RATHBONE BROS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994



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COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors:

A Green

D Rees

Secretary:

A Green

Registered Office:

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Auditors:

John Fairhurst & Co Chartered Accountants Douglas Bank House

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Bankers:

National Westminster Bank PLC Warrington Bridge Street Branch

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Warrington WA1 2HA

Solicitors:

Platt & Fishwick The Old Bank 47 King Street

Wigan WN1 1DB

Alsop Wilkinson 11 St James's Square

Manchester

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 May 1994.

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 state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of manufacture and distribution of bread and related products.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year, financial position of the company, and recommended transfer to reserves are as shown in the annexed financial standards.

The company recorded an operating profit before interest and exceptional items of £462,352 compared to £852,952 last year, on sales which were up year on year by 3.4% at £23.2 million. The deterioration in performance was owing to downward pressure on margins under strong competitive market conditions.

On 3 June 1994, a wholly owned subsidiary - Rathbone Bros (Retail) Ltd was placed into Administrative Receivership. Under a cross guarantee structure in force with National Westminster Bank, Rathbone Bros Ltd is liable for any shortfall in the banks position. A total of £1.2m has been provided to cover potential exposures from Rathbone Bros (Retail) Ltd.

The directors anticipate a modest profit for 1994/95 given that the year started against a backdrop of falling sales and the impact caused by Retail's receivership. The year will be one of establishing a renewed base from which to progress in 1995/96.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Following the sale to Whelco Ltd of the Rathbone family shareholding interests in Rathbone Bros (Holdings) Ltd, the parent company of Rathbone Bros 1td, Mr T A Rathbone resigned as director of the company on 23 December 1994. Further, the Inn Club of Lancashire Ltd was released from the cross guarantee structure with National Westminster Bank

DIVIDEND

The directors do not recommend that a dividend be paid for the year (1993 - £Nil) and the retained loss of £1,471,553 will be transferred to reserves.

DIRECTORS

The directors in office during the year were as follows:

T A Rathbone - (resigned 23.12.94)

Mrs L W Rathbone - (resigned 21.7.94)

I F Campbell - (resigned 26.4.94)

P Yeates - (resigned 19.11.93)

J A Bridson - (resigned 9.6.94)

Mrs A P Allen - (appointed 24.1.94, resigned 1.7.94)

A Green - (appointed 25.7.94)

D Rees - (appointed 25.7.94)

The directors have no interests in the issued share capital. The interests of the directors in the shares of the holding company are disclosed in the financial statements of Rathbone Bros (Holdings) Limited.

In accordance with the articles of association, Mr D Rees and Mr A Green will retire at the forthcoming annual general meeting, and being eligible, will stand for reelection.

FIXED ASSETS

Details of the changes in tangible fixed assets are set out in the notes to the annexed financial statements.

The directors have considered the carrying values of the freehold, long leasehold and short leasehold properties of 31 May 1994 and are of the opinion that permanent diminutions in value exist. Accordingly appropriate provisions have been made in these financial statements.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

EMPLOYEES

The company's policy is, whenever practicable, to encourage and assist the employment of disabled people, having regard to the nature of the work and their disability. Regular meetings are held involving directors, managers and supervisory staff to convey information about the business. Frequent meetings are also held with representatives of recognised trade unions.

AUDITORS

The auditors, John Fairhurst & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act, 1985.

A Green - Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

RATHBONE BROS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 19 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain tangible fixed assets and the accounting policies set out in note 1.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 2 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 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 May 1994 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

John Fairhursb & Co.

JOHN FAIRHURST AND CO Registered Auditor Chartered Accountants Wigan Lane Wigan WN1 2TB

Date: 30 March 1995

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

		1994	1993
	Notes	£	As restated £
TURNOVER		23,172,909	22,416,915
Cost of Sales		(15,788,113)	(14,181,145)
GROSS PROFIT		7,384,796	8,235,770
Distribution Costs		(3,213,922)	(3,159,511)
Administrative Expenses		(3,755,293)	(4,234,263)
Other Operating Income		46,771	10,956
OPERATING PROFIT	2	462,352	852,952
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets Provision for Losses on Properties Provision for Losses on Disposal of Subsidiary Company	3	43,350 (67,694) (1,677,197)	91,344 (137,128)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST Other Interest Receivable and Similar Income	4	(1,239,189)	(716,900) 90,628 23,913
Interest Payable	5	(236,317)	(326,393)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(1,471,553)	(212,212)
Tax on Loss on Ordinary Activities	8	_	469,709
RETAINED (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(1,471,553)	257,497
Retained Profit brought forward		3,224,135	2,966,638
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		1,752,582	3,224,135

The notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

	1994	1993
	£	£
(Loss)/Profit for the financial year	(1,471,553)	257,497
Permanent Diminutions in Value of Properties	(74,555)	- .
Realised Deficit on Disposals of Properties	<u>-</u>	(87,182)
Total Recognised Gains and Losses relating	-	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
to the year	(1,546,108)	170,315

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 1994

		19	994	1	993
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Assets Investments	9 10		6,219,900 74,745		6,420,204 74,745
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at Bank and In Hand	11 12	609,927 2,935,834 437	6,294,645	647,423 4,485,312 1,789	6,494,949
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	3,546,198		5,134,524	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(1,948,659)		(298,367)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			4,345,986		6,196,582
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	•	(1,772,965)	,	(1,974,731)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	16			• • • •	(102,722) 4,119,129
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called Up Share Capital Revaluation Reserve Profit and Loss Account	17 18		50,000 770,439 1,752,582		50,000 844,994 3,224,135
Shareholders' Funds	19		2,573,021	:	4,119,129

DIRECTOR

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain tangible fixed assets and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The financial statements include the results of the company's activities described in the directors' report all of which are continuing.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that the parent company produces consolidated financial statements incorporating a consolidated cash flow statement.

Group Financial Statements

The company has not prepared group financial statements as it is exempt from the requirement to do so by section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 as it is a subsidiary of Rathbone Bros (Holdings) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales, and is included in the consolidated financial statements of that company.

Turnover

Turnover represents sales of goods and services net of discounts and value added tax, and arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

Tangible Fixed Assets

It is the policy of the company to maintain its properties in a sound state of repair and to extend and improve selected properties from time to time. The directors, therefore, consider that given due regard to the lives of the properties are so long, and their residual values, their depreciation is not significant. Accordingly, no depreciation is provided on freehold and long leasehold properties. Any permanent diminution in value of such properties is charged to the profit and loss account as appropriate.

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

Short Leasehold Property Plant and Machinery Fixtures and Fittings Motor Vehicles

5% on reducing balance

20% on reducing balance15% on reducing balance

- 25% on reducing balance

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value. Current asset investments are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Government Grants

Grants towards capital expenditure are released to the profit and loss account over the expected useful lives of the assets to which they relate. Grants towards revenue expenditure are released to the profit and loss account as the related expenditure is incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont)

Deferred Taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method to take account of timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounting purposes except to the extent that the directors consider that a liability to taxation is unlikely to crystallise.

Leased Assets

Assets acquired under finance leases are included in tangible fixed assets and depreciated in accordance with the company's normal policy. The capital element of future lease rentals is included in creditors and the finance element is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

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

Pension Costs

The company operates two schemes, a defined benefit scheme and a defined contribution scheme. Company pension contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they are incurred.

The last formal actuarial valuation of the defined benefit scheme was carried out at 1 December 1993. At that date on an on-going basis the assets of the scheme were sufficient to cover its liabilities, showing a funding level of 131%.

2 OPERATING PROFIT

The Operating Profit is stated after charging/(crediting):-

	<u>1994</u>	1993
Exceptional Costs:	£	£
Redundancy and Employment Termination Costs Computer Consultancy	5,051	47,032
Operating Lease Rentals:	-	85,691
Plant and Machinery Motor Vehicles Computer Equipment Depreciation Auditors' Remuneration - audit work - non audit work Government Grant Release	31,994 301,282 75,886 537,503 17,500 9,700 (2,656)	45,318 186,137 73,244 543,425 20,000 12,209 (10,956)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

3	EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS	1994 £	1993
	Provision for losses on sale and closure of: Leigh Street Factory Shop Properties	- 67,694	88,608
			48,520
	Gain on Sale of Land and Buildings Profit on Sale of Other Tangible Fixed Assets	67,694 (29,364) (13,986)	137,128 (87,182) (4,162)
	Provision for losses re subsidiary, Rathbone Bros (Retail) Ltd (see note 22):	24,344	45,784
	Permanent diminution in value of investment Amounts owed written off Shortfall under bank cross guarantee	677,197 1,000,000	716,900 - -
		1,701,541	762,684
4	OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
		1994	1993
		£	£
	Investment Income Rents Receivable Profit on Sale of Quoted Investments	3,953	1,927 3,206 18,780
		3,953	23,913
5	INTEREST PAYABLE	1994	1993
		£	£
	Interest Payable on bank loans and overdrafts and other loans repayable		
	within five years Interest Payable on bank loans repayable partly after five years	39,227	99,499
	Finance Lease and Hire Purchase Interest	143,398 53.692	212,130 14,764
		236,317	326,393
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

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6	EMPLOYEES The average weekly number of employees, including directors, during the year	1994	1993
	was as follows:-	No	
	Production		No
	Sales and Distribution	201	204
	Administration	162	165
		<u>37</u>	<u>42</u>
		400	411
			==
	Staff Costs, including directors, were as follows:-		
	Wages and Salaries	£	£
	National Insurance	4,972,037	5,081,899
	Other Pension, Healthcare and	493,651	507,672
	Life Assurance Costs	_	
	Tite Assurance Costs	<u> 82,908 </u>	<u> 152.933</u>
	Podundan av. av. 1 D. 1	5,548,596	5,742,504
	Redundancy and Employment Termination Costs	5.051	<u>47.032</u>
		5,553,647	5,789,536
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	Other Pension, Healthcare and Life Assurance Costs includes the following in respect of pension costs:		
	Defined Benefit Scheme		
		24,296	67,217
	Defined Contribution Scheme	<u>46.379</u>	_51.067
		70,675	118,284
7	DINEGRADA		
7	DIRECTORS	1994	1993
	n.	£	£
	Directors' Emoluments were:-		•
	Management Remuneration	58,492	40,353
	Pension Costs	8.104	_3,700
		66,596	44,053
			. 20
	The emoluments of the chairman, excluding pension (1993 - £Nil). The emoluments of the highest repension contributions, were £36,630 (1993 - £40 emoluments, excluding pension contributions, ferranges:-	Daid director,	excluding
		1994	1993
	\$0 to 8.5.000	No	No
	£0 to £ 5,000	3	3
	£20,001 to £25,000	Ĭ	_
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8	TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	1994 £	1993 £
	Based on the results for the year:-	~	L
	Deferred Taxation	_	(108 600)
-	Adjustment to Prior Year Corporation Tax		(498,600)
-	Charge	_	20 001
			<u>28.891</u>
			(469,709)
	There is no Corporation Tax liability on the rest the surrender of losses from group companies.	sults for the y	ear, due to

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

LAND AND BUILDINGS

	Freehold Property £	Long Leasehold Property £	Short Leasehold Property £
COST OR VALUATION			
As at 30 May 1993	2,134,187	398,395	90,000
Additions	3,945	550,555	90,000
Disposals	(186,507)		_
Intergroup Transfers	·	-	_
Permanent Diminutions in Value	(15,005)	(45,000)	(90,000)
As at 31 May 1994	1,936,620	353,395	-
			
DEPRECIATION			
As at 30 May 1993			
Charge for Year	_	-	8,686
Disposals	-	-	441
Intergroup Transfers	-	-	**
Permanent Diminutions in Value	-	-	***
Printegroup in value	-	-	(9,127)
As at 31 May 1994			
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NET BOOK VALUES			
As at 31 May 1994	1,936,620	353,395	-
As at 29 May 1993	2,134,187	398,395	81,314
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The freehold, long leasehold and short leasehold properties were revalued on an existing use basis at 31 May 1991 by Thornburn and Co, Valuers.

On an historical cost basis the net book values would be as follows:

	Freehold Property	Long Leasehold Property	Short Leasehold Property
	£	£	£
Cost Accumulated Depreciation	1,738,816 (632,629)	289,165 (104,150)	434,011 (434,011)
Net Book Value	1,106,187	185,015	

The directors have considered the carrying values of the freehold, long leasehold and short leasehold properties at 31 May 1994 and are of the opinion that permanent diminutions in value exist. Accordingly appropriate provisions have been made and the deficits below historical cost have been charged to the profit and loss account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

Plant Fixtures

9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (CONTINUED)

		_	rixtures			
		and Machinery £	and Fittings £	Commercial Vehicles £	Cars	
	COST	-	•	T.	£	£
	As at 30 May 1993 Additions	7.941,503 368,241		244,701 245,183		11,639,210
	Disposals	(71,640)			72,141 (24,101)	920,897 (492,336)
	Intergroup Transfers Permanent Diminutions in	-	=	-	(56,442)	(56,442)
	Value		-	-	-	(150,005)
	As at 31 May 1994	8,238,104	928,694	279,796	124,715	11,861,324
	DEPRECIATION			•		
	As at 30 May 1993	4,473,071		116,269	91,091	5,219,006
	Charge for Year Disposals	460,455	24,867	34,634	17,106	537,503
	Intergroup Transfers	(28,173)	_	(11,451)	. , ,	
	Permanent Diminutions in Value	-	_	-	(56,118)	,
	As at 31 May 1994	4,905,353	554,756	139,452	41,863	(9,127) 5,641,424
	NET BOOK VALUES					
	As at 31 May 1994	3,332,751	373,938	140,344	82,852	6,219,900
	As at 29 May 1993	3,468,432	167,418	128,432	42,026	6,420,204
	The above amounts include to purchase contracts:			cect of fina Commercial Vehicles	Motor Cars	es and hire
	Cost		£	£	£	£
÷	Accumulated Depreciation		466,694 100,993)		102,331 (23,405)	746,652 (180,573)
	Net Book Value		365,701	121,452	78,926	566,079
	Depreciation charge in year		55,561	26,112	12,557	94,230
10	INVESTMENTS (a) QUOTED INVESTMENTS				1994	1002
	Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange:				£	1993 £
	Cost at 1 June 1993 Disposals As at 31 May 1994					10,819 (<u>10,819</u>)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

10 INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

(b) INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

1993	1994	
£	£	
75.098	75.098	Shares at Cost

Shares at Cost Loan Accounts	75,098 751,552	75,098 751,552
Less Provision for permanent diminution in value	826,650	826,650
	(751,905)	(751,905)
At 31 May 1994	74,745	74,745

In the opinion of the directors, the aggregate value of the company's investments is not less than the value included in the balance sheet.

The company has investments in the following subsidiary companies which are included in the consolidated accounts of the holding company:

	Activities	Percentage of Ordinary Capital Owned
Rathbone Bros (Retail) Limited (in receivership) John Dean (Menswear) Limited J C & H E Speak & Co Limited Valicel Limited Stoncroft Limited	Bakers and Confectioners Dormant Dormant Dormant Dormant	100% 96% 100% 95% 99%

All the companies are registered in England and Wales and are unlisted.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

11	STOCKS	1994	1993
		£	£
	Raw Materials and Consumables	609,927	647,423
12	DEBTORS	1994 £	1993 £
	Trade Debtors Amount Owed by Holding Company Amount Owed by Subsidiary Company Other Debtors Prepayments and Accrued Income	1,516,541 1,096,534 190,459 132,300 2,935,834	1,604,440 920,244 1,510,064 169,500 281,064 4,485,312
13	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	₹	
		1994 £	1993 £
	Bank Overdrafts (See Note 14) Trade Creditors Amount Owed to Holding Company Amount Owed to Subsidiary Companies Other Taxes and Social Security Other Creditors Amounts due under Finance Leases and Hire Purchase Contracts Accruals and Deferred Income - Government Grants - Other	812,928 2,934,325 319,527 53,069 389,200 194,355 274,204 2,656 514,593 5,494,857	570,049 2,756,212 435,936 480,246 226,179 151,872 108,787 2,656 700,954 5,432,891

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

14 SECURITY

The bank overdraft is secured by:-

- (i) legal mortgages creating fixed charges over freehold land and premises situated near to Winstanley Street, Newtown, Wigan and on the easterly side of Warrington Road, Newtown, Wigan, and
- (ii) mortgage debenture creating a fixed charge over book debts and a floating charge over all company assets.

15 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

•	1994	1993
	£	£
Amount Owed to Holding Company Amounts due under Finance Leases and Hire Purchase Contracts Accruals and Deferred Income - Government Grants - Other	1,418,977	1,694,911
	338,065	162,240
	15,923	18,580 99,000
	1,772,965	1,974,731

The finance leases and hire purchase contracts are repayable by instalments in between two and five years.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

16	PROVISION	FOR	LIABILITIES	AND	CHARGES
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Provision for loss on	1994 £	1993 £
disposal of properties Deferred Taxation	- -	102,722

Provision is not made on the revaluation of the Freehold, Long Leasehold and Short Leasehold Properties where there is no intention to dispose of these properties in the foreseeable future. The directors consider that no provision is required in respect of accelerated capital allowances as any liabilities are unlikely to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Provision at year end:	Provision	aţ	year	end:
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	Provision at year end:-				
	Accelerated Capital	Provided 1994 £	1993 £	Potent 1994 £	ial 1993 £
	Allowances Revaluation Surplus on	-	-	859,217	743,423
	Land and Buildings	-		254,245	278,848
		-	-	1,113,462	1,022,271
17	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL			1994	1993
	Authorised 75,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 ea	ch		£	£
	Allotted, Issued and Fully Paid 50,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 ea	,		75,000 50,000	75,000 50,000
18	REVALUATION RESERVE				====
	Movement in the year:- At 1 June 1993 Permanent diminutions in value of properties				£ 844,994
	At 31 May 1994				(74,555) 770,439
19.	MOVEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		1	.994	1993
	(Loss)/Profit for the financial other recognised gains and losses	year s	(1,471, (74,	£ 553) 555)	£ 257,497 (87,182)
	Movement for the year Shareholders' Funds at 30 May 199		(1,546, 4,119,		170,315 948,814
	Shareholders' Funds at 31 May 199		2,573,0		119,129

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 1994

20	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	1994 £	1993
	(a) Capital Expenditure	_	T.
	Contracted for but not provided	Nil	63,000
	Authorised but not contracted for	Nil	25,000
	/t-) a		

(b) Contract Hire Agreements

The company has annual commitments under contract hire agreements as follows:-

Expiry Date:	1994 £
Within one year Between two and five years	75,740 224,066
	299,806

21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

- (a) Second legal mortgages have been created over the freehold and leasehold properties and floating charges over all other assets as security for the repayment of debentures by the holding company. The amount owing at 31 May 1994 is £880,000 (1993 £980,000).
- (b) Composite cross guarantees have been given in favour of Rathbone Bros (Holdings) Limited and Rathbone Bros (Retail) Limited to secure bank borrowings.

21 ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The ultimate holding company is Whelco Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

22. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 3 June 1994, subsidiary Rathbone Bros (Retail) Ltd was put into administrative receivership by the company's bankers. Full provision for the anticipated losses has been made in these accounts (see note 3).