E H THOMPSON AND SON (LONDON) LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997



Company Number: 00388276

AUDITORS' REPORT TO E H THOMPSON AND SON (LONDON) LIMITED

UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 5 together with the accounts of E H Thompson and Son (London) Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st December 1997.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page 3 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of Opinion

We have carried out procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the accounts, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the accounts.

Opinion

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

Clay Rakrage Strevers & Hills

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Registered Auditors
Doric House
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13th March 1998

E H THOMPSON AND SON (LONDON) LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1997

	Notes 199		7	1996	1996	
		£	£	£	£	
Fixed Assets	2					
Tangible fixed assets			437,320		365,458	
Fixed asset investments			50,000		50,000	
		•	487,320	_	415,458	
Current Assets			·		-	
Stock and work in progress		288,253		235,733		
Debtors		400,265		308,020		
Cash at Bank and in Hand		1,436		2,007		
	•	689,954	_	545,760		
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		476,736		367,271		
Net Current Assets	•	**************************************	213,218		178,489	
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		-	700,538	_	593,947	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One						
Year			142,733		130,455	
		-	112,700	_		
		=	557,805	=	463,492	
Capital and Reserves						
Share Capital - Equity	4		50.000		50,000	
Revaluation Reserve	4		50,000		50,000	
Profit and loss account			211,176		166,176	
		_	296,629	_	247,316	
Shareholders' Funds		=	557,805	=	463,492	

The abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating $t\phi$ small companies.

These accounts were approved by the board on 13th March 1998 and signed on its behalf.

Mr I H Terry Director

E H THOMPSON AND SON (LONDON) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land by reducing balance method over their expected useful lives. The rates and periods generally applicable are:

Freehold properties	Nil
Plant and machinery	20%
Motor vehicles	25%
Computer equipment	25%

Investments

Investments are included at cost less amounts written off. Profits or losses arising from disposals of fixed asset investments are treated as part of the result from ordinary activities.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Deferred Taxation

Deferred tax is provided for under the liability method using the tax rates estimated to arise when the timing differences reverse and is accounted for to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise. Unprovided deferred tax is disclosed as a contingent liability.

Leased Assets

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

E H THOMPSON AND SON (LONDON) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1997

2	Fixed Assets		
		Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixed Asset Investments
		£	£
	Cost At 1st January 1997	620.096	50.000
	Additions	639,086 112,251	50,000
	Disposals	(9,014)	-
	At 31st December 1997	742,323	50,000
	Depreciation and Amortisation		
	At 1st January 1997	273,628	_
	Charge for the year	32,453	_
	On disposals	(1,078)	-
	At 31st December 1997	305,003	
	Net Book Value		=======================================
	At 31st December 1997	437,320	50,000
	At 31st December 1996	365,458	50,000
3	Loans	1997 £	1996 £
	Amounts repayable:		
	In one year or less, or on demand Between two and five years	263,293	208,529
		78,000	78,000
		341,293	286,529
4	Share Capital	1997 £	1996 £
	Authorised		
	Equity Shares		
	50,000 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	50,000	50,000
		50,000	50,000
	Allotted		
	Equity Shares		
	- Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1.00 each	50,000	50,000