Registered Number 00572034

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 1996



Warley & Warley

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

76 Cambridge Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, KT1 3NA

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The company did not trade during the year.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors of the company during the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

Mr R K Richards (Chairman) Mrs K Hurd MA (Oxon) Mr P K Drew FCA

Mr R K Richards and Mrs K Hurd are directors and shareholders of the company's parent company, Meekland Limited. Mr P K Drew has no interest in the shares of Meekland Limited or its subsidiaries.

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 period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; (i)
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; (ii)
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume (iii) 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.

AUDITORS

Warley & Warley have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution for their reappointment, at a rate of remuneration to be fixed by the directors, will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS

In preparing this report advantage has been taken of the special exemptions applicable to small companies provided by Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE/BOARD

A JOHNSON

Secretary

12 June 1997

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described in the directors report, 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 financial 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 affairs of the company at 31 December 1996 and of the 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.

WARLEY & WARLEY

Chartered Accountants **Registered Auditors** 76 Cambridge Road Kingston upon Thames

Surrey KT1 3NA

18 June 1997

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1996

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Administrative expenses		(16,998)	(8,406)
OPERATING PROFIT	2	16,998	8,406
Taxation	3	15,814	-
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		1,184	8,406
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT BROUGHT FORWARD		(9,053,820)	(9,062,226)
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT CARRIED FORWARD		(9,052,636)	(9,053,820)

All of the company's operations are classed as discontinued.

The company had no recognised gains or losses other than the result for the year.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1996

	<u>Notes</u>	£	<u>1996</u> £	£	<u>1995</u> £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	4		-		-
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Bank and cash balances	5	122 592		1,606 574	
		714		2,180	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	6	775		3,425	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(61)		(1,245)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			(61)		(1,245)
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	7		9,052,573		9,052,573
			(9,052,634)		(9,053,818)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Profit and loss account	8		2 (9,052,636) 		2 (9,053,820)
Shareholders' funds (all equity interests)	9		(9,052,634)		(9,053,818)

The directors have taken advantage of special exemptions conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies in the preparation of the financial statements and have done so on the grounds that in their opinion the company qualifies as a small company.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 12 June 1997

R K RICHARDS

Directors

P K DREW

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting Convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The company did not trade during the year and accordingly these financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the company is not carrying on business as a going concern.

(b) Depreciation

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

(c) Related Party Transactions

The company has taken advantage of exemptions within Financial Reporting Standard 8 in respect of disclosure of transactions with group undertakings.

		<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
2.	OPERATING PROFIT This is stated after charging: Auditors remuneration in respect of audit services	500	1,867
3.	TAXATION Tax deducted from distribution of pension fund surplus	15,814	
4.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold Land £	
	At beginning of year Additions Disposals	188,320 (188,320)	
	At end of year		
		<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
5.	DEBTORS Other debtors	122	1,606
6.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR Other creditors	775	3,425

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 31 DECEMBER 1996 (CONTINUED)

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE

Amount due to parent company (due between one and five years)

9,052,573

9,052,573

The amount due to parent company has no fixed repayment period and the parent company has agreed not to demand repayment until 1 January 1998 at the earliest.

		<u>1996 and 1995</u> £
8.	SHARE CAPITAL	
	Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each	100
	Ordinary shares of all each	
	Issued and Fully Paid	
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	2
		

9. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Profit for the financial year Opening shareholders' funds	1,184 (9,053,818) ————	8,406 (9,062,224) ————
Closing shareholders' funds	(9,052,634)	(9,053,818)

10. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company has given guarantees in respect of two leases of land and buildings occupied by a former subsidiary company. Both leases are subject to upward only rent reviews and expire on 27 October 2010. The rent payable on the inception of the leases on 27 October 1988 was £44,180 per annum.

The company has been given indemnity against claims under these guarantees by the purchaser of the former subsidiary.

11. PARENT COMPANY

Throughout the year, the company has been controlled by its parent company, Meekland Limited, incorporated in England.