ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

for the year ended

31 December 2001

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Company Registration No. 00893294

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and financial statements of Stoddards Limited for the year ended 31 December 2001.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company was that of distributors of heating fuels, and coach and wedding car proprietors.

#### REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The results for the year and the financial position at the year end were considered satisfactory by the directors who expect continued growth in the foreseeable future.

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading profit for the year after taxation was £513,977.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2001:-

Mrs. M. H. Stoddard

M. P. Stoddard

B. H. Stoddard

P. M. Stoddard

J. A. Myatt

J. A. Stoddard

#### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES

Directors' interests in the shares of the company, including family interests, were as follows:

	'A' Ordinary shares	of 25p each
	31.12.01	1.1.01
Mrs. M. H. Stoddard	-	-
M. P. Stoddard	<del>-</del>	-
B. H. Stoddard	-	-
P. M. Stoddard	7,658	7,658
J. A. Myatt	3,191	3,191
J. A. Stoddard	5,106	5,106
	'B' Ordinary shares	of 25p each
	31.12.01	1.1.01
Mrs. M. H. Stoddard	40	40
M. P. Stoddard	40	40
B. H. Stoddard	40	40
P. M. Stoddard	-	_
J. A. Myatt	-	-
J. A. Stoddard	-	-

The Company's articles and association do not require the Directors to retire by rotation.

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **AUDITORS**

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing the reappointment of Baker Tilly as auditors to the company will be put to the annual general meeting.

On behalf of the board

B. H. Stoddard

Director A Brillian

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

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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 5 to 16, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2001 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 246A 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 section 246A(3) 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 section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 16 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

**BAKER TILLY** 

Registered Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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### ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 2001

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
Gross profit		346,674	118,974
Other operating expenses	2	263,803	191,945
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)		82,871	(72,971)
Investment income Other interest receivable and similar income	3	408,929 35,256	37,249
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	4	527,056	(35,722)
Taxation	6	13,079	(739)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	14	513,977	(34,983)

The operating profit/(loss) for the year arises from the company's continuing operations.

No separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been dealt with in the Profit and Loss Account.

### **BALANCE SHEET**

### 31 December 2001

	37. 4	2001	2000
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	256,706	308,125
Investments	8	250,000	252,422
		506,706	560,547
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	9	19,813	56,628
Debtors	10	346,810	531,909
Cash at bank and in hand		715,207	410,975
		1,081,830	999,512
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	312,865	788,662
NET CURRENT ASSETS		768,965	210,850
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,275,671	771,397
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	12	-	(9,703)
		1,275,671	761,694
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	13	6,422	6,422
Profit and loss account	14	1,269,249	755,272
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	15	1,275,671	761,694
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These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies

Approved by the board on

B. H. Stoddard

Director

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	16	(153,385)	180,900
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE Interest received Dividends received		35,256 408,929	37,249 -
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		444,185	37,249
TAXATION		890	(15,098)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT Payments to acquire tangible assets Payments to acquire investments Receipts from sales of intangible assets Receipts from sales of tangible assets Receipts from sales of investments  Net cash inflow/(outflow) for capital expenditure  ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS Purchase of subsidiary undertakings (net of cash acquired)  Net cash outflow for acquisitions and disposals		(7,458) - 2,578 15,000 2,422 - 12,542	(265,311) (250,000) - - - (515,311) (2,422) (2,422)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before management of liquid resources and financing		304,232	(314,682)
FINANCING Issue of ordinary share capital Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing		-	2,422 2,422
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH IN THE YEAR		304,232	(312,260)

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

#### 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, except for land, which is not depreciated. The following depreciation bases and rates are used:-

Freehold land and buildings

2% straight line

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

20% reducing balance

Motor vehicles

25% reducing balance

#### **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.

#### LONG TERM CONTRACTS

Amounts recoverable on long term contracts, which are included in debtors are stated at the net sales value of the work done after provision for contingencies and anticipated future losses on contracts, less amounts received as progress payments on account. Excess progress payments are included in creditors as payments on account.

#### 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.

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 December 2001

### 1. TURNOVER AND PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The company's turnover and profit/(loss) before taxation were all derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom.

2.	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	2001	2000
		£	£
	Administrative expenses	263,803	191,945
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3.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2001	2000
		£	£
	Income from subsidiary undertakings	408,929	-
	Bank interest	35,256	37,249
		444,185	37,249
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4.	PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2001	2000
		£	£
	Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation of tangible assets:		
	Charge for the year:		
	owned assets	57,068	62,546
	(Profit)/loss on disposals	(13,191)	761
	Auditors' remuneration	5,835	3,500

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 December 2001

#### 5. EMPLOYEES

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:	2001 No.	2000 No.
Management	2	2
Admin	4	3
Drivers and general	6	4
	12	9
	<del></del> -	=
	£	£
Staff costs for the above persons:		
Wages and salaries	225,142	180,765
Other pension costs	1,801	4,103
	226,943	184,868
DIRECTORS RELATION	2001	2000
DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION	2001	2000
	£	£
Emoluments for qualifying services	77,073	53,460
Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	1,801	4,103
	78,874	57,563

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under money purchase pension schemes amounted to 3 (2000 - 3).

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 December 2001

6	TAXATION	2001 £	2000 £
	Domestic current year tax		
	U.K. corporation tax	23,073	(4,627)
	Adjustment for prior years	(291)	(17)
	Current tax charge	22,782	(4,644)
	Deferred tax		
	Deferred tax charge/credit current year	(9,703)	3,905
		13,079	(739)
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	527,056	(35,722)
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 20.00% (2000: 20.00%)	105,411	(7,144)
	Effects of:		
	Non deductible expenses	270	1,275
	Depreciation	11,414	12,509
	Capital allowances	(7,109)	(10,161)
	Tax losses utilised	(1,889)	(4,189)
	Adjustments to previous periods	(291)	(17)
	Other tax adjustments	(85,024)	3,083
		(82,629)	2,500
	Current tax charge	22,782	(4,644)

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 December 2001

7.	<b>TANGIBLE</b>	FIXED	ASSETS

TANGIDLE LIXED ASSETS				
	Freehold land and buildings	Fixtures,Mo fittings & equipment	tor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
1 January 2001	88,200	54,356	509,389	651,945
Additions	•	1,458	6,000	7,458
Disposals	-	-	(59,535)	(59,535)
31 December 2001	88,200	55,814	455,854	599,868
Depreciation	<del></del>			
1 January 2001	3,564	28,701	311,555	343,820
Charge in the year	1,764	5,423	49,881	57,068
Disposals	-	-	(57,726)	(57,726)
31 December 2001	5,328	34,124	303,710	343,162
Net book value	<del></del>	<del></del> -		
31 December 2001	82,872	21,690	152,144	256,706
31 December 2000	84,636	25,655	197,834	308,125
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#### 8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed Shares in group		Total
	investments	undertakings	
	£	£	£
Cost			
1 January 2001	250,000	2,422	252,422
Disposals	-	(2,422)	(2,422)
31 December 2001	250,000		250,000
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In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the company's investment in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amount included in the balance sheet.

	Market value £	Market value
31 December 2001	253,940	253,940
31 December 2000	252,142	252,142

During the year, the company's subsidiary undertaking, BT123 Limited (formerly P Stoddard and Sons (Cheadle) Limited) was wound up. Its reserves were distributed to the company and its share capital was repaid.

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# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

STOCKS	2001 £	2000 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	19,813	56,628
DEBTORS	2001 £	2000 £
Due within one year:		
	305,732	471,694
-		4,627
		27,134
Prepayments and accrued income	24,906	28,454
	346,810	531,909
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2001 £	2000 £
Payments received an account	3 192	6,403
<del>-</del>		356,919
	,	413,929
	19,045	-
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Directors' current accounts	601	601
Other creditors	841	1,200
Pension account	28	45
Accruals and deferred income	48,353	9,305
	312,865	788,662
	DEBTORS  Due within one year: Trade debtors Corporation tax Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income  CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year  Payments received on account Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Directors' current accounts Other creditors Pension account	Finished goods and goods for resale   19,813

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

12.	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		
			Deferred
			taxation
			£
	Balance at 1 January 2001		9,703
	Transfer to profit and loss account		(9,703)
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	Balance at 31 December 2001		-
	Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements is as follows:		
		2001	2000
		£	£
	Excess of tax allowances over depreciation	-	9,703
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13.	SHARE CAPITAL	2001	2000
	Authorised:	£	£
	39,840 'A' Ordinary shares of 25p each	9,960	9,960
	160 'B' Ordinary shares of 25p each	9,900 40	9,900 40
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		10,000	10,000
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	Allotted, issued and fully paid:		
	160 'B' Ordinary shares of 25p each	40	40
	6,382 of each	6,382	6,382
		6,422	6,422
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14	STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON RESERVES		
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		1	Profit and loss account
			£
	1 January 2001		755,272
	Retained profit for the year		513,977
	31 December 2001		1,269,249

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

for the year ended 31 December 2001

15.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAF	REHOLDERS' FUND	S	2001 £	2000 £
	Profit/(Loss) for the financial year Proceeds from issue of shares			513,977	(34,983)
	Net addition to/(depletion in) shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds			513,977 761,694	(32,561) 794,255
	Closing shareholders' funds			1,275,671	761,694
16.	CASH FLOWS			2001 £	2000 £
a.	Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) to net cas operating activities	h (outflow)/inflow fr	om	L	£
b.	Operating profit/(loss) Depreciation of tangible assets (Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible assets Profit on disposal of intangible assets Decrease/(increase) in stocks Decrease/(increase) in debtors (Decrease)/increase in creditors within one year  Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activition  Analysis of net funds  Net cash: Cash at bank and in hand	es 1 January 2001 £ 410,975	Cash flow £ 304,232	82,871 57,068 (13,191) (2,578) 36,815 180,472 (494,842) (153,385) Other non-cash changes £	(72,971) 62,546 761 - (19,396) (108,433) 318,393 - 180,900
	Bank deposits		-		<del>-</del>
	Net funds	410,975	304,232	-	715,207
c.	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in	net debt		2001 £	2000 £
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year			304,232	(312,260)
	Movement in net funds in the year Opening net funds			304,232 410,975	(312,260) 723,235
	Closing net funds			715,207	410,975

### NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

17.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	2001	2000
		£	£
	Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	140,000	_
	Capital experiential contracted for out not provided in the initialicial statements	140,000	
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18.	PENSION COMMITMENTS		
	DEFINED CONTRIBUTION		
		2001	2000
		2001	2000 £
		£	£
	Contributions payable by the company for the year	1,801	4,103