E. & S.J. WALPOLE LIMITED ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000



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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2000.

Principal activities and review of the business

The principal activity of the company to which there have been no significant changes in the year are the provision of road haulage services and warehousing facilities.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 4.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 July 1999:

Mrs. E. Walpole Mrs. A. Snook Mr. S. J. Walpole

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary of £ 1 each	
	30 June 2000	1 July 1999
Mrs. E. Waipole	54	54
Mrs. A. Snook	484	484
Mr. S. J. Walpole	462	462

Included within Mrs A Snook's figures above, are 22 shares held by all of the directors as trustees.

Charitable contributions

During the year the company made charitable donations of £1,664 (1999: £485).

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Larking Gowen be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

Directors' 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;
- 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.

By order of the board



AUDITORS' REPORT TO E. & S.J. WALPOLE LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 14, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 2000 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 that provision 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 4 to 14 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Larking Gowen

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors Norwich

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ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

	Notes	Year ended 30 June 2000 £	Year ended 30 June 1999 £
Gross profit		126,534	132,123
Administrative expenses Other operating income		(43,175) 4,500	(33,954) 3,906
Operating profit	2	87,859	102,075
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(61,182)	(75,035)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		26,677	27,040
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(7,924)	(1,754)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	14	18,753	25,286

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2000

	20	000	19	999
Notes	£	£	£	£
5		1,142,222		1,273,861
6		200		200
		1,142,422		1,274,061
_	3,945		5,133	
8			615,763	
	586		-	
				
_	568,502		620,896	
9	(946,889)		(916,348)	
		(378,387)		(295,452)
		764,035		978,609
10		(75,592)		(311,212)
11		(88,032)		(85,739)
		600,411		581,658
13		1 000		1,000
14		599,411		580,658
15		600,411		581,658
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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.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on

Mis. A. Snook

Director

Mr. Š. J. Walpole

Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

		Year ended 30 June 2000 £		Year ended 30 June 1999 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities		496,763		282,966
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest paid	(61,139)		(75,206)	
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		(61,139)		(75,206)
Taxation		-		3,767
Capital expenditure Payments to acquire tangible assets Receipts from sales of tangible assets	(57,404) 26,856		(27,685) 50,166	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow for capital expenditure		(30,548)		22,481
Net cash inflow before management of liquid resources and financing		405,076		234,008
Financing Repayment of long term bank loan Capital element of hire purchase contracts	(57,120) (345,221)		(68,757) (381,175)	
Net cash outflow from financing		(402,341)		(449,932)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year		2,735		(215,924)

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

1	Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash activities	inflow from o	perating	2000	1999
				£	£
	Operating profit Depreciation of tangible assets Profit on disposal of tangible assets Decrease in stocks Decrease/(increase) in debtors Increase/(decrease) in creditors within one year			87,859 297,383 (9,875) 1,188 51,792 68,416	102,075 277,356 (6,538) 1,695 (30,614) (61,008)
	Net cash inflow from operating activities			496,763	282,966
2	Analysis of net debt	1 July 1999	Cash flow	Other non- cash changes	30 June 2000
		£	£	£	٤
	Net cash: Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	- (189,352)	586 2,149		586 (187,203)
		(189,352)	2,735		(186,617)
	Debt: Hire purchase contracts Debts falling due within one year	(606,407) (57,120)	345,221 57,120	(125,321)	(386,507)
	Net debt	(852,879)	405,076	(125,321)	(573,124)
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement	in net debt		2000 £	1999 £
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lease fi	nancing		2,735 402,341	(215,924) 449,932
	Change in net debt resulting from cash flows New finance lease			405,076 (125,321)	234,008 (205,813)
	Movement in net debt in the year Opening net debt			279,755 (852,879)	28,195 (881,074)
	Closing net debt			(573,124)	(852,879)

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and machinery

20% reducing balance/straight line basis and 12 1/2% - 33 1/3% straight line basis

1.4 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.5 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.6 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.7 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the company during the year in accordance with SSAP 24.

1.8 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

2	Operating profit	2000	1999
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	297,383	277,356
	Operating lease rentals		
	- Plant and machinery	16,487	12,018
	- Other assets	144,417	71,500
	Auditors' remuneration	6,450	9,050
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

3	Interest payable	2000	1999
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	16,300	14,519
	Hire purchase interest	44,882	60,516
		61,182	75,035
4	Taxation	2000	1999
		£	£
	U.K. current year taxation		
	U.K. corporation tax at 20% (1999 - 21%)	5,631	-
	Deferred taxation	2,293	1,754
		7,924	1,754
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

5	Tangible fixed assets	
		Plant and machinery
		£
	Cost	
	At 1 July 1999	2,580,595
	Additions	182,725
	Disposals	(83,153)
	At 30 June 2000	2,680,167
	Depreciation	
	At 1 July 1999	1,306,734
	On disposals	(66,172)
	Charge for the year	297,383
	At 30 June 2000	1,537,945
	Net book value	,
	At 30 June 2000	1,142,222
	At 30 June 1999	1,273,861
		======
	Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:	
		Plant and
		machinery
	Net book values	£
	At 30 June 2000	729,879
		======
	At 30 June 1999	928,614
	Depreciation charge for the year	
	30 June 2000	167,097
	30 June 1999	172,346
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6	Fixed asset investments	
		Unlisted
		investments £
	Cost	_
	At 1 July 1999 & at 30 June 2000	200

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

7	Stocks	2000 £	1999 £
	Raw materials and consumables	3,945	5,133 ————
8	Debtors	2000	1999
		£	£
	Trade debtors	492,596	539,952
	Prepayments and accrued income	71,375	75,811
		563,971	615,763
9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000 £	1999 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts	187,203	246,472
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts	310,915	295,195
	Trade creditors	217,069	159,466
	Corporation tax	5,631	404 904
	Other taxes and social security costs Directors' current accounts	101,080 5,354	101,801 8,913
	Other creditors	37,999	34,464
	Accruals and deferred income	81,638	70,037
		946,889	916,348
10	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2000	1999
		£	£
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts	75,592	311,212
	Net obligations under hire purchase contracts		
	Repayable within one year	310,915	295,195
	Repayable between one and five years	75,592 	311,212
		386,507	606,407
	Included in liabilities falling due within one year	(310,915)	(295,195)
		75,592	311,212
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

Provisions for liabilities and charges		
		Deferred taxation
		£
Balance at 1 July 1999		85,739
Profit and loss account		2,293
Balance at 30 June 2000		88,032
		
Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements is as follows:		
	Fu	lly provided
	2000	1999
	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	88,032	97,083
Tax losses available	-	(11,344)

12 Pension costs

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The company operates a separate pension scheme for certain directors and key employees. The scheme is self-administered and the scheme's assets are held independently of the company's finances.

88.032

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Under the scheme there are specified target benefits based on the members' final pensionable earnings. Triennial actuarial valuations are undertaken in order to determine the contributions which would be required to fund these target benefits. However, the rules of the scheme limit the liability in respect of any member to whatever may be secured by contributions actually paid in respect of that member, together with investment income thereon. Furthermore the company is not committed to pay the contribution rates disclosed by the actuarial valuation. The pension charge for the year has therefore been taken as the contributions paid to the scheme which amounted to £117,228. (1999 £110,486). The company had no outstanding pension commitments at 30 June 2000. (1999 £Nil). The latest triennial actuarial valuation was carried out as at 30 June 1997, dated 26 June 1998. At the date of the valuation the market value of the schemes assets was £792,385 and the scheme liabilities were fully funded.

Defined contribution

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of its employees but to which the company makes no contribution. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

13 Share capital		2000 £	1999 £
Authorised 1,000 Ordinary of £	1 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up 1,000 Ordinary of £	* *	1,000	1,000

14 Statement of movements on profit and loss account

		lo	Profit and oss account
	Balance at 1 July 1999		580,658
	Retained profit for the period		18,753
	Balance at 30 June 2000		599,411
15	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2000	1999
		£	£
	Profit for the financial year	18,753	25,286
	Opening shareholders' funds	581,658	556,372
	Closing shareholders' funds	600,411	581,658

16 Contingent liabilities

Barclays Bank Pic hold cross guarantees and debentures on the assets of the company and its connected company Cowper Road Properties Limited.

17 Financial commitments

At 30 June 2000 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings 2000 1999	
	£	£
Expiry date:	_	-
Between two and five years	199,000	60,000
In over five years	-	11,500
	199,000	71,500

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

18	Directors' emoluments	2000 £	1999 £
	Emoluments for qualifying services	180,856	201,583
	Company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	47,730	47,730
		228,586	249,313

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under money purchase pension schemes amounted to 2 (1999 - 2).

19 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was:

	2000	1999
	Number	Number
Drivers	34	33
Clerical	6	6
Directors	3	2
	43	41
		
Employment costs		
	£	£
Wages and salaries	902,417	938,634
Social security costs	83,394	100,743
Other pension costs	117,228	110,486
	1,103,039	1,149,863