

NATIONAL STAR BRICK & TILE HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Secretary
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**ACCOUNTS**

The Company did not trade during the year under review and accordingly made no profit or loss. The accounts as at 31 December 2004 comprise the balance sheet and related notes.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The Directors have no declarable interest in the share or loan capital of the Company or any associated undertaking during the year under review. The Directors as shown at the head of this report are currently in office and served throughout the year.

ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent undertaking is Hanson PLC (incorporated in England and Wales). Copies of Hanson PLC's accounts can be obtained from 1 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7JH.

AUDITORS

The Company is entitled to dispense with the need to appoint auditors as allowed by the provisions of S249AA of the Companies Act 1985.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to the Elective Resolution of the Company passed on 18 January 1994 the Company has dispensed with the need to hold Annual General Meetings. Any member of the Company is entitled to require the laying of the accounts before a General Meeting on giving due notice to that effect in accordance with S253 of the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Board

Secretary

20 September 2005

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

	<u>2004</u> £	<u>2003</u> £
FIXED ASSETS		
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	1,905	1,905
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	2,135,080	2,135,080
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	(423)	(423)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,134,657</u>	<u>2,134,657</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>2,136,562</u>	<u>2,136,562</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
118,782 allotted, called up and fully paid £1 4.2% cumulative preference shares (Authorised 119,530)	118,782	118,782
2,202,427 allotted, called up and fully paid 25p ordinary shares (Authorised 3,521,880)	550,389	550,389
Share premium account	561,241	561,241
Profit and loss account	<u>905,932</u>	<u>905,932</u>
Shareholders' funds	<u>2,136,562</u>	<u>2,136,562</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2004 the Company was entitled to exemption under S249AA (1) of the Companies Act 1985.

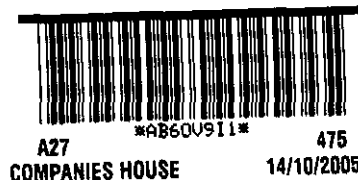
No members have required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with S249B (2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:-

- ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with S221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of its financial year, and of its profit and loss account for the financial year in accordance with S226 of the Companies Act 1985, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

20 September 2005

Director



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting convention

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

(b) Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost, except where it is required to reflect a provision for a permanent diminution in value.

2. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The Company holds 30,000 ordinary shares of £1.00 each in Cumbrian Brick Company Limited (a group company), representing 100% of the total issued share capital.

The Company holds 2,500 ordinary shares of £1.00 each in Abersychan Brick Company Limited (a group company), representing 100% of the total issued share capital.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of a body registered in England and Wales and advantage has been taken of S228(1) of the Companies Act 1985 in that consolidated accounts have not been prepared. The accounts present information about the Company as an individual undertaking.