

Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 1997

for

Downland Bedding Company Limited



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**Downland Bedding Company Limited**

**Company Information**  
**for the Year Ended 30 April 1997**

**DIRECTORS:** G.R. Smith  
G.O. Smith

**SECRETARY:** G.R. SMITH

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 23 Blackstock Street  
LIVERPOOL  
L3 6ER

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 419883 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** Thornton Springer  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
67 Westow Street  
Upper Norwood  
London, SE19 3RW

**Downland Bedding Company Limited**

**Report of the Auditors to**

**Downland Bedding Company Limited**

**Under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to seven, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 April 1997 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

**Basis of opinion**

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements 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 full financial statements.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to seven are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

**Other information**

On 29 May 1998 we reported, as auditors to the shareholders of the company on the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 1997 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985, and our report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages four to ten which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page six.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

As described on page two the company's 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, except that the scope of our work was limited as explained below.

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 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. However, we were not able to attend the year end stock take or carry out our normal audit procedures on the stock valuation and we have therefore relied upon the stock valuation produced by the directors.

In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

**Downland Bedding Company Limited**

**Report of the Auditors to**

**Downland Bedding Company Limited**

**Under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985**

**QUALIFIED OPINION ARISING FROM LIMITATION OF AUDIT SCOPE**

Except for any adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning the stock valuation, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 April 1997 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

Thornton Springer  
Chartered Accountants  
Registered Auditors  
67 Westow Street  
Upper Norwood  
London, SE19 3RW

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thornton Springer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'T' and 'S'.

Dated: 29 May 1998

**Downland Bedding Company Limited**

**Abbreviated Balance Sheet**

**30 April 1997**

		30.4.97		30.4.96	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
Tangible assets	2		156,990		170,380
Investments	3		33,403		33,403
			<u>190,393</u>		<u>203,783</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Stocks		140,656		165,966	
Debtors		331,001		337,044	
Cash at bank and in hand		28,001		1,964	
		<u>499,658</u>		<u>504,974</u>	
<b>CREDITORS:</b> Amounts falling due within one year	4	393,669		427,710	
		<u>105,989</u>		<u>77,264</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>			296,382		281,047
<b>CREDITORS:</b> Amounts falling due after more than one year	4		123,447		96,050
			<u>£172,935</u>		<u>£184,997</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES:</b>					
Called up share capital	5		5,000		5,000
Profit and loss account			167,935		179,997
			<u>£172,935</u>		<u>£184,997</u>
Shareholders' funds			<u>£172,935</u>		<u>£184,997</u>

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

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**



G.R. Smith - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 29 May 1998

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **Downland Bedding Company Limited**

### **Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements** **for the Year Ended 30 April 1997**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

##### **Turnover**

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Land and buildings	- 5% on cost
Plant and machinery etc	- 15% on cost, 25% on cost and 20% on reducing balance

##### **Stocks**

Stock and work in progress is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the cost of direct materials plus attributable overheads based on a normal level of activity. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

##### **Deferred taxation**

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

##### **Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

##### **Government grants**

Grants relating to fixed assets are released to trading profits over the expected useful lives of the particular assets to which they relate.

##### **Group accounts**

The company is not required to prepare group accounts because it qualifies for exemption conferred by S.248 Companies Act 1985.

**Downland Bedding Company Limited**

**Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements**  
**for the Year Ended 30 April 1997**

**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Total
	£
<b>COST:</b>	
At 1 May 1996	665,374
Additions	2,138
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At 30 April 1997	667,512
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<b>DEPRECIATION:</b>	
At 1 May 1996	494,995
Charge for year	15,527
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At 30 April 1997	510,522
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE:</b>	
At 30 April 1997	156,990
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At 30 April 1996	170,380
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**3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	£
<b>COST:</b>	
At 1 May 1996 and 30 April 1997	41,415
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<b>PROVISIONS:</b>	
At 1 May 1996 and 30 April 1997	8,012
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE:</b>	
At 30 April 1997	33,403
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At 30 April 1996	33,403
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The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of unlisted companies include the following:

**The Scott Feather Company Limited**  
Nature of business: Processing of feather

	%
	holding
Class of shares:	100.00
Ordinary	
	30.4.97
	30.4.96
	£
Aggregate capital and reserves	4,589
Loss for the year	(2,981)
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**4. CREDITORS**

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	30.4.97	30.4.96
	£	£
Bank overdrafts	-	18,941
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**5. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	30.4.97	30.4.96
			£	£
5,000	Ordinary	£1	5,000	5,000
			<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

Included within turnover are sales amounting to £510,219 to Marchioness Limited, a company owned by the directors.