

Hurlin Limited

**Directors' report and financial
statements**

Registered number 00373599

31 December 2001



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001.

Principal activities

The company did not trade during the year.

Dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

Mr CJ Gray (resigned 28 March 2002)
Mr N Poole
Mr FE Gilman (appointed 28 March 2002)

The directors who held office at the end of the financial year had no interests in the shares of the company. The interests of the directors in the shares of the ultimate holding company are disclosed in the accounts of that company.

Auditors

KPMG were re-appointed auditors on 6 June 2001. However, since that date their business was transferred to a limited partnership, KPMG LLP. Accordingly KPMG have resigned as auditors and the directors thereupon appointed KPMG LLP to fill the vacancy arising. A resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board


N Poole
Secretary

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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 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.



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Independent auditors' report to the members of Hurlin Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

Basis of audit 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 as at 31 December 2001 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

12 July 2002

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Profit and loss account

For the year ended 31 December 2001

During the financial period the company did not trade and received no trading income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during the period the company made neither a profit nor a loss and had no other recognised gains or losses.

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2001

	<i>Note</i>	2001 £	2000 £
Current assets			
Debtors	2	23,356	23,356
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	3	1,984	1,984
Profit and loss account	4	21,372	21,372
Shareholders' funds	5	23,356	23,356

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 12 June 2002 and were signed on its behalf by:

FE Gilman
Director



Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of C & G Concrete Limited and 100% of all the voting rights within the group are controlled by C & G Concrete Limited, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group.

2 Debtors

	2001 £	2000 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings	23,356	23,356

3 Called up share capital

	2001 £	2000 £
Authorised		
1,256 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,256	1,256
744 4% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each	744	744
	2,000	2,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1,240 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,240	1,240
744 4% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each	744	744
	1,984	1,984

The preference shareholders are entitled, on a winding up, to a repayment of the capital paid up on their shares which shall rank in priority to any payment to ordinary shareholders, but are not entitled to any further participation in the profits or assets of the company. They are not entitled to receive notice of or attend or vote at any general meeting unless their preferential dividend shall be twelve months in arrears or unless a resolution is proposed affecting the rights or privileges of the holders of preference shares. At 31 December 2001 both classes of share were owned 100% by C & G Concrete Limited.

Notes (continued)

4 Reserves

	Profit and loss account £
At 31 December 2000 and at 31 December 2001	21,372

5 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2001 £	2000 £
Opening and closing shareholders' funds	23,356	23,356

6 Contingent liabilities

The company has guaranteed the bank loans and overdrafts of its parent and fellow subsidiary companies; the amount outstanding at the year end was £2,204,381.

7 Holding company

The company's ultimate holding company is C & G Concrete Limited, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom. Copies of that company's accounts can be obtained from the registered office which is at Uffington Road, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 2HA.