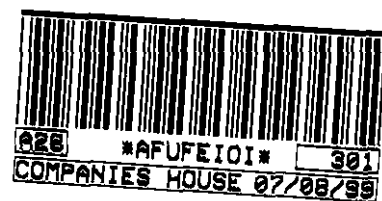


Ibstock Brick Roughdales Limited

Report and Accounts

31 December 1998

Registered No. 598862



Ibstock Brick Roughdales Limited

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 1998.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company continues to carry on its principal activities of the manufacture and sale of premium facing bricks, as agent for and on behalf of Ibstock Building Products Limited which indemnifies the company against any liabilities it may incur in acting as agent.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

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

YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE

The Directors consider that due to the principal activities of the company, the impact of Year 2000 compliance is not significant.

Progress made regarding Year 2000 compliance by Ibstock Building Products Limited is detailed within their accounts.

DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The directors who held office 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 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.

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint Ernst & Young as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board.



G R Bull
Director

18 May 1999

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE
ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts 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 accounts 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.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS
to the members of Ibstock Brick Roughdales Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 8, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

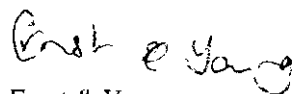
Basis of opinion

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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 1998 and of the result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Ernst & Young
Registered Auditor
Leicester

18 May 1999

Ibstock Brick Roughdales Limited

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 1998

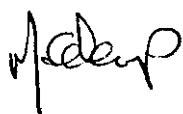
	<i>Notes</i>	<i>1998 £000</i>	<i>1997 £000</i>
TURNOVER		-	-
Cost of sales	2	(1,518)	(1,540)
GROSS LOSS		(1,518)	(1,540)
Other operating income		1,518	1,540
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		-	-
TRANSFER TO RESERVES		-	-

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

Ibstock Brick Roughdales Limited

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 1998

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>1998</i> <i>£000</i>	<i>1997</i> <i>£000</i>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors - amount falling due after more than one year	5	1,374	1,374
Cash at bank		2	2
		<u>1,376</u>	<u>1,376</u>
NET ASSETS			
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	6	101	101
Share premium account	7	1,275	1,275
		<u>1,376</u>	<u>1,376</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS (all equity interests)			
	7	<u>1,376</u>	<u>1,376</u>



M S Clamp
18 May 1999

Director

Ibstock Brick Roughdales Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 1998

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's accounts.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Pension costs

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 over or under funding is dealt with in the accounts of Ibstock PLC.

2. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year was as follows:

	1998 No.	1997 No.
	76	93
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	1998 £000	1997 £000
Wages and salaries	1,280	1,312
Social security costs	98	102
Other pensions costs (see note 4)	140	126
	1,518	1,540

3. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

The directors were paid no remuneration in respect of their services to the company (1997 - £nil).

4. PENSION SCHEME

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 1998.

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.

Ibstock Brick Roughdales Limited

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 1998

5. DEBTORS

	1998 £000	1997 £000
<i>Amount falling due after more than one year</i>		
Amount owed by parent company	1,374	1,374

6. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	1998 £000	1997 £000
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid:		
<i>Equity share capital</i>		
1,005 ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
100,500 deferred ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	101	101

7. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Total £000
At 1 January 1997 and 1 January 1998	101	1,275	1,376
Result for the year	-	-	-
At 31 December 1998	101	1,275	1,376
Equity shareholders' funds	101	1,275	1,376

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. ULTIMATE 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 Building Products Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.