Report and Financial Statements

31 July 1998

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#### OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

#### DIRECTORS

N D S Brown P F S Brown J R C Harris (resigned 24 November 1997)

#### **SECRETARY**

K J Matthews (resigned 23 June 1998) N J Penistan (appointed 23 June 1998)

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

Loveden Holdings Limited Brook House 42 Manor Street Ruskington Sleaford Lincs NG34 9EP

#### **BANKERS**

Midland Bank Plc 26 Market Place Sleaford Lincs NG34 7SB

#### **SOLICITORS**

Mossop & Bowser 10 Spalding Road Holbeach Lincs PE12 7LP

#### **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants 1 Woodborough Road Nottingham NG1 3FG



#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 1998.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

The group is involved in farming.

#### REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The company continues to seek additional farm land for its subsidiary, Loveden Estates Limited to farm. To date, a number of offers have been made but have proved to be unsuccessful.

#### **YEAR 2000**

The directors confirm that their computer programmes have been upgraded and are millennium compatible.

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The group's trading profit for the year after taxation was £523,000 compared to £2,768,000 for the year ended 31 July 1998. No dividends were paid in the year (1997 - £7,575,000 paid, £1,832,000 in Specie).

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the ordinary shares of the company during the year were as follows:

| •  | 'B' ordinary shares |                 |  |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|--|
|  | At 31 July 1998     | At 31 July 1997 |  |
| N D S Brown and P F S Brown (non-beneficial) | 38,366              | 39,109          |  |
| N D S Brown                                  | 4,850               | 5,608           |  |
| PFS Brown                                    | 20,097              | 20,172          |  |
| J R C Harris (resigned 24 November 1997)     | -                   | 3,000           |  |

Beneficial interests include those of spouses and infant children. The directors do not have any shareholding in the share capital of the subsidiary undertaking.

#### PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

During the year, the company bought back 5,365 £1 shares representing 7% of the called up share capital. The total consideration paid was £1,073,000 (£200 per share) to buy out non-family shareholders.

#### **BUILDINGS**

The directors are of the opinion that the market value of the land and buildings is in excess of the net book value, but in the absence of a recent valuation, the amount of the excess is not qualified.



#### DIRECTORS' REPORT

#### DIRECTORS' STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

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 the group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, 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,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **AUDITORS**

KPMG retired as auditors on 20 February 1998 and Deloitte & Touche were appointed auditors on the same date.

Deloitte & Touche have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

N J PENISTAN

Secretary

12 November 1998



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#### **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**

#### LOVEDEN HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 18 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 9.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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 and the group'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 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 affairs of the company and of the group at 31 July 1998 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

19 November 1998

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## CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 July 1998

|  | Note | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000               |
|--|------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| TURNOVER Continuing operations Discontinued operations                                       | 2    | 2,941         | 3,319<br>29,847             |
| Total turnover   |      | 2,941         | 33,166                      |
| Cost of sales  |      | (2,323)       | (27,684)                    |
| Gross profit   |      | 618           | 5,482                       |
| Distribution costs   |      | <del>.</del>  | (988)                       |
| Administrative expenses  |      | (291)         | (998)                       |
| Other operating income   |      | 38            | _                           |
|  |      | (253)         | (1,986)                     |
| OPERATING PROFIT Continuing operations Discontinued operations                               |      | 365           | 741<br>2,755                |
|  |      | 365           | 3,496                       |
| Income from other fixed asset investments  | 3    | 57            | 78                          |
| Interest receivable and similar income   |      | 351           | 478                         |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION  |      | 773           | 4,052                       |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities   | 6    | (250)         | (1,284)                     |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR Dividends Paid In specie | 7    | 523<br>-<br>- | 2,768<br>(7,575)<br>(1,832) |
| Retained profit for the financial year transferred to reserves                               | 16   | 523           | (6,639)                     |

There are no recognised gains or losses for the current or preceding financial year other than as stated above.



# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 31 July 1998

|  | Note  | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000 |
|--|-------|---------------|---------------|
| FIXED ASSETS                             |       |               |               |
| Tangible assets                          | 9     | 9,423         | 9,584         |
| Investments                              | 10    | 400           | 400           |
|  |       | 9,823         | 9,984         |
| CURRENT ASSETS                           |       |               |               |
| Stocks                                   | 11    | 1,071         | 1,270         |
| Debtors                                  | 12    | 345           | 285           |
| Cash at bank and in hand                 |       | 4,563         | 5,356         |
|  |       | 5,979         | 6,911         |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due           |       | (0.00)        | (000)         |
| within one year                          | 13    | (383)         | (930)         |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS                       |       | 5,596         | 5,981         |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT<br>LIABILITIES |       | 15,419        | 15,965        |
| PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND           |       |               |               |
| CHARGES                                  | 14    |               | (40)          |
|  |       | 15,375        | 15,925        |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES                     |       | <del>-</del>  | -             |
| Called up share capital                  | 15    | 71            | 76            |
| Share premium account                    |       | 7             | 7             |
| Revaluation reserve                      | 16    | -             | 22            |
| Capital redemption reserve               | 16,17 | 129           | 124           |
| Profit and loss account                  | 16    | 15,168        | 15,696        |
| TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS'               |       |               |               |
| FUNDS                                    | 18    | 15,375        | 15,925        |

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 12 November 1998.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

PFS BROWN

N D S BROWN

P. c. S. Anom

Directors



COMPANY BALANCE SHEET 31 July 1998

|                                | Note  | £            | 1998<br>£ | £     | 1997<br>£ |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| FIXED ASSETS                   |       |              |           |       |           |
| Tangible assets                | 9     |              | 8,714     |       | 8,714     |
| Investments                    | 10    |              | 400       |       | 400       |
|                                |       | ·            | 9,114     |       | 9,114     |
| CURRENT ASSETS                 |       |              | . ,       |       | ·         |
| Debtors                        | 12    | 309          |           | 105   |           |
| Cash at bank and in hand       |       | 4,019        |           | 5,356 |           |
|                                |       | 4,328        |           | 5,461 |           |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due |       |              |           |       |           |
| within one year                | 13    | (28)         |           | (298) |           |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS             |       | <del>,</del> | 4,300     |       | 5,163     |
| NET ASSETS                     |       |              | 13,414    |       | 14,277    |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES           |       |              |           |       |           |
| Called up share capital        | 15    |              | 71        |       | 76        |
| Share premium account          |       |              | 7         |       | 7         |
| Capital redemption reserve     | 16,17 |              | 129       |       | 124       |
| Profit and loss account        | 16    |              | 13,207    |       | 14,070    |
| TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS'     |       |              |           |       |           |
| FUNDS                          | 18    |              | 13,414    |       | 14,277    |

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# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 July 1998

|  | Note    | £         | 1998<br>£ | £           | 1997<br>£ |
|--|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| Net cash inflow from operating activities  | 22      |           | 777       |             | 17,980    |
| Returns on investments and servicing of finance<br>Interest received<br>Dividends received | ÷       | 351<br>46 |           | 478<br>78   |           |
| Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance                       |         |           | 397       |             | 556       |
| Taxation Corporation tax paid (including advance corporation)                              | on tax) | (751)     |           | (1,243)     |           |
| Tax paid   |         |           | (751)     |             | (1,243)   |
| Capital expenditure and financial investment   |         |           |           | (2.52)      |           |
| Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets     |         | (96)      |           | (863)<br>99 |           |
| Net cash outflow from capital expenditure  |         |           | (61)      |             | (764)     |
| Acquisitions and disposals  Cash transferred from demerger                                 |         |           | -         |             | (5,175)   |
| Equity dividends paid  |         |           | <u>-</u>  |             | (7,575)   |
| Net cash inflow before financing   |         |           | 362       |             | 3,779     |
| Financing Purchase of own shares   |         |           | (1,073)   |             | -         |
| (Decrease)/increase in cash  | 23,24   | ,         | (711)     | :           | 3,779     |



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 July 1998

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of Loveden Holdings Limited and its subsidiary company for the year ended 31 July 1998. A separate profit and loss account dealing with the results of the holding company has not been presented in accordance with Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Buildings 5% per annum straight line

Motor vehicles (year of acquisition) 36% per annum straight line

Motor vehicles (second and subsequent years) 24% per annum straight line

All other tangible fixed assets 5-25% per annum straight line

#### Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

#### Stocks and work in progress

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs of cultivations include overheads appropriate to the stage of cultivation.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided on timing differences, arising from the different treatment of items for accounts and taxation purposes, which are expected to reverse in the future, calculated at rates at which it is estimated that tax will arise.

#### Operating leases

Annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### Recognition of area aid income

Area aid income, including set-aside, is recognised in the profit and loss account when the underlying crops are sold. For crops harvested but unsold at the year end date, the relevant area aid and set-aside is treated as deferred income on the balance sheet.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the invoice amount of goods sold and services provided exclusive of value added tax and has been made wholly in respect of the principal activity of the group. The turnover and pre-tax profit, all of which arises in the United Kingdom, is attributable to the company's principal activity.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 July 1998

#### 3. INCOME FROM OTHER FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

| J. | MCONE FROM OTHER TELEFACE   |               |               |
|----|---|---------------|---------------|
|    |   | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000 |
|    | Listed investments  |               | **            |
|    | Dividends received  | 57            | 78            |
| 4. | INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES                       |               |               |
|    |   | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000 |
|    | Directors' remuneration   |               |               |
|    | Emoluments (excluding pension contributions)                        | <u>-</u>      | 250           |
|    | No directors are members of a pension scheme funded by the company. |               |               |
|    |   | No            | No            |
|    | Average number of persons employed                                  |               |               |
|    | Production  | 17            | 17            |
|    | Sales and distribution  | -             | 68            |
|    | Administration  | 4             | 61            |
|    |   | 21            | 146           |
|    |   | £'000         | £'000         |
|    | Staff and during the year (in duding dimentance)                    | x.000         | T. 000        |
|    | Staff costs during the year (including directors)                   | 354           | 4,098         |
|    | Wages and salaries  | 334<br>34     | •             |
|    | Social security costs   | 34            | 302           |
|    | Pension costs   | <del></del>   | 47            |
|    |   | 388           | 4,447         |
|    |   |               |               |

The aggregate of emoluments paid to the highest paid director was £Nil (1997 - £125,000)



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 July 1998

#### 5. OPERATING PROFIT

| э. | OPERATING PROFIL  |               |               |
|----|---|---------------|---------------|
|    |   | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000 |
|    | Operating profit is after charging:                           |               |               |
|    | Management services   | 75            | -             |
|    | Depreciation  |               |               |
|    | Owned assets  | 243           | 451           |
|    | Rentals under operating leases                                | 20 5          | 4.60          |
|    | Hire of plant and machinery Hire of land                      | 205           | 460           |
|    | Alle of falid   | 78            | 73            |
|    | Auditors' remuneration  |               |               |
|    | For audit services to the group                               | 10            | 24            |
|    | For audit services to the company                             | 2             | 3             |
|    | For other services  | 3             | 37            |
|    | And after crediting:  | <del></del>   |               |
|    | Rents receivable  | (24)          | (64)          |
| 6. | TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES                          |               |               |
|    | United Kingdom corporation tax at 31% (1997 - 32.3%) based on |               |               |
|    | the profit for the year                                       | 213           | 1,290         |
|    | Deferred taxation   | 4             | 4             |
|    | Tax on franked investment income                              | 11            | <u>-</u>      |
|    |   | 228           | 1,294         |
|    | Adjustments to prior years' tax provisions                    |               |               |
|    | Corporation tax under/(over)provision                         | 3             | (10)          |
|    | Tax on franked investment income                              |               |               |
|    |   | 250           | 1,284         |
| 7. | DIVIDENDS   |               |               |
|    | Dividends paid £Nil per share (1997 - £100 per share)         | -             | 7,575         |
|    | Dividends in Specie   | -             | 1,832         |
|    |   | <del></del>   | 9,407         |
|    |   | <del></del>   |               |

#### 8. PROFIT OF PARENT COMPANY

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act, the profit and loss account of the parent company is not presented as part of these accounts. The parent company's profit for the financial year amounted to £210,000 (1997 - £6,368,000).



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 July 1998

## 9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| Group  | Freehold<br>land and<br>buildings<br>£'000 | Plant<br>And<br>machinery<br>£'000 | Motor<br>vehicles<br>£'000 | Total<br>£'000                             |
|--|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Cost or valuation                              |  |                                    |                            |  |
| At 1 August 1997                               | 8,929                                      | 1,054                              | 105                        | 10,088                                     |
| Additions<br>Disposals                         | -  | 96<br>(26)                         | (54)                       | 96<br>(80)                                 |
| At 31 July 1998                                | 8,929                                      | 1,124                              | 51                         | 10,104                                     |
| Depreciation                                   |  |                                    |                            |  |
| At 1 August 1997                               | 6  | 436                                | 62                         | 504  |
| Charge for the year                            | 13   | 211                                | 19                         | 243  |
| Disposals                                      | <del>-</del>                               | (17)                               | (49)                       | (66)                                       |
| At 31 July 1998                                | 19   | 630                                | 32                         | 681  |
| Net book value                                 |  |                                    |                            |  |
| At 31 July 1998                                | 8,910                                      | 494                                | 19                         | 9,423                                      |
| At 31 July 1997                                | 8,923                                      | 618                                | 43                         | 9,584                                      |
| Company  |  |                                    |                            | Freehold<br>land and<br>buildings<br>£'000 |
| Cost At 1 August 1997 and 31 July 1998         |  |                                    |                            | 8,714                                      |
| Depreciation At 1 August 1997 and 31 July 1998 |  |                                    |                            | -  |
| Net book value<br>At 31 July 1998              |  |                                    |                            | 8,714                                      |
| ·  |  |                                    |                            |  |
| At 31 July 1997                                |  |                                    |                            | 8,714                                      |



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 July 1998

#### 10. INVESTMENTS

|   | 1998  | 1997  |
|---|-------|-------|
|   | £,000 | £'000 |
| Group and company                           |       |       |
| Shares listed on the London Stock Exchange  | 400   | 400   |
|   |       |       |
|   | £     | £     |
| Company – shares in subsidiary undertaking: |       |       |
| At 31 August 1997 and 31 July 1998          | 2     | 2     |

#### Shares on listed London Stock Exchange

The investment consists of 20.52% (1997 – 20.52%) of the ordinary share capital of Sentry Farming Group plc. The company is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales and its principal activities are farming and farm management.

The directors consider the investment to be of long term nature and in 1992 it was written down to a value of £400,000. The market value at 31 July 1998 was £845,784 (1997 - £1,345,563). However, in view of the volatile nature of the company's share price, the investment has not been revalued during the year.

Sentry Farming Group plc achieved a profit after tax of £65,000 for the year ended 31 December 1997 and had equity shareholders' funds of £5,874,000. The directors consider that the group's share of the results of Sentry Farming Group plc is not material in relation to the groups' financial statements.

#### Subsidiary undertaking:

The investment consists of 100% (1997 – 100%) of the ordinary share capital of Loveden Estates Limited. The company is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales and its principal activity is farming.

The subsidiary has been included in the consolidation.

#### 11. STOCKS

| Group |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| 1998  | 1997                         |
| £'000 | £'000                        |
| 29    | 23                           |
| 1,042 | 1,247                        |
| 1,071 | 1,270                        |
|       | 1998<br>£'000<br>29<br>1,042 |



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 July 1998

#### 12. DEBTORS

|   | Group         |               | Company       |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000 | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000 |
| Trade debtors  Amounts owed by group undertakings | 80            | 148           | -<br>91       | -<br>68       |
| Other debtors                                     | 265           | 137           | 218           | 37            |
|   | 345           | 285           | 309           | 105           |

All debtors are due within one year.

#### 13. CREDITORS

|                               | G     | roup  | Con   | mpany |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                               | 1998  | 1997  | 1998  | 1997  |
|                               | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Bank overdraft                | _     | 82    | -     | -     |
| Trade creditors               | 132   | 175   | -     | -     |
| Corporation tax               | 167   | 513   | 25    | 287   |
| Other tax and social security | 14    | 14    | _     | 1     |
| Other creditors               | -     | -     | -     | 5     |
| Accruals and deferred income  | 70    | 146   | 3     | 5     |
|                               | 383   | 930   | 28    | 298   |
|                               |       |       |       |       |

#### 14. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

|                          | G     | roup  |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|
|                          | 1998  | 1997  |
|                          | £,000 | £'000 |
| Deferred taxation        |       |       |
| Balance at 1 August 1997 | 40    | 36    |
| Provision - current year | 4     | 4     |
|                          |       |       |
| Balance at 31 July 1998  | 44    | 40    |
|                          |       |       |

The amounts provided in the accounts and the amounts not provided are as follows:

|  | Provided<br>31 July<br>1998<br>£'000 | Provided<br>31 July<br>1997<br>£'000 | Not<br>Provided<br>31 July<br>1998<br>£'000 | Not<br>provided<br>31 July<br>1997<br>£'000 |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Capital allowances in advance of depreciation<br>Taxation on valuation surplus | 44                                   | 40 - 40                              | -   | 3   |



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 July 1998

#### 15. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

|  | 1998<br>£ | 1997<br>£    |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| Authorised 200,000 'B' ordinary shares of £1 each      | 200,000   | 200,000      |
| Allotted and fully paid 'B' ordinary shares of £1 each | 70,389    | 75,754       |
| Purchase of own shares Purchase of own shares          | (5,365)   | <del>*</del> |

#### 16. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

| THE GROUP                       | Revaluation<br>reserve<br>£'000 | Capital redemption reserve £'000 | Profit and loss account £'000 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| At 1 August 1997                | 22                              | 124                              | 15,696                        |
| Profit for the year             | -                               | -                                | 523                           |
| Capital redemption              | -                               | 5                                | (5)                           |
| Premium on redemption of shares | -                               | -                                | (1,068)                       |
| Revaluation reserve             | (22)                            |                                  | 22                            |
| At 31 July 1998                 | _                               | 129                              | 15,168                        |
| THE COMPANY                     |                                 |                                  |                               |
| At 1 August 1997                | -                               | 124                              | 14,070                        |
| Profit for the year             | -                               | -                                | 210                           |
| Capital redemption              | -                               | 5                                | (5)                           |
| Premium on redemption reserves  |                                 |                                  | (1,068)                       |
| At 31 July 1998                 | <u> </u>                        | 129                              | 13,207                        |

## 17. CAPITAL REDEMPTION RESERVE

The capital redemption reserve was created when the company purchased 102,030 of its own shares in 1988, 22,216 in 1992 and a further 5,365 in 1998.



## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 July 1998

#### 18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

|  | Group          |                  | Company        |                  |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| ·  | 1998<br>£'000  | 1997<br>£'000    | 1998<br>£'000  | 1997<br>£'000    |
| Profit for the financial period<br>Dividends | 523            | 2,768<br>(9,407) | 210            | 6,368<br>(9,407) |
| Capital redeemed                             | 523<br>(1,073) | (6,639)          | 210<br>(1,073) | (3,039)          |
| Net reduction in shareholders' funds         | (550)          | (6,639)          | (863)          | (3,039)          |
| Opening shareholders' funds                  | 15,925         | 22,564           | 14,277         | 17,316           |
| Closing shareholders' funds                  | 15,375         | 15,925           | 13,414         | 14,277           |

#### 19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company made the following transactions on an arms length basis with companies under common control and companies in which it had a shareholding investment.

|                            | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sales                      |               |               |
| Sentry Farming Group PLC   | 10            | 19            |
|                            |               |               |
| Purchases                  |               |               |
| Brown Butlin Group Limited | 507           | 569           |
| Sentry Farming Group PLC   | -             | 61            |
|                            |               |               |
| Management charge          |               |               |
| Brown Butlin Group Limited | 75            | -             |
|                            |               |               |

At the year end, the balances outstanding due to companies under common control and companies in which it had a shareholding investment were:

| Brown Butlin Group Limited | (31) | 35 |
|----------------------------|------|----|
| Sentry Farming Group PLC   | (2)  | 2  |

Mr P F S Brown is a partner in the firm of Mossop & Bowser, solicitors of Loveden Holdings Limited, which carried out legal work during the year on behalf of the company to the value of £6,000.



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#### 20. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS - GROUP

At 31 July 1998, the company was committed to making the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases.

|     |   | Land and<br>buildings<br>1998 | Other 1998 |
|-----|---|-------------------------------|------------|
|     |   | £'000                         | £,000      |
|     | Leases which expire:  |                               |            |
|     | Within one year   | 46                            | 32         |
|     | Within 2 to 5 years   | 32                            | 66         |
|     |   | 78                            | 98         |
|     |   | <del></del>                   |            |
| 21. | CAPITAL COMMITMENTS   |                               |            |
|     |   | 1998                          | 1997       |
|     |   | £'000                         | £'000      |
|     | Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the accounts | 32                            |            |
|     |   |                               |            |

## 22. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW/OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

|   | 1998<br>£'000 | 1997<br>£'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Operating profit                          | 365           | 3,496         |
| Depreciation                              | 243           | 451           |
| Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets   | (21)          | (64)          |
| Decrease/(increase) in stocks             | 199           | (1,536)       |
| Decrease in debtors                       | 110           | 9,685         |
| (Increase)/decrease in creditors          | (119)         | 5,948         |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 777           | 17,980        |



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#### 23. ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS

| 23. | ANALYSIS OF NET FUNDS                     |               |                                 |                       |                                |
|-----|---|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
|     |   |               | At 1<br>August<br>1997<br>£'000 | Cash<br>Flow<br>£'000 | At 31<br>July<br>1998<br>£'000 |
|     | Cash in hand and at bank<br>Overdrafts    |               | 5,356<br>(82)                   | (793)<br>82           | 4,563                          |
|     | Total                                     |               | 5,274                           | (711)                 | 4,563                          |
| 24. | RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO M      | OVEMENT IN    | NET FUNDS                       | 8                     |                                |
|     |   | 1998<br>£'000 | 1998<br>£'000                   | 1997<br>£'000         | 1997<br>£'000                  |
|     | (Decrease)/increase in cash in the period | (711)         |                                 | 3,779                 |                                |
|     |   |               | (711)                           |                       | 3,779                          |
|     | Movement in net funds in the period       |               | (711)                           |                       | 3,779                          |
|     | Net funds at start of year                |               | 5,274                           |                       | 1,495                          |
|     | Net funds at end of year                  |               | 4,563                           | ,                     | 5,274                          |