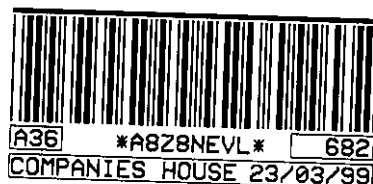


E H THOMPSON AND SON (LONDON) LIMITED
ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1998



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 2 to 4 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 1998.

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 2 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 sections 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 Ratnage Strevens & Hills
Registered Auditors
Doric House
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15th March 1999

Clay Ratnage Strevens & Hills

E H THOMPSON AND SON (LONDON) LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1998

	Notes	1998	1997
		£	£
Fixed Assets	2		
Tangible fixed assets		467,002	437,320
Fixed asset investments		50,000	50,000
		<u>517,002</u>	<u>487,320</u>
Current Assets			
Stock and work in progress	305,583	288,253	
Debtors	390,092	400,265	
Cash at bank and in hand	941	1,436	
		<u>696,616</u>	<u>689,954</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year		<u>495,856</u>	<u>476,736</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>200,760</u>	<u>213,218</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		<u>717,762</u>	<u>700,538</u>
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More Than One Year			
		<u>138,513</u>	<u>142,733</u>
		<u>579,249</u>	<u>557,805</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Share capital	4	50,000	50,000
Revaluation reserve		211,176	211,176
Profit and loss account		318,073	296,629
Shareholders' Funds		<u>579,249</u>	<u>557,805</u>

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

These accounts were approved by the board on 15th March 1999 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 1998

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The Accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention except that certain freehold properties are shown at their revalued amounts.

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%
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 1998

2 Fixed Assets

	Tangible Fixed Assets	Fixed Asset Investments
	£	£
Cost		
At 1st January 1998	742,323	50,000
Additions	80,930	-
Disposals	(13,853)	-
At 31st December 1998	809,400	50,000
Depreciation and Amortisation		
At 1st January 1998	305,003	-
Charge for the year	43,537	-
On disposals	(6,142)	-
At 31st December 1998	342,398	-
Net Book Value		
At 31st December 1998	467,002	50,000
<i>At 31st December 1997</i>	<i>437,320</i>	<i>50,000</i>

3 Loans

	1998 £	1997 £
Amounts repayable:		
In one year or less, or on demand	190,494	176,771
Between two and five years	84,000	78,000
	274,494	254,771

4 Share Capital

	1998 £	1997 £
Authorised		
Equity Shares		
50,000 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	50,000	50,000
Allotted		
Equity Shares		
- Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1.00 each	50,000	50,000