

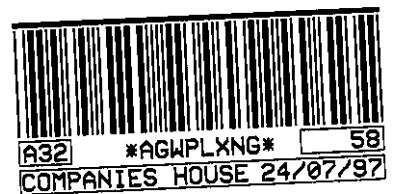
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ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996



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ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

ADMINISTRATION

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

DIRECTORS

T E Massey
G Davenport
W A Cooke (resigned 25.10.95)

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T E Massey

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BANKERS

Bank of Scotland

COMPANY NUMBER

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ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE DIRECTORS OF ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 7 together with the full financial statements of Archer Woodnutt Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30th September 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemption claimed in the directors' statement on the page 4 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of Opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 of that Act, in respect of the year ended 30th September 1996, and that the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 8 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other Information

On 30th May 1997 we reported, as auditors of Archer Woodnutt Limited, to the shareholders on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30th September 1996, and our report was as follows:-

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 14 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of accounting policies set out on pages 7 and 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Directors' Report, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements 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 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.

ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 (CONTINUED)

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 30th September 1996 and of its results for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies".

DUNCAN SHEARD GLASS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND REGISTERED AUDITORS

LIVERPOOL

30th May 1997



ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

<u>Note</u>		1996	1995
		£	£
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
2	Tangible assets	698,434	478,905
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
	Stocks	79,576	57,268
	Debtors	486,603	487,908
	Cash at bank in hand	1,344	241
		<u>567,523</u>	<u>545,417</u>
3	<u>CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</u>	(399,655)	(443,255)
	<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	<u>167,868</u>	<u>102,162</u>
	<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>	<u>866,302</u>	<u>581,067</u>
3	<u>CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR</u>	(251,092)	(32,499)
	<u>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES</u>	(10,351)	(8,213)
		<u>604,859</u>	<u>540,355</u>
		=====	=====
	<u>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</u>		
4	Called up share capital	50,000	50,000
	Profit and loss account	554,859	490,355
		<u>604,859</u>	<u>540,355</u>
		=====	=====

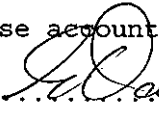
The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred on small companies by the Companies Act 1985, Schedule 8, Part III. In the opinion of the directors the company qualifies as a small company and is entitled to make use of the exemptions.

ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 1995

In the preparation of the financial statements, the directors have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies because, in the opinion of the directors, the company qualifies as such a company.

These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 30th May 1997.

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G Davenport)

X...  ...X)

T E Massey)

Directors

ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial statements.

(a) Cash flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because of the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 "Cash flow statements".

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts receivable from the provision of goods and services and is stated after discounts, allowances and VAT.

(c) Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its useful life.

Plant & machinery	10% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	10% straight line

No depreciation is charged on freehold buildings as it is the company's policy to maintain these so as to extend their useful lives.

(d) Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost includes direct materials, and labour incurred in bringing each product to its present condition and location.

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

(e) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided where there is a reasonable probability of the amount becoming payable in the foreseeable future.

(f) Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(g) Pension costs

Pension contributions are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of the pensions over the employee's expected working lives. These contributions are invested separately from the company's assets.

ARCHER WOODNUTT LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1996

2	<u>TANGIBLE ASSETS</u>		1996
			£
	<u>COST OR VALUATION</u>		
	At 1st October 1995		680,827
	Additions		315,154
	Disposals		(56,592)
	At 30th September 1996		939,389
			=====
	<u>DEPRECIATION</u>		
	At 1st October 1995		201,922
	Provision for year		77,360
	Disposals		(38,327)
	At 30th September 1996		240,955
			=====
	<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>		
	At 30th September 1996		698,434
			=====
	At 30th September 1995		478,905
			=====
3	<u>CREDITORS</u>		
	Security has been given by the company to secure £101,944 (1995: £136,213) of the amount shown under creditors.		
4	<u>SHARE CAPITAL</u>	1996	1995
		£	£
	Authorised		
	Equity interests:		
	A Ordinary shares of £1 each	37,500	37,500
	B Ordinary shares of £1 each	12,500	12,500
		50,000	50,000
		=====	=====
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	Equity interests:		
	A Ordinary shares of £1 each	37,500	37,500
	B Ordinary shares of £1 each	12,500	12,500
		50,000	50,000
		=====	=====
5	<u>ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY</u>		

The ultimate parent company is Archer Woodnutt (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated in England.