THE NORTH EASTERN IRON REFINING COMPANY **LIMITED**

ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 2000

TOGETHER WITH DIRECTORS' AND AUDITORS' REPORTS

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THE NORTH EASTERN IRON REFINING COMPANY LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

The directors present their report on the affairs of the Company, together with the accounts and auditors' report for the year ended 31 December 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS REVIEW:

The Company has not traded during the year

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS:

The directors who served during the year were -

Mr A Palmer (resigned 31/5/00) Mr C D Scarrott

The directors do not have any interests required to be disclosed under Schedule 7 of the Companies Act 1985.

AUDITORS:

The directors will place a resolution before the Annual General Meeting not to appoint auditors for the ensuing year, in accordance with Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Capponfield Works Bilston West Midlands WV14 0RJ

> Mrs M Tripp Secretary

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 2000

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with UK accounting standards.

b) Tangible fixed assets

The company has not traded during the year and accordingly no profit and loss account is included within these accounts.

2. DEBTORS

The debtor of £472,793 is receivable from the parent company (Note 4). This amount is due within one year.

3. CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2000	1999
Authorised:		
37,104 Ordinary shares of £1 each 20,000 10% redeemable preference	£37,104	£37,104
shares of £1 each	£20,000	£20,000
Allotted, called-up and fully-paid:		
37,104 ordinary shares of £1 each	£37,104	£37,104

4. PARENT AND ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY:

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Metabrasive Limited, a Company incorporated in the UK. The ultimate parent company is Compagnie Générale d'Industrie et de Participations, 89 rue Taitbout, 75009, Paris, France