

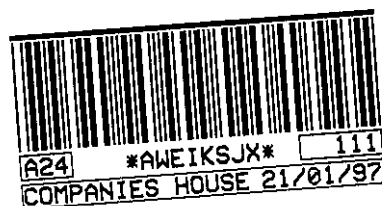
REGISTERED NUMBER: 529378 (England and Wales)

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 9 FEBRUARY 1996

FOR

GILBERT AND COLES (PLYMOUTH) LIMITED



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GILBERT AND COLES (PLYMOUTH) LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION
for the Year Ended 9 February 1996

DIRECTORS:

Mr. R S Gilbert
Mrs F P Gilbert

SECRETARY:

Mrs F. P. Gilbert

REGISTERED OFFICE:

295 Fort Austin Avenue
Eggbuckland
Plymouth
Devon

REGISTERED NUMBER:

529378 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

GEORGE STRINGER
REGISTERED AUDITOR
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
33 Mutley Plain
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PL4 6JG

GILBERT AND COLES (PLYMOUTH) LIMITED

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO
GILBERT AND COLES (PLYMOUTH) LIMITED
PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to five together with the full financial statements of Gilbert and Coles (Plymouth) Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 9 February 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements 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 four and whether the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does 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 under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 9 February 1996, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to five have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 16/1/97 we reported, as auditors of Gilbert and Coles (Plymouth) Limited, to the shareholders on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 9 February 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages one to nine which have been prepared 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. 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 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.

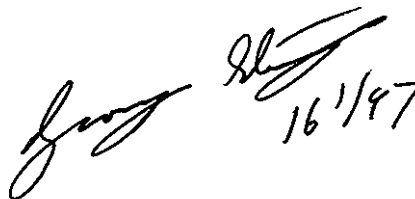
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Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 9 February 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies."

GEORGE STRINGER
REGISTERED AUDITOR
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
33 Mutley Plain
Plymouth
PL4 6JG


16/1/97

Dated:


GILBERT AND COLES (PLYMOUTH) LIMITED**ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET**
9 February 1996

		9.2.96		9.2.95	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	2		10,488		10,122
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Stocks		-		3,100	
Debtors		2,653		1,392	
Cash at bank		9,204		6,912	
		11,857		11,404	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		1,990		1,854	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			9,867		9,550
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			£20,355		£19,672
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	3		4,500		4,500
Profit and loss account			15,855		15,172
Shareholders' funds			£20,355		£19,672

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that, in the opinion of the directors, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company.

In preparing the full financial statements, the directors have taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. The directors have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions because it meets the qualifying conditions for small companies as stated in Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


- DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on ..16/1/97.....

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 9 February 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

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	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery etc	- 10% on cost

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.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Total
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COST:	
At 10 February 1995	13,668
Additions	565
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At 9 February 1996	14,233
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DEPRECIATION:	
At 10 February 1995	3,546
Charge for year	199
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At 9 February 1996	3,745
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NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 9 February 1996	10,488
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At 9 February 1995	10,122
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3. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	9.2.96 £	9.2.95 £
4,500	Ordinary	£1	4,500	4,500
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