

Co. No 895475

**NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING AGENCY LIMITED**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31st DECEMBER 1999**



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## North Atlantic Shipping Agency Limited

### Directors

E.A. Manthos  
T. Kotsias

### Secretary and Registered Office

T. Kotsias  
Kingsway House, 103 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6QX

### Auditors

Moore Stephens  
Chartered Accountants  
St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4P 4BN

### Report of the Directors

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 1999.

#### Review of Activities

The principal activity of the company during the year continued to be that of shipping agents.

The directors consider that the difficult conditions currently prevailing in the shipping market may have an effect on the company's results in the forthcoming period.

#### Results for the Year

The profit for the financial year, after taxation, was £12,757 and has been transferred to reserves.

#### Dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year.

#### Directors and Directors' Interests

The interests as defined by the Companies Act 1985, of the directors in the share capital of the company were as follows:

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E.A. Manthos	1,002	1,002
T. Kotsias	Nil	Nil

**North Atlantic Shipping Agency Limited****Report of the Directors (Continued)****Year 2000**

The costs incurred in ensuring that the company was not adversely affected by the Year 2000 problem were not material. No significant problems resulting from the Year 2000 have been experienced, and no future problems are envisaged.

**Auditors**

The auditors Moore Stephens, are willing to continue in office. A resolution for their reappointment and authorising the directors to fix their remuneration will be submitted to the forthcoming annual general meeting.

By Order of the Board

T. KOTSIAS

Secretary



**North Atlantic Shipping Agency Limited****Statement of Director's 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 of the profit or loss of the company 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, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and 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.

**Report of the Auditors to the Members of  
North Atlantic Shipping Agency Limited**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 10 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

**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's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

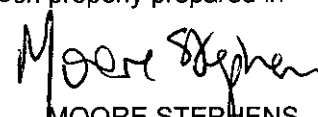
We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity 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 company's affairs at 31st December 1999 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

St. Paul's House  
London, EC4P 4BN

10 MAY 2000

  
MOORE STEPHENS  
Registered Auditor  
Chartered Accountants

**North Atlantic Shipping Agency Limited**

**Profit and Loss Account  
For the year ended 31st December 1999**

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
<b>Turnover</b>	1(b), 2	218,560	211,060
Administrative expenses		204,328	194,636
<b>Gross Profit</b>		14,232	16,424
Interest receivable		1,177	735
<b>Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation</b>	3	15,409	17,159
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	5	2,652	3,333
<b>Profit for the Financial Year</b>		£ 12,757	£ 13,826

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those stated above.

**Summary of Profit and Loss Account**

At 1st January 1999		49,180	35,354
Profit for the financial year		12,757	13,826
At 31st December 1999	£	61,937	£ 49,180

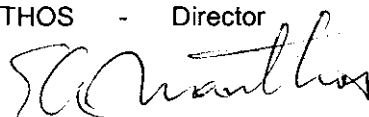
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## Balance Sheet - 31st December 1999

	Note	1999	1998
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	6	14,669	12,208
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	7	19,239	18,153
Cash at bank and in hand		48,119	37,186
		<u>67,358</u>	<u>55,339</u>
<b>Creditors, amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	<u>17,900</u>	<u>15,980</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>49,458</u>	<u>39,359</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>64,127</u>	<u>51,567</u>
Deferred taxation	9	1,188	1,385
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>£ 62,939</u>	<u>£ 50,182</u>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Share capital	10	1,002	1,002
Profit and loss account		61,937	49,180
<b>Equity Shareholders' Funds</b>		<u>£ 62,939</u>	<u>£ 50,182</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 10 May 2000

E.A. MANTHOS - Director



## North Atlantic Shipping Agency Limited

### Notes to the Financial Statements - 31st December 1999

#### 1. Principal Accounting Policies

##### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

##### (b) Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts earned in respect of services rendered during the year by way of commissions and fees.

##### (c) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Furniture and fittings	-	25% straight line basis
Office equipment	-	10% straight line basis

##### (d) Deferred taxation

Provision is made by the liability method for all material timing differences which are expected to be reversed in the foreseeable future.

##### (e) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date have been converted into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at that date.

#### 2. Turnover

All turnover has been derived from North America.

#### 3. Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Directors' emoluments	81,611	80,587
Auditors' remuneration	4,500	4,500
Depreciation	2,570	2,134
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**North Atlantic Shipping Agency Limited**

**Notes to the Financial Statements - 31st December 1999 (Continued)**

**4. Directors and Employees**

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Directors' emoluments		
Staff costs include the following emoluments in respect of directors of the company:		
Other emoluments	£ 81,611	£ 80,576
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	129,238	126,249
Social security costs	13,228	12,459
Other staff costs	4,409	5,440
	£ 146,875	£ 144,148

The months average number of persons employed b the company including directors during the year was:

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
Management	1	1
Administration	4	4
Total employees	5	5

**5. Taxation**

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
United Kingdom corporation tax	2,850	3,612
Overprovision for prior year	(1)	(224)
Deferred taxation (note 9)	(197)	45
	£ 2,652	£ 3,333

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - 31st December 1999 (Continued)

### 6. Tangible Fixed Assets

	<u>Furniture and Fittings</u>	<u>Office Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost			
At 1st January 1999	6,061	28,782	34,843
Additions	-	5,031	5,031
At 31st December 1999	£ 6,061	£ 33,813	£ 39,874
Depreciation			
At 1st January 1999	5,736	16,899	22,635
Charge for the year	162	2,408	2,570
At 31st December 1999	£ 5,898	£ 19,307	£ 25,025
Net book value			
At 31st December 1999	£ 163	£ 14,506	£ 14,669
At 31st December 1998	£ 325	£ 11,883	£ 12,208

### 7. Debtors

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Trade debtors	7,500	-
Other debtors	6,868	9,342
Prepayments and accrued income	4,871	8,811
	£ 19,239	£ 18,153

### 8. Creditors, amounts falling due within one year

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Trade creditors	4,360	2,959
Corporation tax	2,850	3,512
Other taxation and social security	4,361	4,159
Accruals and deferred income	6,329	5,350
	£ 17,900	£ 15,980

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## Notes to the Financial Statements - 31st December 1999 (Continued)

### 9. Deferred Taxation

		Accelerated Capital Allowances
At 1st January 1999		1,385
Decrease in provision (note 5)		(197)
At 31st December 1999	£	<u>1,188</u>

### 10. Equity Share Capital

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Authorised 5,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	£ <u>5,000</u>	£ <u>5,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid 1,002 ordinary shares of £1 each	£ <u>1,002</u>	£ <u>1,002</u>

### 11. Other Financial Commitments

The company has the following annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases which expire within:

	<u>1999</u> <u>Land and</u> <u>Buildings</u>	<u>1998</u> <u>Land and</u> <u>Buildings</u>
Two to five years	£ <u>16,500</u>	£ <u>16,500</u>

### 12. Related Party Transactions

The company derives its business through Admanthos Shipping Agency Inc., a company controlled by the brother of Mr. E.A. Manthos (the controlling director of North Atlantic Shipping Agency Limited).

At 31st December 1999 a net balance of £3,140 was due from Admanthos Shipping Agency Inc.