
IBSTOCK BRICK ROUGHDALES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 1999



IBSTOCK BRICK ROUGHDALES LIMITED

Company Information

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Secretary	S P Hardy
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Auditors	Ernst & Young City Gate West Toll House Hill Nottingham NG1 5FY

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1999.

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;
- 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Results and dividends

Employee costs incurred by the company are fully reimbursed by Ibstock Brick Limited (formerly Ibstock Building Products Limited) and therefore the company made neither a loss nor a profit on trading activities in the year.

Principal activities and review of business

The company's principal activity continues to be that of the manufacture and sale of premium facing bricks, as agents for and on behalf of Ibstock Brick Limited (formerly Ibstock Building Products Limited) which indemnifies the company against any liabilities it may incur in acting as agent.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were as follows:

M S Clamp
G R Bull

The directors are also directors of the company's immediate parent company, Ibstock Brick Limited (formerly Ibstock Building Products Limited) and disclose their interests in the share capital of group companies in the accounts of that company.

Employees.

The company maintains a policy of close co-operation with and involvement by all employees in all matters of concern to them as employees.

It is the company's policy to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by disabled persons, to continue wherever possible the employment of those who become disabled and to provide equal opportunities to them. The company regards the establishment and maintenance of safe working practices to be of the highest importance.

Year 2000

Prior to 31 December 1999, steps were taken to review computer and date dependent systems critical to the company's ongoing operations and preparation of financial information to establish the impact, if any, which the Year 2000 might have on the accuracy of their calculations, processing and reporting. Although it is not possible to guarantee that no Year 2000 problems remain, the company believes that its internal systems are Year 2000 compliant.

The company continues to address the business risk from third parties with whom it deals on business or financial matters, including key customers and suppliers. Contingency plans have been developed to minimise the risk of disruption. No significant disruption has occurred to date.

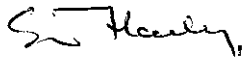
Although the millennium date change has passed and no significant problems have been encountered, the directors recognise that there is still a risk of Year 2000 impacting the business but do not expect this to be significant.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1999

Auditors

The auditors, Ernst & Young, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report was approved on 24 May 2000 and signed by order of the board.



S P Hardy
Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IBSTOCK BRICK ROUGHDALES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 7 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by Statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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 December 1999 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Ernst & Young

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30 May 2000

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
For the year ended 31 December 1999

	Note	1999 £000	1998 £000
Cost of sales	2	(1,567)	(1,518)
GROSS LOSS		(1,567)	(1,518)
Other operating income		1,567	1,518
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		-	-
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		-	-

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 1999 or 1998 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 1999

	Note	£000	1999 £000	£000	1998 £000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	1,374		1,374	
Cash at bank and in hand		2		2	
		<u>1,376</u>		<u>1,376</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>1,376</u>		<u>1,376</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>1,376</u>		<u>1,376</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	4		101		101
Share premium account	5		<u>1,275</u>		<u>1,275</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS - All equity	6		<u>1,376</u>		<u>1,376</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board on 24 May 2000 and signed on its behalf:



M S Clamp

Director

The notes on pages 6 to 7 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 1999

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom.

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the company's operations which are described in the Directors' Report and all of which are continuing.

1.2 Pensions

The company provides for the regular cost of retirement benefits during the period of employment of scheme members through group pension schemes. The pension cost is assessed in accordance with the advice of qualified actuaries and any under or over funding is dealt with in the accounts of Ibstock PLC.

Certain employees of the company are members of the group pension schemes sponsored by Ibstock PLC and its subsidiaries. Details of these schemes and particulars of the actuarial valuations are set out in the accounts of Ibstock PLC for the year ended 31 December 1999.

The group schemes are defined benefit schemes providing benefits based on final pensionable pay, the assets of which are held separately from those of Ibstock PLC and its subsidiaries.

Contributions are determined by qualified actuaries every three years using the projected unit costing method. The most recent review was in April 1998.

2. STAFF COSTS

No director received any emoluments (1998 - £Nil)

Staff costs were as follows:

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Wages and salaries	1,345	1,280
Social security costs	94	98
Other pension costs	128	140
	<u>1,567</u>	<u>1,518</u>

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

1999	1998
<u>80</u>	<u>76</u>

3. DEBTORS

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Due after more than one year		
Amounts owed by parent company	<u>1,374</u>	<u>1,374</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 1999

4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Authorised		
1,005 ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
100,500 deferred ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>
 Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid		
1,005 ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
100,500 deferred ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>

5. RESERVES

	£000
Share Premium Account	
At 1 January 1999	1,275
	<u>1,275</u>
At 31 December 1999	<u>1,275</u>

6. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS**Reconciliation of movements on shareholders' funds**

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Result for the year	-	-
Opening shareholders' funds	1,376	1,376
	<u>1,376</u>	<u>1,376</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>1,376</u>	<u>1,376</u>

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in paragraph 3(c) of FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with related parties that are part of the group.

8. PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent undertaking of Ibstock Brick Roughdales Limited is CRH plc, a company incorporated in Ireland and registered in Ireland, a copy of whose accounts are available from 42 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin 2, Ireland. The parent undertaking of the smallest group which includes the company and for which group accounts are prepared, is Ibstock Brick Limited (formerly Ibstock Building Products Limited), a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.