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DONVALE HOLDINGS LIMITED

REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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Secretary W M Towning

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2001.

#### Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of investment and the provision of management services. The company's trading subsidiaries are engaged in the maufacture of engineers tools.

The directors regard the development of the business during the year and the year end financial position to be satisfactory.

#### Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

Interim ordinary dividends were paid amounting to £302,400. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

### **Future developments**

The directors do not foresee any significant change in the company's position during the coming year.

#### **Directors**

The following directors have held office since 1 October 2000:

W N Edwards

J R Edwards

P D Edwards

D L Fletcher

B E Bell

In accordance with the company's Articles of Association, W N Edwards and D L Fletcher retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

#### **Directors' interests**

The directors' interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary shares of £ 1 each		
	30 September 2001	1 October 2000	
W N Edwards	-	-	
J R Edwards	112,000	112,000	
P D Edwards	112,000	112,000	
D L Fletcher	_	-	
B E Bell	-	-	

D L Fletcher and B E Bell have a non beneficial interest in 1,904,000 shares of the company in their capacity as trustees of family settlements.

#### Charitable contributions

During the year the company and its subsidiaries made charitable donations totalling £1,240 (2000 : £1,180).

#### **Auditors**

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Barber Harrison & Platt be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

### Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state 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.

By order of the board

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W M Towning

Secretary

4 April 2002

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF DONVALE HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of DONVALE HOLDINGS LIMITED on pages 4 to 16 for the year ended 30 September 2001. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and the accounting policies set out herein.

#### Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

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 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' 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 directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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.

Qualified opinion arising from omission of information required by Financial Reporting Standard No. 17 As explained in note 12, the financial statements do not comply with the transitional arrangements of FRS 17 - 'Retirement Benefits' which require that various disclosures are made this year.

Except for the failure to provide the information required by FRS 17, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 30 September 2001 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Barber Harrison & Platt

4 April 2002

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

2 Rutland Park SHEFFIELD S10 2PD

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
Turnover	2	258,000	258,000
Administrative expenses		(425,989)	(381,304)
Operating loss	3	(167,989)	(123,304)
Investment income Other interest receivable and similar	4	(9,118)	1,354,851
income		36,446	49,283
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(140,661)	1,280,830
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	5	34,355	(123,173)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities			
after taxation		(106,306)	1,157,657
Dividends	6	(302,400)	(443,520)
Retained (loss)/profit for the year	14	(408,706)	714,137

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

	2001 £	2000 £
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	(106,306)	1,157,657
Unrealised (deficit)/surplus on investments	(3,403,934)	690,276
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	(3,510,240)	1,847,933
Note of historical cost profits and losses		
	2001 £	2000 £
Reported (loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(140,661)	1,280,830
Realisation of investments revaluation gains of previous years	242,447	41,204
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	101,786	1,322,034
Historical cost (loss)/profit for the year retained after taxation, extraordinary items and dividends	(166,259)	755,341

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

		2	001	20	000
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		104,972		147,016
Investments	8		13,350,267		17,497,933
			13,455,239		17,644,949
Current assets					
Debtors	9	75,250		182,840	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,006,200		695,665	
		1,081,450		878,505	
Creditors: amounts falling due within		,,		<i>(</i> 2 2	
one year	10	(74,737)		(248,862)	
Net current assets			1,006,713		629,643
Total assets less current liabilities			14,461,952		18,274,592
Provisions for liabilities and charges	11		(75,000)		(75,000)
			14,386,952		18,199,592
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	13		2,240,000		2,240,000
Revaluation reserve	14		(1,422,424)		2,223,957
Profit and loss account	14		13,569,376		13,735,635
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	s 15		14,386,952		18,199,592

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 4 April 2002

W N Edwards

Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

		2001 £		2000 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		32,282		(185,420)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest received	41,484		54,030	
Dividends received	330,435		595, <b>05</b> 7	
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	<del></del>	371,919		649,087
Taxation		(124,644)		(7,323)
Capital expenditure and financial investment				
Loans to subsidiary undertakings	(112,000)		(651,000)	
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(57,145)		(96,105)	
Payments to acquire investments	(3,623,160)		(3,025,572)	
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	31,702		16,829	
Receipts from sales of investments	4,134,301		3,050,717	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) for capital expenditure		373,698		(705,131)
Acquisitions and disposals Purchase of subsidiary undertaking including expenses			(1,037,127)	
Net cash outflow for acquisitions and disposals		-		(1,037,127)
Equity dividends paid		(342,720)		(443,520)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before management of liquid resources and financing		310,535		(1,729,434)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year		310,535		(1,729,434)

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

1	Reconciliation of operating loss to net o	cash inflow/(outflow)	from	2001	2000
	•			£	£
	Operating loss			(167,989)	(123,304)
	Depreciation of tangible assets			67,48 <b>7</b>	82,611
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors (Decrease)/Increase in creditors within one	a vaar		107,590 (20,306)	(148,943) 4,216
	Group relief	e year		45,500	4,210
	Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operatin	g activities		32,282	(185,420)
2	Analysis of net funds	1 October 2000	Cash flow	Other non- cash changes	30 September 2001
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:				
	Cash at bank and in hand	695,665	310,535		1,006,200
	Net funds	695,665	310,535	<u>.</u>	1,006,200
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to mov	ement in net funds		2001	2000
Ū	recommended of fice dash now to mov	ement in net funds		£	£
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year			310,535	(1,729,434)
	Movement in net funds in the year			310,535	(1,729,434)
	Opening net funds			695,665	2,425,099
	Closing net funds			1,006,200	695,665

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of investments.

#### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for services net of VAT.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & office equipment

10% - 33% straight line

Motor vehicles

20% straight line

#### 1.4 Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### 1.5 Investments

Listed investments are valued at middle market prices. Shares in subsidiary companies are revalued to take account of the net asset values attributable to the shareholdings at the balance sheet date.

#### 1.6 Pensions

Defined Benefit Scheme

Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives with the company. Variations from regular cost which are identified as a result of actuarial valuations, are amortised over the average remaining working lives of employees. Differences between the amounts funded and the amounts charged to the profit and loss account are treated as either provisions or prepayments in the balance sheet.

#### 1.7 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

#### 1.8 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a medium-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

#### 2 Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

3	Operating loss	2001	2000
	Operating loss is stated ofter charging:	£	£
	Operating loss is stated after charging:  Depreciation of tangible assets	67,487	82,611
	Operating lease rentals	3,306	62,611
	Auditors' remuneration	11,000	16,500
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4	Investment income	2001	2000
		£	£
	Income from listed investments	269,919	265,559
	(Loss)/profit on disposal of listed investments	(385, <b>523</b> )	805,047
	Fund managers charges	(54, <b>44</b> 6)	(60,755)
	Income from shares in group undertakings	160,932	345,000
		(9,118)	1,354,851
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5	Taxation	2001	2000
	Domestic current year taxation	£	£
	U.K. corporation tax	11,025	114,103
	Adjustment for prior years	120	3,070
	Receipt in respect of group relief	(45,500)	3,010
	Deferred taxation	(40,000)	6,000
		(34,355)	123,173
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6	Dividends	2001	2000
		£	£
	Ordinary interim paid 2 January 2001	100,800	100,800
	Ordinary interim paid 9 April 2001	100,800	100,800
	Ordinary interim paid 2 July 2001	50, <b>400</b>	100,800
	Ordinary interim paid 28 September 2001	50,400	100,800
	Ordinary final proposed	<u>-</u>	40,320
		302,400	443,520
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

7	Tangible fixed exects			
ľ	Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings & office equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost or valuation			
	At 1 October 2000	346,434	143,945	490,379
	Additions	4,928	52,217	57,145
	Disposals	-	(61,686)	(61,686)
	At 30 September 2001	351,362	134,476	485,838
	Depreciation		<u></u> _	
	At 1 October 2000	300,118	43,245	343,363
	On disposals	-	(29,984)	(29,984)
	Charge for the year	45,630	21,857	67,487
	At 30 September 2001	345,748	35,118	380,866
	Net book value			<del></del>
	At 30 September 2001	5,614	99, <b>358</b>	104,972
	At 30 September 2000	46,316	100,700	147,016

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

#### 8 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments ા	Shares in subsidiary Indertakings	Loans to subsidiary undertakings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
At 1 October 2000	14,345,483	2,426,450	726,000	17,497,933
Dividend	-	(226,993)	267,925	40,932
Additions	3,623,160	-	112,000	3,735,160
Revaluation	(3,420,670)	16,736	-	(3,403,934)
Disposals	(4,519,824)	-	-	
At 30 September 2001	10,028,149	2,216,193	1,105,925	13,350,267
Historical cost	12,225,013	854,411	1,105,925	14,185,349

Should the listed investments be sold at their valuation, a tax charge estimated at £- (2000 - £375,000) would arise.

### Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or	Shares held	
	incorporation	Class	%
Subsidiary undertakings			
G & J Hall Limited	England	Ordinary	100
Mifas Knife and Tool Company Limited	England	Ordinary	100
		A Ordinary	100
		Redeemable	100

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

Capital	and	Profit for the
rese	rves	year
G & J Hall Limited 2,226,	050	213,176
Mifas Knife and Tool Company Limited 1,	120	(35,508)

The following subsidiaries have not traded during the year and remain dormant:-

Henry Eadon & Sons Limited Kenyon Brothers & Co Limited L N Ledingham & Co. Limited Donvale Steels Limited

Shares in these subsidiaries are valued at £578,000 (historical cost £104,000) and this amount is balanced by an equal sum due to the subsidiaries.

All companies are registered in England and are wholly owned.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

9	Debtors			2001	2000
				£	£
	Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings			45,500	74,039
	Other debtors			-	68,205
	Prepayments and accrued income			29,750	40,596
				75,250	182,840
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			2001	2000
10	Creditors, amounts failing due within one year			£	£
	Trade creditors			6, <b>169</b>	15,117
	Corporation tax			10,749	124,248
	Other taxes and social security costs			13,471	9,649
	Accruals and deferred income			44,348	59,528
	Proposed dividend			-	40,320
				74,737	248,862
11	Provisions for liabilities and charges				
				2001 £	2000 £
				~	•
	Pension provision			75,000	75,000
	Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements a	and the	e amounts not pro	ovided are as fo	ollows:
			Not provided		Provided
		2001	2000	2001	2000
		£	£	£	£
	Other timing differences	-	375,000	-	-

The potential liability to deferred taxation arising on the revaluation of listed investments is estimated at nil (2000 - £375,000).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

#### 12 Pension costs

The company operates a pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay for two of its directors. The group also operated a similar scheme for staff employees up to 31 July 1999 but this is now a closed fund. The assets of the two schemes are held separately from those of the company, being invested with an insurance company. Regular funding reviews are carried out by a qualified actuary employed by the insurance company and contribution rates are adjusted accordingly.

The employer's contribution rate for the directors scheme is calculated using the standard method known as the Projected Unit Method modified by the use of a control period as described in the actuarial guideline GN26: "Pension Fund Terminology" published jointly by the Faculty and Institute of Actuaries.

The pension scheme charge for the year in respect of these schemes was £9,795 (2000 : £18,771). A provision of £75,000 (2000 : £75,000) is included in provisions for liabilities and charges.

The latest valuation of the directors scheme was carried out as at 1 August 1998. In preparing this valuation it was assumed that the real rate of return on investments over salary growth is 1.5% per annum compound. The value of the scheme assets at the valuation date was £182,000 representing 91% of the members accrued benefits after allowing for expected future increases in earnings.

The latest actuarial valuation of the group staff scheme was carried out as at 31 August 1999. In preparing this valuation it was assumed that the real rate of return on investments over the rate of revaluation on the accrued benefits is 3.5% compound. The value of the schemes assets at the valuation date was £1,987,000 representing 124% of the members preserved benefits.

Financial Reporting Standard 17 - Retirement Benefits was issued in the year. This standard includes transitional arrangements which require that various disclosures are made this year. The directors have carefully considered the provisions of the Standard. As described above, the company is the sponsoring employer of two defined benefit schemes, one for staff and one for directors. The former is a closed scheme and it is the intention of the trustees that this scheme is wound up in the foreseeable future. The latter scheme has two active members, both of whom are directors of the company. The company takes regular actuarial advice concerning the financial status of the schemes and required contribution levels. The most recent actuarial advice recieved is that both schemes are adequately funded and have sufficient assets to meet liabilities on a MFR basis. The company's policy is to act on actuarial advice received and to meet funding deficits if and when these arise. In view of this and the status of the schemes, the directors consider that there would be no material benefit in complying with FRS 17 for this and future accounting periods.

The company also participates in a group personal pension plan which is in the nature of a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £4,412 (2000 - £2,651).

13	Share capital	2001	2000
	A vide a vide and	£	£
	Authorised		
	2,240,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	2,240,000	2,240,000
		<del></del>	<del></del>
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	2,240,000 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	2,240,000	2,240,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

## 14 Statement of movements on reserves

		Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account £
	Balance at 1 October 2000	2,223,957	
	Retained loss for the year	-	(408,706)
	Transfer from revaluation reserve to profit and loss account	(242,447)	242,447
	Revaluation during the year	(3,403,934)	-
	Balance at 30 September 2001	(1,422,424)	13,569,376
15	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2001 £	2000 £
	(Loss)/Profit for the financial year	(106,306)	1,157,657
	Dividends	(302,400)	(443,520)
		(408,706)	714,137
	Other recognised gains and losses	(3,403,934)	•
	Net (depletion in)/addition to shareholders' funds	(3,812,640	1,404,413
	Opening shareholders' funds	18,199,592	
	Closing shareholders' funds	14,386,952	18,199,592
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### 16 Financial commitments

At 30 September 2001 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

		2001 £	2000 £
	Expiry date:		
	Between two and five years	4,408	-
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17	Directors' emoluments	2001	2000
		£	£
	Emoluments for qualifying services	195,366	169,939
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The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined benefit schemes amounted to 2 (2000 - 2).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2001

#### 18 Employees

### **Number of employees**

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was:

year was:	2001 Number	2000 Number
	4	4
Employment costs		
	£	٤
Wages and salaries	178,382	147,173
Social security costs	25,084	22,293
Other pension costs	14,206	21,422
	217,672	190,888
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#### 19 Control

The company is controlled by D L Fletcher, B E Bell and J E Moore in their capacity as trustees of family settlements.

### 20 Related party transactions

During the year the company provided management services to its trading subsidiaries G & J Hall Limited and Mifas Knife and Tool Company Limited. The charge made for these services totalled £258,000.

Details of amounts due from related parties is given in notes 8 and 9 to the financial statements.