J W STRINGER LIMITED ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31ST JANUARY 1998

Registered number: 269319

ALAN ASHWORTH REGISTERED AUDITOR

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

31st January 1998

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st January 1998.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company was the same as in previous years, namely trading as a departmental store

Directors

The directors of the company during the Year and their interests in the shares of the company as recorded in the register of directors' interests were as follows

	31st Jan	uary 1998	1st February 1997		
	Preference	Ordinary	Preference	Ordinary	
	shares	shares	shares	shares	
R V Clarke(including family interest) D F Clarke	132	2,558 509	3,569 117	2,074 3 2 3	
J B Broome(including family interest) Mrs L Grimbledeston	1,000	350	765	674	
	1,032	735	1,032	735	

Auditor

Alan Ashworth has agreed to offer himself for re-appointment as auditor of the company.

Fixed Assets

In the opinion of the directors the value of the Company's freehold land and buildings is in excess of that shown in the accounts.

Small company exemptions

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

on behalf of the board

Director

Clifton Square

Lytham

28th April 1998

STATEMENT OF 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 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.

On behalf of the board

R V Clarke Director

28th April 1998

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the Year ended 31st January 1998

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Auditors' report to J W Stringer Limited under section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements set out on pages 2-4, together with the financial statements of the company for the Year ended 31st January 1998 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared. 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.

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Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages 2-4 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Alan Ashworth Registered Auditor 39 Glenfield Avenue Blackpool

28th April 1998

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

at 31st January 1998

			1998	1997		
	Note	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	2		478,073		467,952	
Current assets						
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	3	182,818 28,483 88,672		168,322 16,459 84,891		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		299,973 (198,357)		269,672 (230,423)		
Net current assets			101,616		39,249	
Total assets less current liabilitie	es		579,689	•	507,201	
Provision for liabilities and charges			(9,954)		(9,700)	
			569,735		497,501	
Capital and reserves				·		
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	4		17,500 552,235		17,500 480,001	
Total shareholders' funds			569,735	:	497,501	

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The abbreviated financial statements on pages 2-4 were approved by the board of directors on 28th April 1998 and signed on its behalf by:

R V Clarke Director

NOTES ON ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st January 1998

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 on the grounds that it qualifies as a small company under the Companies Act 1985.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amount derived from the provision of goods and services falling within the company's activities after deduction of trade discounts and value added tax.

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Freehold buildings	2%	on	the	reducing	balance
Motor vehicles				reducing	
Fixtures and fittings	20%	on	the	reducing	balance

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is computed on a first in first out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less the estimated cost of disposal.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that tax liabilities are likely to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

NOTES ON ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st January 1998

2 Fixed assets

	Tined about				Tangible
					fixed assets
	Cost 1st February 1997 Additions				£ 607,581 49,216
	31st January 1998				656,797
	Depreciation 1st February 1997 Charge for Year				139,629 39,096
	31st January 1998				178,724
	Net book amount 31st January 1998				478,073
	1st February 1997				467,952
3	Debtors Amounts falling due within on	e year	1998 £ 28,483		1997 £ 16,459
4	Called up share capital				,
		Number of	998	1 Number of	997
		shares	£	shares	£
	Authorised share capital - o	100,000	100,000	7,000	7,000
	Non-equity shares Authorised share capital - p	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
			110,500 ======		17,500
	Allotted called up and fully paid				
	Authorised share capital - o	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
	Non-equity shares Authorised share capital - p	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500
			17,500		17,500