# BOOSEY & HAWKES MUSIC PUBLISHERS LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

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# ANNUAL REPORT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity remained unchanged throughout the year and continues to be the publication and distribution of sheet music and related activities.

#### REVIEW OF THE YEAR AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Boosey & Hawkes confirmed its position as the world's leading publisher of contemporary classical music. Turnover increased by 6.3% from £14.1m to £15.0m, with sales growth across all sectors of the publishing portfolio.

Royalty revenue, which had been declining in recent years, grew by 6.9%, demonstrating the resilience of the back catalogue and the worldwide demand for live performances of classical music of the highest quality. Royalties in the Far East, for example grew 30%.

In music education, a strong new product development programme has increased market share.

Retail sales have grown by 12%, with 14% of mail order sales now online via Boosey.com. Agreements with Sibelius and Net4Music allow us to pioneer sales of downloadable sheet music on line.

Operating profit (before Exceptional Items) grew by 1.6% despite increased investment in IT and Internet infrastructure (including e-commerce and music sampling) and greater promotion of the music portfolio to the film, TV and advertising markets under BooseyMedia, the fully integrated Cavendish Music & Big Picture Music brand.

Exceptional items include the sale of archive material and the net proceeds from the resolution of a dispute. These exceptional profits increased profit on ordinary activities before tax by £1.3m.

We seek to identify further opportunities for exploring our extensive music catalogue and the economies of scale which can be derived from the company's investment in IT systems. We are also reviewing opportunities to add to the catalogue and are reviewing opportunities arising from new technology and new media.

#### **RESULTS FOR THE YEAR**

The financial results of the company for the year, set out in the profit and loss account on page 8, show a profit on ordinary activities before taxation of £3,405,000. After taking account of taxation and dividends, the profit transferred to reserves is £153,000.

## **DIVIDENDS**

An interim dividend was paid during the year ended 31 December 2000 of £2,500,000 (1999 - £1,000,000). No final dividend is proposed (1999 : Nil).

#### **FIXED ASSETS**

The movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in notes 10 and 11 to the accounts. Details of disposals which have taken place after 31 December 2000 are explained in note 24.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

#### 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.

## **DIRECTORS**

The following persons were directors of the Company during the year:

Mr P D Austen (resigned 31 May 2000)

Mr J L Christmas (appointed 11 September 2000)

Mr T D Glover

Mr R Holland

Mr R A Hurst

Mr A P Pool

Mr S A Richards

Mr A B Sunnucks

Mrs J E Susskind

Mark Devin resigned as company secretary on 18 February 2000 and Jane Earl was appointed company Secretary on 18 February 2000.

Mr T D Glover retired as a director of the company on 31 January 2001. Mr J B Minch was appointed a director on 1st February 2001.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

## **DIRECTORS' SHARE INTERESTS**

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is Boosey & Hawkes plc. The interests of those directors who were not also directors of the ultimate parent undertaking were:

## Boosey & Hawkes plc Ordinary Shares of 5p each

	<u>1 January 2000</u>	31 December 2000
	or date of appointment	or date of resignation
	<u>if later</u>	<u>if earlier</u>
Mr T D Glover	Nil	Nil
Mr R A Hurst	Nil	344
Mr A P Pool	3,500	3,500
Mr S A Richards	500	642
Mr A B Sunnucks	Nil	341
Mrs J E Susskind	Nil	328
Mrs J E Susskind (registered in the name of Mr	3,500 R A Fell)	5,000

No director has any interest in the shares of the Company nor in any other fellow subsidiary undertaking any other than as a bare nominee.

	<u>Scheme</u>	Date of Grant	Option Price (£	<u>Exercisable</u>	<u>Number</u>
Mr T D Glover	ESOS* ESOS Sharesave ESOS	01/10/96 06/10/98 28/10/98 19/04/99	7.875 4.375 3.83 3.475	01/10/99 - 30/09/06 06/10/01 - 05/10/08 01/01/04 - 30/06/04 19/04/02 - 18/04/09	3,800 10,500 881 10,500
Mr R A Hurst	ESOS	03/04/00	3.98	03/04/03 -02/04/10	12,000
Mr A P Pool	ESOS* ESOS* ESOS	02/01/96 01/10/96 06/10/98 19/04/99	4.78 7.875 4.375 3.475	02/01/99 - 01/01/06 01/10/99 - 30/09/06 06/10/01 - 05/10/08 19/04/02 - 18/04/09	5,000 3,200 3,250 3,250
Mr S A Richards	ESOS* ESOS* ESOS Sharesave ESOS	02/01/96 01/10/96 06/10/98 28/10/98 19/04/99	4.78 7.875 4.375 3.83 3.475	02/01/99 - 01/01/06 01/10/99 - 30/09/06 06/10/01 - 05/10/08 01/01/04 - 30/06/04 19/04/02 - 18/04/09	5,000 3,200 3,250 881 3,250
Mr A B Sunnucks	ESOS	03/04/00	3.98	03/04/03-02/04/10	9,000
Mrs J E Susskind	ESOS Sharesave ESOS ESOS	06/10/98 28/10/98 19/04/99 03/04/00	4.375 3.83 3.475 3.98	06/10/01 - 05/10/08 01/01/04 - 30/06/04 19/04/02 - 18/04/09 03/04/03 - 02/04/10	5,000 881 2,300 4,000

<sup>\*</sup>Shares to fulfil these options were purchased in the market and are held in the Boosey & Hawkes Share Ownership Trust.

The Boosey & Hawkes Sharesave Scheme was approved by shareholders on 28 September 1998.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

## **DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE**

The Company maintains insurance for the directors in respect of their duties as directors.

## **EMPLOYEES**

During the year, the policy of providing employees with information about the business, including appropriate financial and economic factors, has been continued. Employees are also encouraged to present their views and suggestions on the development of the business.

The company's selection, training, development and promotion policies provide for equal opportunities for all employees regardless of gender, marital status, race, age or disability with all decisions based on merit. The company endeavours to involve everyone who has an interest in the safety and health of employees at work in the continued monitoring of working practices.

#### **EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION**

The company has systems which should enable it to conduct euro transactions appropriate to its local market requirements. The costs of preparing for EMU are not expected to be material to the Company.

#### **AUDITOR**

On 28 June 2001, Ernst & Young, Company's auditor, transferred its entire business to Ernst & Young LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The directors consented to treating the appointment of Ernst & Young as extending to Ernst & Young LLP with effect from 28 June 2001.

All the members passed an elective resolution, pursuant to section 386 of the Companies Act 1985, on 21 June 1994 dispensing with the obligation to appoint auditors annually. In accordance with the Companies Act 1985 Ernst & Young LLP have been appointed by resolution of the Board of Boosey & Hawkes Music Publishers Limited.

By order of the Board

Jane Earl

Company Secretary

Deansbrook Road EDGWARE Middlesex HA8 9BB

26 July 2001

#### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

## TO THE MEMBERS OF BOOSEY & HAWKES MUSIC PUBLISHERS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 8 to 19 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11.

## RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 4 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts 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 financial 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 AUDIT 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 as at 31 December 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young LLP Registered Auditor London

Krost + Young LLP

26 July 2001

## **PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	<u>Notes</u>		<u>2000</u>		<u>1999</u>
		Before exceptional items	Exceptional Items	Total	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Turnover	2	14,997	-	14,997	14,104
Cost of sales		(7,736)	-	(7,736)	(7,148) 
Gross profit		7,261	-	7,261	6,956
Marketing and distribution costs		(2,938)	-	(2,938)	(2,631)
Administrative expenses		(2,080)	-	(2,080)	(2,118)
Other Operating Income	3	•	1,103	1,103	•
Operating profit		2,243	1,103	3,346	2,207
Profit on Disposal of fixed asset in	vestme	ent -	231	231	-
Profit on ordinary activities before interest and taxation		2,243	1,334	3,577	2,207
Interest receivable		16	-	16	10
Interest payable	6	(188)	-	(188)	(5)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	7	2,071	1,334	3,405	2,212
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8			(752)	(733)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation				2,653	1,479
Dividends	9			(2,500)	(1,000)
Profit transferred to reserves	17			153	479

All turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation relate to continuing operations.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profits above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above, and their historical cost equivalents.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

## **AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets Tangible assets	10 11	3,198 1,255 	3,283 1,209
CURRENT ASSETS		4,453	4,492
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12 13	1,208 6,063 1	1,280 5,824 1
CREDITORS Amounts falling due		7,272	7,105
within one year	14	(7,491) 	(7,966)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(219)	(861)
TOTAL ASSETS AND CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,234	3,631
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(2,500)	(2,050)
NET ASSETS		1,734	1,581
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	16	10	10
Profit and Loss account	17	1,724	1,571
Shareholder's Funds	18	1,734	1,581

The financial statements on pages 8 to 19 were approved by the board of Directors on 26 July 2001 and were signed on its behalf by

J B Minch

Director

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Consolidated accounts of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings are not presented since the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of another Company that prepares group accounts and is incorporated in England and Wales.

#### (a) Basis of accounting

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

## (b) Cash flow statement

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Boosey & Hawkes plc, a company incorporated in the UK, and is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement under FRS 1 (revised) and consequently no such statement has been prepared.

## (c) Related Party Transactions

The Company is exempt from the requirement to disclose related party transactions with other Boosey & Hawkes plc group companies under FRS 8 as the Company is included in the consolidated Financial Statements of Boosey & Hawkes plc which controls 100% of the voting rights of the Company.

## (d) Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are written off over their estimated useful lives by equal annual instalments at the following rates:

Leasehold improvements - over the period of the lease

Fixtures and fittings - rates between 10 per cent and 50 per cent

Motor vehicles - 33 1/3 per cent
Origination scores, parts and recordings - 33 1/3 per cent
Hire library reprints - 33 1/3 per cent

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events of changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

## (e) Copyrights

Copyrights acquired are written off over a period deemed appropriate for each specific circumstance by the Directors up to a maximum of 20 years.

## (f) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on acquisitions has been capitalised and is being amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful life as deemed appropriate by the Directors, and not exceeding twenty years.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

## (g) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Consumable and hire stocks have been valued at nominal sums.

## (h) Turnover

Turnover represents the total of sales to customers (net of VAT) and the full amount of royalties and hire fee income.

## (i) Foreign currency translations

Assets and liabilities in overseas currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the end of the financial year. Normal fluctuations on trading items are dealt with as part of the profit of the year.

## (j) Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred tax, using the liability method, for all timing differences. Deferred taxation is computed at the rates of tax estimated to be applicable when the timing differences reverse. At 31 December 2000 the full potential liability was £nil (1999 - £nil).

## (k) Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease. Assets acquired under finance leases are shown as fixed assets and depreciated in accordance with (d) above. The capital element of future lease payments is included in creditors. The interest element of financial lease obligations is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge.

## (i) Basis of Preparation

The Company is dependent on continuing support from its parent undertaking to enable it to meet its liabilities as they fall due. The parent undertaking has confirmed its present intention to provide sufficient funds for these purposes and to continue to support the activities of the company. The directors believe that it is, therefore, appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

## (m) Pensions

The majority of the company's employees are members of the defined benefit scheme operated by Boosey & Hawkes plc. Contributions are charged in the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

2 TURNOVER	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
The company engages in only one class of b		2000
The analysis of turnover by geographical market was as follows:		
Africa	37	47
Australasia	299	175
Continental Europe	5,304	5,609
Far & Middle East	1,217	995
North & Latin America	2,152	1,810
U.K.	5,988	5,468
	14,997	14,104

## 3 OTHER OPERATING INCOME

Other operating income of £1,103,000 (1999 £nil) arose as a result of the net proceeds from the resolution of a dispute.

## 4 STAFF COSTS

	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Wages and salaries Social Security costs Other pension costs	1,974 182 194	1,782 168 136
	2,350 	2,086
Average number employed in the year:	<u>2000</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>1999</u> <u>Number</u>
Marketing, distribution and administration	<b>7</b> 7	75

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000**

	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Aggregate emoluments	498	446

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Six (1999: 6) directors were members of the Boosey & Hawkes Pension Scheme, a contributory, defined benefit scheme which, subject to Inland Revenue limits, provides them with a pension of up to two-thirds of earnings together with benefits on death and disability.

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The pension entitlement of the highest paid director was:

The highest paid director was Mr T D Glover

**DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS** 

	Accrued pension at 31/12/00	Accrued pension at 31/12/99
Mr T D Glover	£10,208	£9,248

Mr Glover attained Normal Retirement Date on 19 April 2000 and ceased to accrue benefits thereafter. Thus his accrued entitlement as at 31 December 2000 is based on service to Normal Retirement Date. Certain directors are also directors of other Group companies for whom their primary duties are discharged. These directors receive no emoluments in respect of their position as directors of this Company and accordingly none are disclosed in these accounts.

## 6 INTEREST PAYABLE

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	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Interest charges on loans from group undertakings -		
Holding company and fellow subsidiaries	135	-
Interest charges on finance leases and other items	53	5
	188	5

The company takes part in various group arrangements under which certain costs are incurred, and income received, by Boosey & Hawkes Group Services Limited on behalf of the company. Such costs and income are included in the accounts of Boosey & Hawkes Group Services Limited.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

## 7 PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is after charging:

	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Auditors' remuneration	19	34
Depreciation	508	413
Amortisation	177	122
Operating lease rentals -		
plant and machinery	36	40
property	303	284

Non-audit fees paid to Ernst & Young and its associates in the period amounted to £2,500 relating to a royalty certificate. Non-audit fees in 1999 were £nil.

## 8 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The taxation charge, based on the profit of the year, is made up as follows:	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Corporation tax at 30% (1999 – 30.25%) Double taxation relief Group relief payable at 30% (1999 – 30.25%)	194 (194) 558	148 (148) 585
Overseas taxation	194	148
	752	733
9 DIVIDENDS		D-4402674
	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Ordinary - Interim paid Ordinary - Final proposed		

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

## 10 FIXED ASSETS - INTANGIBLE

	Copyrights	Goodwill	Total
	£,000	£,000	£,000
Cost	4-2-		
At 1 January 2000	3,198	232	3,430
Additions	92	•	92
At 31 December 2000	3,290	232	3,522
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Accumulated Depreciation			
At 1 January 2000	134	13	147
Charge to profit & loss account	165	12	177
	*****		
At 31 December 2000	299	25	324
		**********	
<u>Net book value</u>			
At 31 December 2000	2,991	207	3,198
	**********		
At 1 January 2000	3,064	219	3,283
-	4		

## 11 FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

	Land and Buildings short leasehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Origination Scores, parts and Recordings	Hire Library Reprints ur		Total
	€,000	£'000	€,000	5,000	£,000	£'000
Cost						
At 1 January 2000	514	2,298	555	302	8	3,677
Additions	-	294	226	34	-	554
At 31 December 2000	514	2,592	781	336	8	4,231
Accumulated Deprecial	<u>tion</u>					
At 1 January 2000	191	1,607	411	251	8	2,468
Charge to profit & loss account	51	261	151	45	-	508
At 31 December 2000	242	1.868	562	296	8	2.976
ACCT DOCUMBON 2000						
Net book value						
At 31 December 2000	272	724	219	40	-	1,255
At 1 January 2000	323	691	144	51		1,209
•						

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

12 STOCKS		
	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Work-in-progress Finished goods and goods for resale	49 1,159	25 1,255
	1,208	1,280
13 DEBTORS: Due within o	one vear	
	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings	942	785
holding company and fellow subsidiari Other debtors	es 1,375 191	697 599
Advance corporation tax recoverable Prepayments and accrued income	3,555	563 3,180
	6,063	5,824
14 CREDITORS: Amounts t	falling due within one yea	•
	<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Trade creditors	- unsecured 244 5,218	499 4,161
Amounts owed to group undertakings holding company and fellow subsidiarion and Social Security	- es 1,436 7	1,414 6
Other creditors Accruals	65 521	1,591 295
	7,491	7,966

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# 15 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

Other creditors		<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Between 1 and 2 years Amounts owed to group un		-	50
holding company and fello Between 2 to 5 years	w subsidiaries	2,500	2,000
		2,500	2,050
16 CALLED UP	SHARE CAPITAL		1000
		<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Ordinary shares of £1.00 - Authorised		10	10
Allotted called up and ful	ly paid	10	10
17 PROFIT AND	LOSS ACCOUNT		
		<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
At 1 January Profit for the year		1,571 153	1,092 479
At 31 December		1,724	1,571
. WOT BOOMING			
18 RECONCILIA	ATION OF MOVEMENTS I	N SHAREHOLDI	ER'S FUNDS
		<u>2000</u> £'000	<u>1999</u> £'000
Profit for the financial year Dividends		2,653 (2,500)	1,479 (1,000)
Dividends			
Opening shareholder's fun	ds	153 1,581	479 1,102
Closing shareholder's fund	s	1,734	1,581 

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000**

## 19 PENSION ARRANGEMENTS

The majority of the Company's employees are members of the Boosey & Hawkes Pension Scheme operated by the holding company, Boosey & Hawkes plc, in whose accounts particulars are contained. The Scheme is of the defined benefit type with assets in separately administered funds.

The Scheme is subject to an independent triennial actuarial valuation and the most recent of these was at 1st January 1999. The valuation for accounting purposes was carried out by a professionally qualified actuary using market related assumptions and the projected unit method of valuation. The principal assumptions adopted were that the investment return would exceed salary increases by 3% per annum, pre-retirement and investment return would exceed pension increases by 3% per annum post-retirement. The actuarial value of the assets was sufficient to cover 99% of the benefits that had accrued allowing for future increases in pensionable remuneration. The market value of the assets of the Scheme as at 1 January 1999 was £21,565,000. At the valuation date of 1 January 1999 the value of past service liabilities exceeded the value of assets by £131,000 while the Company cost of future service benefits was 13.2% of pensionable salaries. The funding level on the Minimum Funding Requirement (MFR) basis was 99% representing a deficiency of £166,000. The Company agreed that the contribution rate will be 14% of pensionable salaries with effect from 1 January 2000 to meet the ongoing cost of the Scheme and remove the ongoing deficiency as well as meeting with the MFR requirements. For accounting purposes, the deficiency is being spread over the remaining service lives of current active members.

The pension cost for the year was £193,641 (1999: £135,859) which represents contributions to the Scheme. Amounts required to be provided in respect of the Company's employees under SSAP24 are accrued in the accounts of Boosey & Hawkes plc.

## 20 CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The company has guaranteed the bank overdrafts and other facilities of the holding company and certain fellow subsidiaries. At 31 December 2000 such net overdrafts and facilities utilised amounted to £38,071,000 (1999: £29,695,000).

## 21 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had entered into contracts for capital expenditure at 31 December 2000 amounting to £Nil, (1999: £Nil) for which no provision has been made in the accounts.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000**

## 22 LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Company pays lease rentals in respect of both finance and operating leases entered into by the ultimate holding company for the benefit of the company. Operating lease rentals are disclosed in note 7 and the accounting policy regarding finance leases is detailed in note 1(k).

At 31 December 2000 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<u>2000</u>	<u> 1999</u>
	£'000	£'000
Land and Buildings		
Expiring within one year	nil	nil
Expiring between two and five years Inclusive	nil	nil
Other		
Expiring within one year	32	36
Expiring between two and five years inclusive	3	35
	35	71

## 23 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company purchased Big Picture Music on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1998. Andrew Sunnucks, who was the sole proprietor of Big Picture Music, subsequently became a director of the Company. At 31 December 2000 deferred consideration payable to Andrew Sunnucks was £50,000 (1999: £100,000).

The company purchased services amounting to £3,000 (1999:nil) from Chelmsway Associates Limited, a company controlled by R A Hurst.

## 24 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In July 2001 Boosey and Hawkes Music Publishers Limited disposed of its short leasehold land and buildings, which was held in the balance sheet at a net book value of £272,000 at 31 December 2000.

## 25 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The smallest and largest group of undrtakings into which these financial statements are consolidated is Boosey & Hawkes plc, registered in England and Wales. Consolidated accounts can be obtained from The Secretary, Boosey & Hawkes plc, Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middx, HA8 9BB.