

DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

31 DECEMBER 1997

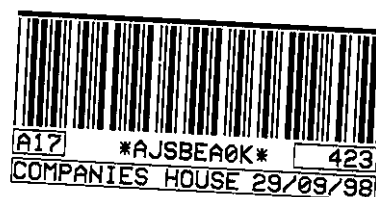
Registered number: 1477372

REGISTRAR

KIDSONS IMPEY

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Manchester



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DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD
ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended 31 December 1997

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DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD**COMPANY INFORMATION****31 December 1997**

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| NUMBER | 1477372 |
| DIRECTORS | D L Pluck F J Seymour |
| SECRETARY | F J Seymour |
| REGISTERED OFFICE | 127 Storeton Road Prenton Birkenhead L42 9PQ |
| BANKERS | Bank of Ireland 41 Castle Street Liverpool L2 9SH |
| SOLICITORS | Fanshaw Porter and Hazelhurst 11 & 12 Hamilton Square Birkenhead Merseyside L41 5AR |
| AUDITORS | Kidsons Impey Chartered Accountants Devonshire House 36 George Street Manchester M1 4HA |

DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD
ABREVIATED DIRECTORS' REPORT

31 December 1997

The directors present their report and the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1997.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of turf accountants.

Business review

The company's balance sheet as detailed on page 6 shows a satisfactory position, shareholders' funds amounting to £280,114.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 5. The directors do not propose payment of an ordinary dividend.

Fixed assets

In the opinion of the directors there is no significant difference between the present market value of the company's properties and the amounts at which they are stated in the accounts. Details are set out in note 9.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the shares of the company as recorded in the register of directors' interests were as follows

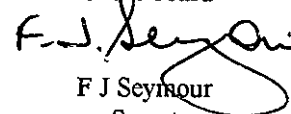
| | 31 December 1997 Ordinary shares | 1 January 1997 Ordinary shares |
|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| D L Pluck | 192 | 198 |
| F Seymour | 6 | - |

F Seymour was appointed as a director on 1 September 1997.

Auditors

The Company has elected to dispense with the annual appointment of auditors. In the absence of a specific resolution to the contrary Kidsons Impey will continue in office.

On behalf of the board


F J Seymour
Secretary

127 Storeton Road
Prenton
Birkenhead
L42 9PQ

31 July 1998

DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD

STATEMENT OF 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 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.

On behalf of the board

D L Pluck
Director

31 July 1998



DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD

AUDITORS' REPORT TO DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LIMITED

UNDER S247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 5 to 14, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 1997 prepared under s226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

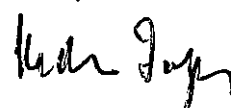
The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with s246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with s246A(3) of the Act to the 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 consider 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 full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with s246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 14 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.



Kidsons Impey
Registered Auditors

Devonshire House
36 George Street
Manchester
M1 4HA

3 August 1998

DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 1997

| | Note | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| Gross profit | | 1,141,552 | 976,578 |
| Net operating expenses | | | |
| Administrative expenses | | (999,511) | (870,260) |
| Other operating income | | 5,297 | 573 |
| Operating profit | 2 | 147,338 | 106,891 |
| Investment income | 4 | 29,634 | 7,368 |
| Interest payable | 5 | (15,944) | (51,584) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | | 161,028 | 62,675 |
| Taxation | 6 | (33,340) | (16,655) |
| Profit on ordinary activities after taxation retained for the year | 19 | 127,688 | 46,020 |

Movements in reserves are shown in the notes to the financial statements.

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

There are no recognised gains and losses in 1997 or 1996 other than the profit for the year.

DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD
ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET
at 31 December 1997

| | Note | 1997 | | 1996 | |
|--|------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Intangible assets | 7 | | 10,125 | | - |
| Tangible assets | 8 | | 815,861 | | 823,961 |
| | | | <u>825,986</u> | | <u>823,961</u> |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 10 | 7,750 | | 6,510 | |
| Debtors | 11 | 8,615 | | 6,041 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 127,629 | | 72,067 | |
| | | <u>143,994</u> | | <u>84,618</u> | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 12 | (451,720) | | (442,626) | |
| Net current liabilities | | | <u>(307,726)</u> | | <u>(358,008)</u> |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | <u>518,260</u> | | <u>465,953</u> |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 13 | | (205,556) | | (275,255) |
| Provision for liabilities and charges | 14 | | <u>(32,590)</u> | | <u>(38,272)</u> |
| | | | <u>280,114</u> | | <u>152,426</u> |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 17 | | 200 | | 200 |
| Share premium account | 18 | | 42,291 | | 42,291 |
| Profit and loss account | 19 | | 237,623 | | 109,935 |
| Total shareholders' funds | 16 | | <u>280,114</u> | | <u>152,426</u> |

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part III of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985 on the basis that the company qualifies as a medium company.

The abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 14 were approved by the board of directors on 31 July 1998 and signed on its behalf by:

D L Pluck
Director



DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD
ABBREVIATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
for the year ended 31 December 1997

| | Note | 1997 | | 1996 | |
|--|------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 20 | | 209,136 | | 294,477 |
| Returns on investments and servicing of finance | | | | | |
| Interest paid | | (15,944) | | (51,584) | |
| Other returns | | 29,634 | | 7,368 | |
| | | | 13,690 | | (44,216) |
| Taxation | | | | | |
| Corporation tax paid | | | (17,883) | | (15,581) |
| Capital expenditure and financial investment | | | | | |
| Purchase of intangible fixed assets | | (11,250) | | - | |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | | (73,892) | | (174,547) | |
| | | | (85,142) | | (174,547) |
| | | | 119,801 | | 60,133 |
| Financing | | | | | |
| Debt due beyond a year: | | | | | |
| Bank loan repayments | | | (64,239) | | (43,295) |
| Increase in cash | | | 55,562 | | 16,838 |

DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD

NOTES ON ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 1997

1 Accounting policies**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amount derived from the provision of goods and services falling within the company's activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual value over their estimated useful lives as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Freehold buildings | 2% straight line |
| Leasehold land and buildings | period of lease |
| Computer equipment | 25% reducing balance |
| Fixtures and fittings | 15% reducing balance |
| Goodwill | 10% straight line |

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is computed on a first in first out basis. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less the estimated cost of disposal.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that tax liabilities are likely to crystallise in the foreseeable future.

2 Operating profit

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Operating profit is stated after crediting | | |
| Interest receivable | 5,297 | 573 |
| and after charging | | |
| Staff costs (note 3) | 426,685 | 379,132 |
| Auditors' remuneration | 2,673 | 2,500 |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (note 8) | | |
| owned assets | 81,992 | 68,642 |
| Amortisation of intangible fixed assets (note 7) | 1,125 | - |
| | 83,117 | 68,642 |

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3 Directors and employees

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|---|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff costs including directors' emoluments | | |
| Wages and salaries | 426,685 | 379,132 |
| Average monthly number employed including executive directors: | Number | Number |
| Administration staff | 64 | 63 |
| Directors | £ | £ |
| Amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes (excluding shares and share options) | 13,370 | 2,600 |
| | 13,370 | 2,600 |

4 Investment income

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|--------------------------|--------|-------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other non-trading income | 29,634 | 7,368 |
| | 29,634 | 7,368 |

5 Interest payable

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank interest | 289 | 4,960 |
| Bank loan interest | 15,655 | 18,624 |
| Interest on directors loan account | - | 28,000 |
| | 15,944 | 51,584 |

6 Taxation

| | 1997 | 1996 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Corporation tax on Profit on ordinary activities at 21.75% (1996 24.25%) | 39,022 | 18,610 |
| Transfer from deferred taxation | (5,682) | (1,955) |
| | 33,340 | 16,655 |

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7 Intangible fixed assets

| | Goodwill £ |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Cost | |
| Additions | 11,250 |
| 31 December 1997 | <u>11,250</u> |
| Amortisation | |
| Charge for the year | 1,125 |
| 31 December 1997 | <u>1,125</u> |
| Net book amount | |
| 31 December 1997 | <u><u>10,125</u></u> |

8 Tangible fixed assets

| | Plant and Machinery £ | Fixtures and Fittings £ | Land and Buildings £ | Total £ |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cost | | | | |
| 1 January 1997 | 55,644 | 538,713 | 537,765 | 1,132,122 |
| Additions | 48,255 | 8,929 | 16,708 | 73,892 |
| 31 December 1997 | <u>103,899</u> | <u>547,642</u> | <u>554,473</u> | <u>1,206,014</u> |
| Depreciation | | | | |
| 1 January 1997 | 6,955 | 249,716 | 51,490 | 308,161 |
| Charge for year | 24,236 | 44,689 | 13,067 | 81,992 |
| 31 December 1997 | <u>31,191</u> | <u>294,405</u> | <u>64,557</u> | <u>390,153</u> |
| Net book amount | | | | |
| 31 December 1997 | <u><u>72,708</u></u> | <u><u>253,237</u></u> | <u><u>489,916</u></u> | <u><u>815,861</u></u> |
| 1 January 1997 | <u><u>48,689</u></u> | <u><u>288,997</u></u> | <u><u>486,275</u></u> | <u><u>823,961</u></u> |

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9 Land and buildings

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Freehold | 449,370 | 459,356 |
| Short leasehold | 40,546 | 26,919 |
| | <u>489,916</u> | <u>486,275</u> |

Long leaseholds are those leaseholds with more than 50 years unexpired

10 Stocks

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Consumable stock | 7,750 | 6,510 |
| | <u>7,750</u> | <u>6,510</u> |

11 Debtors

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Amounts falling due within one year | | |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 8,615 | 6,041 |
| | <u>8,615</u> | <u>6,041</u> |

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank loan | 27,233 | 21,773 |
| Trade creditors | 10,312 | 3,124 |
| Corporation tax | 39,022 | 17,883 |
| Other taxation and social security | 45,203 | 40,799 |
| Other creditors | 310,853 | 344,790 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 19,097 | 14,257 |
| | <u>451,720</u> | <u>442,626</u> |

The bank loan is secured by a fixed and floating charge on the assets of the company and specific charges on the company's freehold and leasehold land and buildings.

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13 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank loan | 105,556 | 175,255 |
| Other loans | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| | <u>205,556</u> | <u>275,255</u> |

The bank loan is secured by a fixed and floating charge on the assets of the company and specific charges on the company's freehold and leasehold land and buildings.

Maturity of debt

In one year or less, or on demand

- see note 12

Between two and five years

In five years or more

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 27,233 | 21,773 |
| 105,556 | 90,532 |
| 100,000 | 184,723 |
| <u>100,000</u> | <u>184,723</u> |

Amounts falling due after more than five years:

Bank loan

Other loans

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| - | 84,723 |
| 100,000 | 100,000 |
| <u>100,000</u> | <u>184,723</u> |

14 Provision for liabilities and charges

| | 1996 £ | Profit and loss account £ | Other movements £ | 1997 £ |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Deferred taxation (notes 6 and 15) | <u>(38,272)</u> | <u>5,682</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(32,590)</u> |

15 Deferred taxation

| | 1997 Potential liability £ | Provision made £ | 1996 Potential liability £ | Provision made £ |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Corporation tax deferred by | - | - | - | - |
| Accelerated capital allowances | <u>(32,590)</u> | <u>(32,590)</u> | <u>(38,272)</u> | <u>(38,272)</u> |
| | <u>(32,590)</u> | <u>(32,590)</u> | <u>(38,272)</u> | <u>(38,272)</u> |

The potential liability and provision are based on a corporation tax rate of 21.75% (1996 24.25%).

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16 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Profit for the financial year representing a Net addition to shareholders' funds | 127,688 | 46,020 |
| Opening shareholders' funds | 152,426 | 106,406 |
| Closing shareholders' funds | 280,114 | 152,426 |

17 Called up share capital

| | 1997 | | 1996 | |
|--|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| | Number of shares | £ | Number of shares | £ |
| Authorised | | | | |
| Authorised share capital | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Allotted called up and fully paid | | | | |
| Authorised share capital | 200 | 200 | 200 | 200 |

18 Share premium account

| | 1997 £ |
|--|-----------|
| 1 January 1997 and 31 December 1997 | 42,291 |

19 Profit and loss account

| | 1997 £ |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 January 1997 | 109,935 |
| Retained profit for the year | 127,688 |
| 31 December 1997 | 237,623 |

DAVID PLUCK (WIDNES) LTD

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20 Notes to the cash flow statement

Reconciliation of operating profit
to operating cash flows

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Operating profit | 147,338 | 106,891 |
| Depreciation charges | 81,992 | 68,642 |
| Amortisation | 1,125 | - |
| Increase in stocks | (1,240) | (1,360) |
| (Increase)/decrease in debtors | (2,574) | 17,885 |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors | (17,505) | 102,419 |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 209,136 | 294,477 |

21 Analysis of changes in net debt

| | At start of year £ | Cash flows £ | Other changes £ | At end of year £ |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Cash in hand, at bank | 72,067 | 55,562 | - | 127,629 |
| | | 55,562 | | |
| Debt due within 1 year | (21,773) | (5,460) | - | (27,233) |
| Debt due after 1 year | (275,255) | 69,699 | - | (205,556) |
| | | 64,239 | | |
| Total | (224,961) | 119,801 | - | (105,160) |

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt

| | 1997 £ | 1996 £ |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Increase in cash in the year | 55,562 | 16,838 |
| Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lease financing | 64,239 | 43,295 |
| Change in net debt resulting from cash flows | 119,801 | 60,133 |
| Net debt at 1 January 1997 | (224,961) | (263,321) |
| Net debt at 31 December 1997 | (105,160) | (203,188) |