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ANGLO PORTUGUESE CORK CO LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 OCTOBER 1998



MYERS CLARK CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

<u>Directors</u> C. H. Neilson

E. Neilson G. C. Neilson

Secretary G. C. Neilson

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HP9 2PB

Auditors Myers Clark

Chartered Accountants

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HP9 2PU

Solicitors B. P. Collins & Co

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Gerrards Cross Bucks S49 8EL

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their annual report together with the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 1998.

Principal Activity

The Company's principal activity during the year continued to be that of the importation of cork.

Directors and Their Interests

The present membership of the Board is set out on page 1. All Directors served throughout the year.

The Directors at the year end and their beneficial interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	Preferred Oro	dinary Shares 1997	<u>Ordinary</u> 1998	y Shares 1997
C. H. Neilson	250	250	-	-
E. Neilson	250	250	-	-
G. C. Neilson	-	<u>-</u>	1500	1500

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

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 the period.

In preparing those accounts, the Directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, make judgments 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.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385(2) of Companies Act 1985 a resolution will be submitted at the forthcoming annual general meeting that Myers Clark, Chartered Accountants, be re-appointed as auditors.

Special Exemptions Applicable to Small Companies
The Directors have taken advantage, in preparation of their report, of special exemptions applicable to small companies.

1 Station Parade Beaconsfield Buckinghamshire HP9 2PB

16 February 1999

By Order of the Board

G. C. Neilson Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ANGLO PORTUGUESE CORK CO LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 10 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 2 the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of 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 judgments 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.

Oninion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 October 1998 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

Woodford House Woodford Road Watford Herts WD1 1DL

MYERS CLARK
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND
REGISTERED AUDITOR

16 February 1999

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 OCTOBER 1998

	Note	<u> 1998</u>		<u> 1997</u>
Turnover Cost of sales	2 .	247,545 192,212		260,438 214,349
Gross profit Administrative expenses	89,899	55,333	81,033	46,089
Other operating income	(48,000)	41,899	(39,000)	42,033
Operating profit		13,434		4,056
Interest receivable and simil	lar income	810		1,671
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	3	14,244		5,727
Taxation on profit on ordinar activities	су 4	3,092		1,598
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	5	11,152		4,129
Dividends		10,000		40,000
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		1,152		(35,871)
Retained profit brought forwa	ard	14,633		50,504
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWA	ARD	£15,785		£14,633

All of the Company's operations are classed as continuing.

The Company had no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year.

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 OCTOBER 1998

	Note		1998		<u> 1997</u>
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	5	,	23,138		5,516
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	6 7	8,500 73,011 2,981	Sieder.	20,424 38,953 39,491	
		84,492		98,868	
<u>CREDITORS:</u> amounts falling d within one year	ue 8	89,845		87,751	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(5,353)		11,117
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			£17.785		£16,633
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	9		2,000 15,785		2,000 14,633
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	11		£17,785		£16,633

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Board on 16 February 1999

G. C. NEILSON - DIRECTOR

The notes on pages 6 to 10 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

AT 31 OCTOBER 1998

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings - 10% reducing balance Motor vehicles - 25% reducing balance

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value as follows:

Raw materials

- purchase cost, including overheads incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition, on a first-in, first-out basis.
- Work in progress and finished goods cost of direct materials and labour plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity

Net realisable value is based on the estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at the current tax rate on the differences arising from the inclusion of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the accounts. No provision is made where these timing differences are not expected to give rise to a tax liability.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company exclusive of VAT and trade discounts. The turnover is attributable to one class of business.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

AT 31 OCTOBER 1998

3. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

This is stated after charging:	1998 £	<u>1997</u> £
Depreciation Directors' emoluments Operating lease rentals - land and buildings Auditors' remuneration	3,926 40,261 8,000 2,550	1,062 38,490 8,000 2,650
DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS Executive remuneration (including pension contributions)	40,261	38,490
	£40,261	£38,490
4. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	1000	1007
U.K. corporation tax at 21% (1997 - 24%/21%) based on the profit for the year	<u>1998</u> 3,115	<u>1997</u> 1,650
Over provision in previous years	3,115 (23)	1,650 (52)
	£3,092	£1,598

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

AT 31 OCTOBER 1998

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

			Plant and Machinery etc.
	Cost At 1 November 1997 Additions		11,418 21,548
	At 31 October 1998		32,966
	Depreciation At 1 November 1997 Provision for the year		5,902 3,926
	At 31 October 1998		9,828
	Net Book Value		
	At 31 October 1998		£ 23,138
	At 31 October 1997		£ 5,516
6.	STOCKS	1998	<u> 1997</u>
	Stocks	£8,500	£20,424
7.	DEBTORS	1998	<u> 1997</u>
	Trade debtors	67,140	18,025
	Amounts owed by group undertakings and undertakings in which the Company has a participating interest Other debtors	5,871	6,825 14,103
		£73,011	£38,953

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

AT 31 OCTOBER 1998

8. CREDITORS	1998	<u> 1997</u>	
$\overline{\mathbf{T}}$	mounts Falling Due Within One Year: 'rade creditors	61,658	25,438
0 C	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest Other creditors Current corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs	16,375 3,748 150 7,914	44,550 10,165 7,598
		£89,845	£87,751
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9. <u>s</u>	SHARE CAPITAL	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	uthorised: ,500 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,500	1,500
5	00 Preferred ordinary shares of £1 each	500	500
		£2,000	£2,000
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	llotted, Called Up and Fully Paid: ,500 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,500	1,500
5	000 Preferred ordinary shares of £1 each	500	500
		£2,000	£2,000
			

10. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES
At 31 October 1998 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

		<u>Land and</u> Buildings
	<u> 1998</u>	1997
Operating leases which expire: - in the second to fifth years		
inclusive	8,000	8,000
	£8,000	£8,000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

AT 31 OCTOBER 1998

11. SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
Profit for the financial year Dividends	11,152 10,000	4,129 40,000
Net addition to shareholders' funds	1,152	(35,871)
Opening shareholders' funds	16,633	52,504
Closing shareholders' funds	£ 17,785	£ 16,633

Shareholders' funds consist entirely of equity interests.

12. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES CML Components Limited

The shareholders of the company have a controlling interest in CML Components Limited and the balance owed to this company at 31st October 1998 was £16,375 (1997 - owed by this company £6,825)

During the year the company received a management charge of £48,000 (1997 - £39,000) from CML Components Limited.