782		68,782
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	6	152,435		151,192	
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	3 7	42,400		40,900	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			110,035		110,292
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT I	LIABIL	ITIES	£178,817		£179,074
EQUITY CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	8 9		86,280 92,537		86,280 92,794
			£178,817		£179,074

Approved on 21st April 1995 by the board of directors and signed on their behalf by:

P.E. HILL Director

STAI	EME	IT OF	RECOGN	VISED	GAINS	AND	LOSSES
for	the	year	ended	31st	Decemb	er	1994

	1994	1993
	£	£
Profit for the year	42,023	40,543
Dividend	42,000	40,500
	23	43
Currency translation differences on		
foreign currency net investments	(280)	(328)
Total recognised loss since last	<del></del>	
annual report	£257	£285
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# RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS for the year ended 31st December 1994

	1994 £	1993 £
Profit for the year Dividend	42,023 42,000	40,543 40,500
Retained profit for the year Currency translation differences on	23	43
foreign currency net investments	(280)	(328)
Net movement in shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	(257) 179,074	(285) 179,359
Closing shareholders' funds	£178,817	£179,074

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- (a) Basis of Accounting
  The accounts are prepared on the historical cost basis of
  accounting and are in accordance with applicable accounting
  standards.
- (b) Rates of Exchange
  The Indian exchange rate has been taken at Rs.49.08 to the £1
  (1993 Rs.46.41 to the £1). Long-term investments are
  translated at the rate applicable at the date of acquisition.
  Adjustments arising on translation of the net foreign
  currency investments are dealt with in the profit and loss
  account reserve. Realised exchange differences are dealt
  with in the profit and loss account.

2.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	1994 £	1993 £
	The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is arrived at after charging: Remuneration of the auditors	£400	£400

The number of directors whose emoluments fell in the undernoted bracket was:

#### 3. DIRECTORS

	Nil to £5,000	three	three
	The emoluments of the chairman were	nil	ni1
	Emoluments waived:-		
	Number of directors concerned	three	three
	Amount	£1,153	£1,111
4.	TAXATION	£	£
	Provision on the profits for the year:		
	UK Corporation tax at 33% (1993 33%)	33,070	45,602
	Less double taxation relief	(33,070)	(45,602)
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	Indian taxation:		
	Current year	6,625	14,949
	Prior year's overprovision	(5,979)	<del>-</del>
		£646	£14,949

# 5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The company owns 18.06% of the nominal value of the issued shares of Stewart Holl (India) Limited, incorporated in India.

		1994	1993
	Shares at cost 1st January 1978	£68,782	£68,782
	The principal country of operation is	: India.	
6.	DEBTORS		
	Amount owed by parent company Amount owed by group company	110,023 42,412	101,202 49,990
		£152,435	£151,192
7.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
	Dividend Other creditors	42,000 400	40,500 400
		£42,400	£40,900
8.	SHARE CAPITAL	<del></del>	
	Authorised: Shares of £1 each	£90,000	£90,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid Shares of £1 each	£86,280	£86,280
9.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		£
	At beginning of year	92	,794
	Loss arising on translation of net foreign currency investments		(280)
	Retained profit for the year		23
		£92	,537
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#### 10. PARENT COMPANY

The parent company is Lawrie Group Plc and the ultimate parent company is Camellia Plc both of which are registered in England. Accounts are filed with the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF4 3UZ.

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for the financial year. The directors consider that in preparing the accounts, the company has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. In addition the directors confirm that the going concern basis is appropriate and all applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors have responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors also have responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the company and for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS' REPORT to the members of The Harmutty Tea Company Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages four to eight which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page seven

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described above, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st December 1994 and of the profit for year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants