ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 December 2000

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO STODDARDS LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2000 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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Registered Auditor Chartered Accountants Brazennose House Lincoln Square Manchester M2 5BL

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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

31 December 2000

| | Notes | 2000 £ | 1999 £ |
|--|-------|-----------|-----------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible assets | 1 | 308,125 | 106,121 |
| Investments | 1 | 252,422 | |
| | | 560,547 | 106,121 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Stocks | | 56,628 | 37,232 |
| Debtors | | 531,909 | 418,849 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 410,975 | 723,235 |
| | | 999,512 | 1,179,316 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | | 788,662 | 491,182 |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 210,850 | 688,134 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 771,397 | 794,255 |
| PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES | | (9,703) | |
| | | 761,694 | 794,255 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | |
| Called up share capital | 2 | 6,422 | 4,000 |
| Profit and loss account | | 755,272 | 790,255 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | | 761,694 | 794,255 |

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

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for the year ended 31 December 2000

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation has been provided so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets less estimated residual value, on the reducing balance basis, at the following rates:-

Land and buildings

0 - 2% p.a.

Plant and machinery etc

15 - 25%

INVESTMENTS

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

STOCK

These have been valued on a "first in, first out" basis at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

DEFERRED TAXATION

Provision is made for taxation deferred or accelerated by the effect of timing differences, to the extent that it is probable that a liability will crystallise, at the rate expected to be ruling at that date.

PENSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year.

TURNOVER

Turnover represents the net total of goods sold and services provided during the financial year, excluding V.A.T.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 December 2000

| 1. | FIXED ASSETS | | | |
|----|---------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | Tangible | Investments | Total |
| | | assets | | |
| | | £ | £ | £ |
| | Cost | | | |
| | 1 January 2000 | 412,220 | ~ | 412,220 |
| | Additions | 265,311 | 252,422 | 517,733 |
| | Disposals | (25,586) | | (25,586) |
| | 31 December 2000 | 651,945 | 252,422 | 904,367 |
| | Depreciation | | | |
| | 1 January 2000 | 306,099 | - | 306,099 |
| | On disposals | (24,825) | - | (24,825) |
| | Charge for the year | 62,546 | _ | 62,546 |
| | 31 December 2000 | 343,820 | | 343,820 |
| | Net book value | - | - | - · |
| | 31 December 2000 | 308,125 | 252,422 | 560,547 |
| | 31 December 1999 | 106,121 | - | 106,121 |
| | | | | |

Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

| Company | Country of registration or incorporation | Shares held | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|-----|
| | • | Class | % |
| Subsidiary undertakings | | | |
| P Stoddard and Sons (Cheadle) Limited | England & Wales | Ordinary | 100 |

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

| Capita | al and Profit f | or |
|---|-----------------|----|
| res | serves the ye | ar |
| P Stoddard and Sons (Cheadle) Limited 413 | 3,929 | - |

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 December 2000

| 2. | SHARE CAPITAL | 2000 £ | 1999 £ |
|----|---|-----------|-----------|
| | Authorised | | £ |
| | 39,840/9,960 'A' Ordinary shares of 25p/£1 each | 9,960 | 9,960 |
| | 160/40 'B' Ordinary shares of 25p/£1 each | 40 | 40 |
| | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | Allotted, issued and fully paid | | |
| | 6,382/3,960 'A' Ordinary shares of 25p/£1 each | 6,382 | 3,960 |
| | 160/40 'B' Ordinary shares of 25p/£1 each | 40 | 40 |
| | | 6,422 | 4,000 |

On 1 January 2000 the 3,960 'A' Ordinary Shares were converted in 15,840 'A' ordinary shares of 25p each, and the 40 'B' ordinary £1 shares were converted into 160 'B' ordinary shares of 25p each.

On 1 January 2000 9,688 'A' ordinary shares of 25p each were issued at par in order to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of a connected company P Stoddard and Sons (Cheadle) Limited.