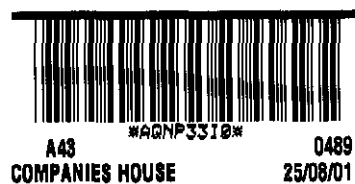


DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THOMAS MARSHALL (LOXLEY) LTD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000



COMPANY NO: 322439

THOMAS MARSHALL (LOXLEY) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company did not trade during the period.

DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (period ended 31 December 1999: £ nil). The retained profit for the year is £ nil (period ended 31 December 1999: £ nil).

DIRECTORS

The following is a list of all persons who were directors of the company at any time between 31 December 1999 and the date of this report:

J P W A Malherbe	-	Chairman
W R Patterson	-	Director
P L Franken	-	(Died - 30 November 2000)
J O Anderson	-	(Appointed – 30 November 2000)

Mr W R Patterson and Mr J O Anderson do not have interest in the issued share and loan capital of group companies. Mr J P W A Malherbe's interests are disclosed in the financial statements of Vesuvius-Premier Refractories (Holdings) Limited.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

On 5th April 2000 a special resolution was passed, in accordance with Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985, as amended by Section 14 of the Companies Act 1989, resolving not to appoint auditors, on the grounds that the company is dormant.

THOMAS MARSHALL (LOXLEY) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that period. 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Board



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Secretary

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22nd August 2001

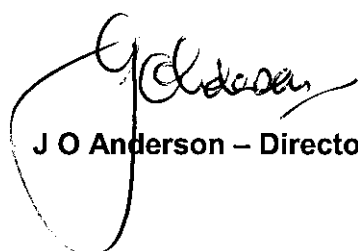
THOMAS MARSHALL (LOXLEY) LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET – 31 DECEMBER 2000

	Notes	December 2000 £	December 1999 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2	11,241	11,241
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	3	6,538,156	6,538,156
NET ASSETS		<u>6,549,397</u>	<u>6,549,397</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	4	1,841,130	1,841,130
Capital reserve	5	1,113,684	1,113,684
Profit and loss account	6	<u>3,594,583</u>	<u>3,594,583</u>
		<u>6,549,397</u>	<u>6,549,397</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			
Shareholders' funds comprise:			
Equity – ordinary shares		6,349,397	6,349,397
Non-Equity – preference shares		<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
		<u>6,549,397</u>	<u>6,549,397</u>

The company has remained dormant (S.252) throughout the period.

Approved by the board on 22nd August 2001 and signed on its behalf by:-



J O Anderson – Director

The notes on pages 5 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

THOMAS MARSHALL (LOXLEY) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Summary of the principal accounting policies, all of which have been applied consistently throughout the period and the preceding year are set out below.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards under the historical cost convention. Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised) the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking and a group cash flow statement is included in the financial statements of the holding company.

Depreciation

Freehold land is not depreciated.

2. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Total
	£
COST	
At start and end of period	11,246
DEPRECIATION	
At start and end of period	<u>5</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At start and end of period	<u>11,241</u>

Land and buildings include a short leasehold property, the amount of which at 31 December 2000 is:

	Cost	Depreciation	Net Book Value
	£	£	£
Short leasehold	<u>1,199</u>	<u>Nil</u>	<u>1,199</u>

THOMAS MARSHALL (LOXLEY) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2000

3. DEBTORS

	December 2000	December 1999
	£	£
Amounts due from parent undertaking	<u>6,538,156</u>	<u>6,538,156</u>

4. CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL

	December 2000	December 1999
	£	£
Ordinary shares of 25p each Authorised – 9,200,000 shares	<u>2,300,000</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>
Allotted, called-up and fully paid – 6,564,520 shares	<u>1,641,130</u>	<u>1,641,130</u>
7% (now 4.9% plus tax credit) Preference shares of £1 each Authorised – 200,000 shares	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Allotted, called-up and fully paid – 200,000 shares	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

5. RESERVES

	December 2000	December 1999
	£	£
Share premium	813,511	813,511
Revaluation reserve	18,790	18,790
Other	<u>281,383</u>	<u>281,383</u>
	<u>1,113,684</u>	<u>1,113,684</u>

THOMAS MARSHALL (LOXLEY) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – 31 DECEMBER 2000

6. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

During the period, the company has not traded, has not incurred any liabilities and, consequently, has made neither profit nor loss. None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of his services to the company.

7. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Vesuvius-Premier Refractories (Holdings) Limited, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group.

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Cookson Group Plc incorporated in England.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Cookson Group Plc, incorporated in England.

The consolidated accounts of this company are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ. No other group accounts include the results of the company.