Company No: 388276

E H THOMPSON AND SON (LONDON) LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995

CLAY RATNAGE STREVENS & HILLS



AUDITORS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 8 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

In our opinion the Company is entitled under sections 246 to 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to that Act in respect of the year Ended 31 December 1995 and the Abbreviated Accounts on pages 2 to 4 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule. We are not required to express an audit opinion on the truth and fairness of these Abbreviated Accounts.

We reported, as Auditors of E H Thompson and Son (London) Limited, to the members on 11 March 1996 on the Company's Financial Statements prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 December 1995 and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the Financial Statements on pages 4 to 11 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 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 2 the Company 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 judgments 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 31 December 1995 and of its results for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

Latrage Strevers & Hills

Registered Auditors

Doric House 132 Station Road CHINGFORD London E4 6AB

11 March 1996

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1995

		•	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets Investments	(Note 2) (Note 3)		382546 _50000 432546	289656 _50000 339656
CURRENT ASSET	<u>rs</u>			
Stocks Debtors Cash at Bank and in	Hand	263335 256019 3516 522870		208326 266125 <u>3053</u> 477504
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR 388074			<u>325470</u>	
NET CURRENT A	ASSETS		<u>134796</u>	<u>152034</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		567342	491690	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR (Note 4)		144460 £ 422882	<u>96068</u> £ 395622	
CAPITAL AND R	<u>eserves</u>			
Called Up Share Ca Revaluation Reserv Profit and Loss Acc	e		50000 166176 206706 £ 422882	50000 166176 179446 £ 395622

We have relied on Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 entitling us to deliver Abbreviated Accounts on the grounds that the Company is entitled to the benefit of those Sections as a small company.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Director Director

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Convention

The Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of Freehold Property.

b) Turnover

Turnover, which excludes Value Added Tax, represents the net invoiced value of goods and services supplied.

c) Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets, with the exception of Freehold Property are written off over their expected useful lives by providing depreciation under the reducing balance method from the date of acquisition to the date of sale. No depreciation is provided on Freehold Property as the Directors are of the opinion that its value has not diminished below book value.

d) Stocks

Stock and Work in Progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Work in Progress includes attributable overheads.

e) Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

f) Deferred Taxation

Provision is made for taxation deferred as a result of material timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounts purposes, using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the Directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallize in the foreseeable future.

2	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	<u>Total</u>
	Cost/Valuation to 1.1.1995	522898
	Additions	<u>125790</u>
		648688
	Disposals	_20557
	COST/VALUATION TO 31.12.1995	£ 628131
	Depreciation to 1.1.1995	233242
	Disposals	
		219790
	Provided for Year	<u>25795</u>
	DEPRECIATION TO 31.12.1995	£ 245585
	NET BOOK VALUE AT 31.12.1995	£ 382546

Freehold Property is included in the Accounts at open market value in accordance with a valuation provided at 22 June 1993 by a local firm of Surveyors and Commercial Property Consultants.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995

3	INVESTMENTS	<u>Unlisted</u>	<u>Total</u>
	COST AT 1.1.1995 AND 31.12.1995	£ 50000	£ 50000
4	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	Other Loans: Between two and five years Hire Purchase Obligations: Between two and five years	73000 	82000 <u>14068</u>
		£ 144460	£ 96068

5 **SECURED BORROWINGS**

The following amounts borrowed are secured against the Company's Freehold Property, an unlimited guarantee given by the holding company Tipmaster Limited and a floating charge over the Company's assets.

		<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
	Bank Loans and Overdrafts falling due within one year	£ 224436	£ 221198
6	SHARE CAPITAL		
	Authorised - 50000 Ordinary Shares of £1 Each	£ 50000	£ 50000
	Issued and Fully Paid - 50000 Ordinary Shares of £1 Each	£ 50000	£ 50000

7 <u>ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY</u>

The Company's ultimate holding company at 31 December 1995 was Tipmaster Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.