

LONDON BRICK COMPANY LIMITED

Report and Accounts

31 December 2002



London Brick Company Limited

Registered No. 735868

DIRECTORS

D J Szymanski
D T Walters
R Wood

SECRETARY

A D Foster

REGISTERED OFFICE

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London Brick Company Limited

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2002.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company did not trade throughout the year and the accounts consist of a balance sheet only.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The current directors of the company are those listed on page 1.

M P Lean and R C Manning resigned as Directors of the Company 15th May 2002 and R Wood was appointed as a Director of the Company on 15th May 2002.

None of the directors had any interest in the share capital of the company at the year end. The interests of the directors in the share capital of the ultimate parent company, Hanson PLC, are shown in the accounts of the immediate parent undertaking, LB (Stewartby) Limited.

Full details of directors' shareholdings and options for shares are given in the Company's Register of Director's interests, which is open to inspection.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Pursuant to the Elective Resolution of the company passed on 16 May 1994 the company has dispensed with the need to hold Annual General Meetings. Any member of the company is entitled to require the laying of the accounts before a general meeting on giving due notice to that effect in accordance with Section 253 of the Companies Act 1985.

SECTION 249 COMPANIES ACT 1985

The company is exempt by reason of Section 249 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to appoint an auditor.

By order of the Board



A D Foster
Secretary

22 MAY

2003

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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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that the accounts comply with the above requirements.

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.

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BALANCE SHEET

at 31 December 2002

	Notes	2002 £000	2001 £000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	2	43,419	43,419
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	3	21,320	21,320
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES		<u>22,099</u>	<u>22,099</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Equity share capital	4	57,004	57,004
Profit and loss account		(34,905)	(34,905)
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>22,099</u>	<u>22,099</u>

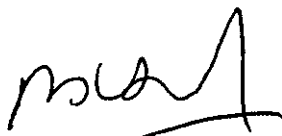
For the year ended 31 December 2002 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA (1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with subsection (2) of 249B.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board on 22 MAY 2003



R Wood - Director

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 2002

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS8 from disclosing transactions with related parties that are part of the Hanson plc group.

2. DEBTORS

	2002 £000	2001 £000
Amounts owed by parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	43,419	43,419

3. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2002 £000	2001 £000
Amounts owed to parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	21,320	21,320

4. EQUITY SHARE CAPITAL

	<i>Authorised</i>		<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>	
	2002 No.	2001 No.	2002 £000	2001 £000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	60,000	60,000	57,004	57,004

5. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT – ADVERSE BALANCE

	£000
At 31 st December 2002 and 31 st December 2001	(34,905)

No profit and loss account has been prepared as the company has not traded during the year.

6. GROUP ACCOUNTS

The parent undertaking of the group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up, and of which the company is a member, is Hanson PLC, registered in England and Wales. Hanson PLC is also the ultimate parent company. Copies of Hanson PLC's accounts can be obtained from 1 Grosvenor Place, London, SW1X 7JH.