WICKENDEN & SON LIMITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

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Company Number: 415104

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors

J R Lodge

W D Lodge

Secretary

I J Goff

Business Address and

Registered Office

Ludlow House

Ludlow Road

Feltham Middlesex TW13 7JF

Auditors

Morley & Scott

Winterton House Nixey Close Slough Berkshire

SL1 1ND

Registrars

Morley & Scott Corporate Services

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Winchester Hampshire SO23 9EE

Registered Number

415104

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report and accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2000.

Review of Business

The company was non trading throughout the financial year.

Directors

Interest in Shares

The directors who served during the year and their respective interests in the shares of the company, as disclosed in the company's register of directors' share interests, were as stated below:-

£1 Ordinary Shares Number held at 31.12.2000 1.1.2000

W D Lodge J R Lodge

The above directors are also directors of Lodge Bros (Funerals) Limited the company's ultimate holding company. Particulars of the directors interests in the shares of that company are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

Auditors

The auditors, Morley & Scott, have signified their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them in accordance with Section 385 (1) Companies Act 1985 will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By Order of the Board

Secretary

21 May 2001

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 statement of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company 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;
- 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 are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO

THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

WICKENDEN & SON LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 7 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. Our responsibilities as independent auditors are established 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 director's 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 director's remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

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 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 2000 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. A

Morley & Scott

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

Winterton House

Nixey Close

Slough

Berkshire SL1 1ND

Date: 25 May 2001

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

| | Notes | <u>2000</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Current Assets | | | |
| Debtors | (2) | £ 4,401 | £ 4,401 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Capital and Reserves | | • | |
| Called up share capital | (3) | £ 4,401 | £ 4,401 |
| (Equity interest) | | | |

Approved by the board ~ 21 May 200 (

J R Lodge Chairman

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1 Accounting Policy

Basis of accounting

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

| 2 | Debtors | <u>2000</u> | <u>1999</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Amount due from parent undertaking | £ 4,401 | £ 4,401 |
| | | | |
| 3 | Share Capital | | |
| | Authorised | | |
| | 5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each | £5,000 | £5,000 |
| | | | |
| | Allotted, Issued and fully paid | | |
| | 4,401 ordinary shares of £1 each | £4,401 | £4,401 |
| | | | |

4 Ultimate Holding Company

In the opinion of the directors the ultimate holding company is Lodge Bros (Funerals) Limited, a company incorporated in England.

5 Related Party Transactions

There is a balance of £4,401 due from the parent undertaking at 31 December 2000.