

**COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**31ST AUGUST 2002**

Company Registration Number 899512



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**COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND  
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**OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

**Board of directors**

P J Gale  
D R Farman  
N P Cook

**Company secretary**

P J Gale

**Registered office**

Equipoise House  
Grove Place  
Bedford  
MK40 3LE

**Auditors**

MacIntyre Hudson  
Chartered Accountants  
& Registered Auditors  
Equipoise House  
Grove Place  
Bedford  
MK40 3LE

**Bankers**

National Westminster Bank plc  
40 Market Street  
Wellingborough  
Northamptonshire  
NN8 1AD

# **COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED**

## **THE DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### **YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002**

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st August 2002.

### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the company has continued to be the arrangement of bulk purchasing facilities for electrical equipment on behalf of its members through Combined Independents (Holdings) Limited.

### **THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

P J Gale  
D R Farman  
N P Cook (Appointed 21 January 2002)  
D W Lane (Retired 21 January 2002)

The directors had no interests in the shares of the company during the year.

### **AUDITORS**

A resolution to re-appoint MacIntyre Hudson as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

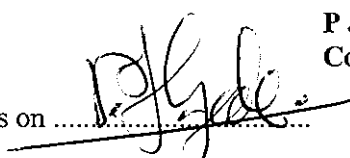
### **SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office:  
Equipoise House  
Grove Place  
Bedford  
MK40 3LE

Signed by order of the directors

**P J GALE**  
Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on .....  .....

20.1.2003

# **COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED**

## **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002**

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 at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 7, and then apply them consistently;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

- 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. The directors 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.

# **COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS**

### **YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002**

We have audited the financial statements of Combined Independents (Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire) Limited for the year ended 31st August 2002 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes numbers 1 to 13. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

#### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS**

As described in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

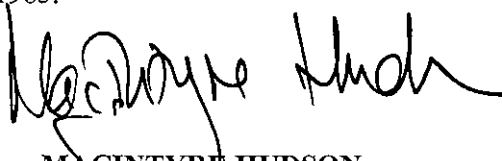
#### **BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 as at 31st August 2002 and of the profit of the company for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



**MACINTYRE HUDSON**  
Chartered Accountants  
& Registered Auditors

Equipoise House  
Grove Place  
Bedford  
MK40 3LE

24 March 2002

**COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002**

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>		17,026	17,123
Administrative expenses		11,118	15,034
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	2	5,908	2,089
Interest receivable	4	453	1,107
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION</b>		6,361	3,196
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	26	302
<b>AMOUNTS DUE TO MEMBERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		6,335	2,894

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

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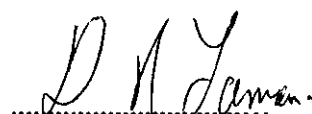
## BALANCE SHEET

31ST AUGUST 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	-	-
Investments	7	1,390	1,390
		<u>1,390</u>	<u>1,390</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	8	5,797	3,714
Cash at bank		50,235	51,064
		<u>56,032</u>	<u>54,778</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>15,474</u>	<u>17,979</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>40,558</u>	<u>36,799</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>41,948</u>	<u>38,189</u>
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES</b>			
Members' bad debt reserve	10	34,748	30,989
		<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called-up equity share capital	12	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	13	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These financial statements were approved by the directors on ..20.11.2003.... and are signed on their behalf by:



D R FARMAN  
Director



# COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

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

#### Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is small.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents group fees received, net of value added tax.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Office equipment and furniture      15% on cost

### 2. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Auditors' fees	<u>1,900</u>	<u>1,900</u>

### 3. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Aggregate emoluments	<u>—</u>	<u>7,000</u>

### 4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2002	2001
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	453	1,104
Other interest receivable	<u>—</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>453</u>	<u>1,107</u>

# **COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002**

### **5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

#### **(a) Taxation**

	2002 £	2001 £
Current tax:		
UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 10% (2001 10%)	26	110
Under provision in prior year	—	192
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>26</u>	<u>302</u>

Corporation tax losses available to carry forward at 31st August 2002 amount to £69,702 (2001 £75,580).

#### **(b) Factors affecting current tax charge**

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 10% (2001 10%).

	2002 £	2001 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>6,361</u>	<u>3,196</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of UK corporation tax of 10% (2001 10%)	636	320
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(4)	(5)
Utilisation of corporation tax losses	(587)	(205)
Effect of nil rate band	(19)	—
Corporation tax under provision	—	192
Total current tax (note 5(a))	<u>26</u>	<u>302</u>

### **6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Office equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1st September 2001 and 31st August 2002	<u>3,597</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 1st September 2001	<u>3,597</u>
At 31st August 2002	<u>3,597</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31st August 2002	—
At 31st August 2001	—

# COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002

### 7. INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted investments £
<b>COST:</b>	
At 1st September 2001 and 31st August 2002	<u>1,390</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE:</b>	
At 31st August 2002	<u>1,390</u>
At 31st August 2001	<u>1,390</u>

The unlisted investment consists of one ordinary share of £1 in Combined Independents (Holdings) Limited.

### 8. DEBTORS

	2002 £	2001 £
Other debtors	<u>5,797</u>	<u>3,714</u>

### 9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2002 £	2001 £
Trade creditors	280	—
Other creditors including taxation and social security:		
Corporation tax	26	110
PAYE and social security	—	1,540
VAT liability	800	1,250
Other creditors	10,400	12,461
Amounts due to ex-members (see below)	3,968	2,618
	<u>15,474</u>	<u>17,979</u>

#### Amounts due to ex-members:

	2002 £	2001 £
At 1st September 2001	2,618	1,585
Amounts payable to members on resignation during the year	1,350	1,080
Amounts recoverable from members on resignation during the year	—	(47)
	<u>3,968</u>	<u>2,618</u>

# COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002

### 10. MEMBERS' BAD DEBT RESERVE

	2002	2001
	£	£
Balance brought forward	30,989	29,175
Repaid/repayable to members on resignation	(3,576)	(1,080)
Received from members on appointment	1,000	-
	<u>28,413</u>	<u>28,095</u>
Amounts due to members for the financial year	6,335	2,894
	<u>34,748</u>	<u>30,989</u>

### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There was no ultimate controlling party during the current or previous year.

D R Farman is also a director of Combined Independents (Holdings) Limited. The company received group fees amounting to £15,652 net of value added tax (2001 £16,848) from Combined Independents (Holdings) Limited during the year.

During the year the company paid management charges in respect of services provided as a director to the following:

Horace Gale Limited, of which P J Gale is a director, £3,000 (2001 £nil)  
 Karabyna Limited, of which D R Farman is a director, £4,000 (2001 £5,000)  
 Adams, Cook & Pearce Limited, of which N P Cook is a director, £500 (2001 £nil)  
 D W Lane & R E Wright Limited, of which D W Lane is a director, £500 (2001 £nil)

At the year end, £8,000 (2001 £5,000) was outstanding and is reflected in other creditors. No amounts were written off during the year.

### 12. SHARE CAPITAL

#### Authorised share capital:

	2002	2001
	£	£
10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

#### Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2002	2001
	£	£
Ordinary share capital	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>

### 13. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2002	2001
	£	£
Opening shareholders' equity funds	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>
Closing shareholders' equity funds	<u>7,200</u>	<u>7,200</u>

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**MANAGEMENT INFORMATION**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002**

**The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements  
which are the subject of the auditors' report on page 4.**

**COMBINED INDEPENDENTS (BEDFORDSHIRE AND  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE) LIMITED****DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002**

	2002 £	2001 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>	17,026	17,123
<b>OVERHEADS</b>		
Administrative expenses	11,118	15,034
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	5,908	2,089
Interest receivable	453	1,107
<b>PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>6,361</u>	<u>3,196</u>

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## **NOTES TO THE DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2002**

	2002		2001	
	£	£	£	£
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Personnel costs</b>				
Directors' emoluments		—		7,000
<b>General expenses</b>				
Office expenses	1,065		1,063	
General expenses	99		15	
Management charges	8,000		5,000	
Auditors' remuneration	1,900		1,900	
		11,064		7,978
<b>Financial costs</b>				
Bank charges		54		56
		11,118		15,034
<b>INTEREST RECEIVABLE</b>				
Bank interest receivable		453		1,104
Other interest receivable		—		3
		453		1,107