REPORT AND ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

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JOSEPH METCALF LIMITED COMPANY INFORMATION YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

DIRECTOR:

B. Metcalf

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS:

H.A. Lawley K. Connor J.C. Harris

SECRETARY:

J.D. Metcalf

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Brookside Lane Oswaldtwistle Nr. Accrington Lancs. BB5 3NY

BANKERS:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc Blackburn Road Accrington

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DIRECTOR

B. Metcalf

The director submits his report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 1994.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the director 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 director is 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 director is 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.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company, which is unchanged since last year, is that of general chemical manufacturing and merchanting.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The result for the year is shown in the Profit and Loss Account on page 6 of the financial statements.

The director is pleased to report that the company completed a satisfactory year and that the outlook for the ensuing year is satisfactory.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

DIVIDENDS

In view of the company's current and future requirements for the maintenance and development of its business, the director does not recommend the payment of a dividend but that the retained profit of £563,687 for the year be transferred to reserves.

DIRECTORS

The names of the present directors of the company are given at the head of this report.

The directors of the company during the year and their beneficial interests in shares of the company are set out below:

30 June 1994 30 June 1993

B. Metcalf

192,000

192,000

AUDITORS

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to re-appoint Messrs. Porter, Matthews & Marsden as auditors.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,

1) Metrage

J.D. METCALF Secretary

25TH NOVEMBER 1994

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Brookside Lane Oswaldtwistle Nr. Accrington Lancashire.



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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

JOSEPH METCALF LIMITED

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 6 to 12 together with the full financial statements of Joseph Metcalf Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the vear ended 30 June 1994.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the 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 7 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out 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 the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under Sections 246, 247 and 249 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section B of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act in respect of the year ended 30 June 1994 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 6 to 12 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 25 November 1994 we reported, as auditors of Joseph Metcalf Limited, to the members on the full financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 June 1994 and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 14 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and the accounting policies set out on page 8 and 9.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 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 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 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.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30 June 1994 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. "

PORTER MATTHEWS & MARSDEN

Neither March

Chartered Accountants and

Registered Auditors

Blackburn

25th November 1994

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ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1994</u> £	<u>1993</u> £
GROSS PROFIT		3,613,157	2,962,966
Net operating expenses OPERATING PROFIT	2 2	2,867,946 745,211	2,094,905 868,061
Investment income Net interest receivable PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	4	4,976 750,187	7 29,524 897,592
Tax on profit on ordinary activities PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION AND RETAINED FOR THE YEAR	5	186,500 563,687	249,805 647,787
Retained profits brought forward RETAINED PROFITS CARRIED FORWARD		3,560,341 4,124,028	2,912,554 3,560,341

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profit above.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form an integral part of these financial statements.

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

30 JUNE 1994

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1994</u>		<u>19</u>	93
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		3,098,090		2,435,354
Investments	7		<u>15,000</u> 3,113,090		<u>15,000</u> 2,450,354
CURRENT ASSETS			2, ,		•
Stocks	8	1,124,477		556,800	
Debtors	9	2,203,329		1,474,344	
Cash at bank and in hand		199,917		1,236,447	
		3,527,723		3,267,591	í
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year	10	2,250,224		1,950,677	·
NET CURRENT ASSETS			1,277,499		1,316,914
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			4,390,589		3,767,268
CREDITORS - amounts falling due after more than one year	11 .		59,634		
NET ASSETS			4,330,955		3,767,268
CAPITAL RESERVES					
Called up share capital	13		200,000		200,000
Profit and loss account			4,124,028		3,560,341
Revaluation reserve			6,927		6,927
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			4,330,955		3,767,268

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred on medium-sized companies by Section B of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 as, in the opinion of the directors, the company is entitled to the exemptions on the grounds that it is a medium-sized company.

Approved by the board on 25th November 1994 and signed on their behalf by:

DIRECTOR: B. Meberil

B. METCALF

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, has been used in the preparation of the accounts.

The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Consolidated Financial Statements

As permitted by Section 229 of the Companies Act 1985 consolidated financial statements have not been prepared as in the opinion of the directors they would be of no real value to the members in view of the insignificant amounts involved.

Depreciation of Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets have been depreciated so as to write them off over their anticipated useful lives using the following annual rates:-

Plant and Machinery

15% or 20% on cost and reducing balance 25% on cost

Motor Vehicles

Freehold buildings are maintained to ensure that their value does not diminish over time. In the opinion of the directors, any depreciation charge would therefore be immaterial and has not been made. Maintenance costs are charged to profit and loss in the year incurred.

Hire Purchase and Leasing

Hire Purchase and Finance Leases -

Tangible fixed assets acquired under hire purchase and finance lease agreements are included in the balance sheet under fixed assets.

The capital element of the liability to the finance companies is included in creditors and the interest element is charged to profit and loss account in the period in which the instalments fall due for payment.

Operating Leases -

Lease rentals payable are charged to profit and loss account equally over the term of the lease.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding VAT.

Stocks and Work in Progress

Stock has been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Deferred Taxation

Provision is made at appropriate rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

1.	ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Cont'd		
	Pension Costs		
	The company operates a number of defined contribution pens contributions are charged to profit and loss account as and when the	ion scheme y are made.	s. Pension
2.	OPERATING PROFIT	<u>1994</u>	<u> 1993</u>
		£	£
	Net Operating Expenses		
	Distribution costs	862,074	656,035
	Administrative expenses	2,005,872	1,438,870
		2,867,946	2,094,905
	The operating profit is attributable to the sole activity of the company, is wholly attributable to trade in the United Kingdom and represents the results of continuing operations.		
	The operating profit is stated after charging:-		
	Directors' salaries	171,744	134,998
	Depreciation and profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	279,076	188,577
	Auditors' remuneration - Audit	3,600	2,500
	- Non-audit		3,500
3.	STAFF COSTS AND DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION		
	The average weekly number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:-		
	Production	77	83
	Other	39	34
		116	117
	Staff costs including directors' remuneration were as follows:-		
	Wages and salaries	1,701,406	1,488,668
	Social security costs	156,053	
		1,857,459	1,631,186
	The emoluments of the director was as follows:-		
	For services as an executive	171,744	134,998

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JOSEPH METCALF LIMITED NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

				<u>1994</u>	1993
4.	NET INTEREST RECEIVABLE			<u>£</u>	£
	Bank interest receivable			31,460	47,802
	Interest payable on bank loans, overdrafts	and other loa	ns		
	repayable within five years, not be instalm		_	(26,484)	(18,278)
	, -		=	4,976	29,524
5.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVIT	ΓIES			
	U.K. Corporation Tax based on profits for t	he year at 31	.1%		054.000
	(1993 - 31.9%)			186,500	254,000
	Over provision in prior years		-	400 500	(4,195)
			=	186,500	249,805
6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold Land and Buildings	Plant and Machinery	<u>Motor</u> Vehicles	<u>Total</u>
	COST OR VALUATION	£	£	₹.	<u>£</u>
	At 1st July 1993	1,623,620	1,484,519	209,484	3,317,623
	Additions	17,696	822,834	145,599	986,129
		1,641,316	2,307,353	355,083	4,303,752
	Disposals	_	(5,411)	(98,541)	(103,952)
	At 30 June 1994	1,641,316	2,301,942	256,542	4,199,800
		1,211,316	2,301,942	256,542	3,769,800
	At cost		2,001,042		430,000
	At valuation	430,000			430,000
	DEPRECIATION				
	At 1st July 1993	-	775,644	106,625	882,269
	Charge for the year		230,465	56,752	287,217
		-	1,006,009	163,377	1,169,486
	Eliminated on disposals		(2,560)	(65,216)	(67,776)
	At 30 June 1994		1,003,549	98,161	1,101,710
	NET BOOK VALUE				
	At 30 June 1994	1,641,316	1,298,393	158,381	3,098,090
	At 30 June 1993	1,623,620	708,875	102,859	2,435,354

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

The historical cost of freehold land and buildings included above at a valuation of £430,000 was £423,073.

The net book amount of tangible fixed assets includes £79,511 (1993 - £Nil) in respect of assets held under finance lease and hire purchase agreements. Depreciation charged on those assets amounted to £Nil (1993 - £Nil).

7.	INVESTMENTS	<u>Snares in</u> <u>Group</u> <u>Company</u>
	COST	£
	At 30 June 1993 and 30 June 1994	15,000

The investment represents 100% of the share capital of Northern Fertilizers Limited, registered in the United Kingdom. The subsidiary has not traded throughout the year.

8.	STOCKS	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
		£	Ŧ
9.	Packaging, raw materials, consumables and finished goods DEBTORS	1,124,477	556,800
5.			
	Trade debtors	2,125,467	1,410,234
	Prepayments	69,152	55,400
	ACT recoverable	8,710	8,710
		2,203,329	1,474,344
10.	CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year		
	Trade creditors Amounts owed to subsidiary undertaking Corporation tax Other taxation and social security creditors Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements Other creditors Accruals	887,991 14,765 251,229 352,338 15,902 157,915 570,084 2,250,224	870,227 14,765 262,710 264,755 - 62,591 475,629 1,950,677

Trade creditors include some items which may be secured by reservation of legal title to the goods supplied. The amounts secured in this way depend upon the legal interpretation of such contracts and cannot, in the opinion of the directors, be readily ascertained.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED

YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1994

11.	CREDITORS - amounts falling due after more than one year	<u>1994</u> £	<u>1993</u> £
	Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	59,634	
	All obligations under finance lease and hire purchase agreements and are secured on the assets financed by the agreement.	are due wit	thin five years
12.	DEFERRED TAXATION	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
		£	£
	Not Provided for:-		
	Excess of taxation allowances on fixed assets over depreciation charged	404.000	
	•	101,000	68,000
	Capital gains on revalued properties	40,000	40,000
		141,000	108,000
13.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
		£	£
	Authorised, allotted and full paid:		
	200,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	200,000	200,000
14.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
	Profit for the year	563,687	647,787
	Opening Shareholders' Funds	3,767,268	3,119,481
	Closing Shareholders' Funds	4,330,955	3,767,268

15. PENSIONS

The company operates a number of defined contribution pension schemes. The pension cost charged in the profit and loss account represents contributions paid in the year. The assets of the scheme are separate from those of the company and are independently administered.