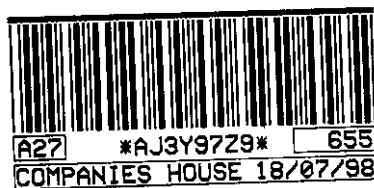


TATE TRUCKS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

26 DECEMBER 1997



TATE TRUCKS LIMITED

Directors and advisers

Directors

T P Tate
S Duce

Secretary

S Duce

Registered office

The Yorkshire Ford Centre
Balm Road
New Hunslet
Leeds
LS10 2RL

Company number

898828

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Directors' report

The directors present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 26 December 1997.

Principal activity and business review

The company has not traded during the year under review and accordingly no profit and loss account has been prepared.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors of the company during the year were as follows:

T P Tate
S Duce

As T P Tate and S Duce are directors of the ultimate parent undertaking, Tate of Leeds Limited, their interests in the shares of group undertakings are not required to be recorded in the register maintained by this company.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

Auditors

Under the provisions of Section 252(2) of the Companies Act 1985 a special resolution has been passed resolving that the company shall not appoint auditors.

The Yorkshire Ford Centre
Balm Road
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1 April 1998

By order of the board



T P Tate
Director

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Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the preparation of the financial statements


The directors are required by company law to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of each financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for the period to that date. 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 confirm that the financial statements comply with the above requirements and that the company has maintained proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board


T P Tate
Director

1 April 1998

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Balance sheet

at 26 December 1997

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
		£	£
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	1	(683,496)	(683,496)
Creditors: amounts falling due after more one year	2	(604,000)	(604,000)
Net liabilities		<u>(1,287,496)</u>	<u>(1,287,496)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	3	500	500
Profit and loss account		<u>(1,287,996)</u>	<u>(1,287,996)</u>
Equity shareholders' funds		<u>(1,287,496)</u>	<u>(1,287,496)</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 1 April 1998, who also confirm that the company was dormant throughout the financial year, and were signed on its behalf by:

T P Tate
Director



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Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the going concern basis which assumes the company will continue to receive the support of its ultimate parent undertaking. They have also been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Cash flow statement

As permitted by Financial Reporting Standard No.1 the company has not produced a cash flow statement on the grounds that it has satisfied the conditions exempting it as a small company.

Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the transaction date. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

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Notes on the financial statements

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
	£	£
1. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Amount due to ultimate parent undertaking	676,889	676,889
Other creditors	6,607	6,607
	<u>683,496</u>	<u>683,496</u>

Other creditors includes an amount of £5,607 (1996: £5,607) denominated in dollars. The balance translated at the year end rate is £5,146 (1996: £5,050). In view of the insignificant amounts involved no adjustment has been made to the balance to restate it in line with the accounting policy.

The directors of the ultimate parent undertaking have agreed that any claim for monies due by the company be deferred in favour of the other creditors.

The ultimate parent undertaking has agreed to pay the balance due to the other creditors of £6,607 (1996: £6,607) on demand.

2. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Debenture from immediate parent undertaking	<u>604,000</u>	<u>604,000</u>

The debenture from the immediate parent undertaking, Tate of Leeds (Pre 1986) Limited, was due to be repaid on 9 December 1993. No interest has been charged on this debenture since 31 December 1985. It is secured on the assets of the company both present and future.

3. Called up share capital		
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid		
500 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

4. Ultimate parent undertaking

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tate of Leeds (Pre 1986) Limited, which is in turn a wholly owned subsidiary of Tate of Leeds Limited. Both companies are incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales.

Tate of Leeds Limited was, during the year, under the control of T P Tate and his close family, who were interested in 100% of the company's issued share capital.

The consolidated financial statements of Tate of Leeds Limited are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House.

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Notes on the financial statements (continued)

5. Related party transactions

The amount due to the ultimate parent undertaking, Tate of Leeds Limited, bears no interest and is repayable on demand.