Annual Report and Accounts

31st January 2001



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J G Austin FCA

Secretary:

R K Glover LLB, ACA

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Directors' Report

The Directors are pleased to submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31st January 2001.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company during the year under review was the sale, distribution and recycling of plastic materials.

RESULTS

Turnover rose by 16% from £9.4 million to £10.9 million.

The Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation amounted to £918,120 (2000: £864,043).

The Profit on Ordinary Activities After Taxation amounted to £619,253 (2000: £599,335).

The directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of £115,000.

After providing for dividends the retained profit transferred to reserves amounted to £404,253 (2000: £384,335).

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The business has experienced strong growth during the year, as customers continue to respond to the committed and innovative service offered. However, the trading environment is now increasingly difficult, with new pressures on both the demand and supply sides. This is reflected in reduced gross profit margins and a slower growth in operating profits.

Management are confident in their strategy of maintaining high levels of service and will continue to develop new opportunities as they arise over the coming year.

FIXED ASSETS

The changes in fixed assets during the year are summarised in the notes to the accounts.

Directors' Report Continued

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors have no interests in the shares of the company.

The directors at 31st January 2001 and their interests in the £1 Ordinary Shares of the Parent Undertaking, Maple Holdings Limited, were as follows:

	31.1.01 <u>No.</u>	31.1.00 <u>No.</u>
L Welsh	200,850	200,850
J G Austin	236,600	236,600

At the forthcoming Annual General Meeting J G Austin retires in accordance with the Articles of Association and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint KPMG as auditors, will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board 29th March 2001 and signed on its behalf

R K Glover, LLB ACA

Secretary

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 for that year. 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 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 for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of UKAP Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors:

The Directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 3, the accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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

Basis of Audit 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion:

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st January 2001, and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

29th March 2001

KPMG

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors St Nicholas House Park Row Nottingham

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Profit and Loss Account - Year Ended 31st January 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
TURNOVER	2	10,914,174	9,417,980
Cost of sales		(8,875,945)	(7,524,849)
GROSS PROFIT		2,038,229	1,893,131
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(672,246) (525,585)	(640,973) (467,215)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	840,398	784,943
Interest receivable and similar income	6	77,722	79,100
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		918,120	864,043
TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	7	(298,867)	(264,708)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	15	619,253	599,335
DIVIDENDS	8	(215,000)	(215,000)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		404,253	384,335
RETAINED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWARD		2,656,865	2,272,530
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		3,061,118	2,656,865
			

In both the current and preceding financial years all the turnover and operating profit of the company related to continuing activities.

In both the current and preceding financial years there was no difference between profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year as shown above, and their historical equivalent.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these Accounts.

In both the current and preceding financial years the company had no recognised gains or losses other than those included in the profit and loss account above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

Balance Sheet as at 31st January 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	10	195,420	143,588
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks	11	359,510	368,370
Debtors due within one year Debtors due after more than one year Total debtors	12 12 12	2,131,136 2,245,000 4,376,136	1,849,857 1,731,000 3,580,857
Cash at bank and in hand		53,134 4,788,780	194,478 4,143,705
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,873,082)	(1,580,428)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,915,698	2,563,277
NET ASSETS		3,111,118	2,706,865
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	14	50,000 3,061,118	50,000 2,656,865
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	15	3,111,118	2,706,865

The Accounts on pages 5 to 12 were approved by the Board of Directors on 29th March 2001 and were signed on its behalf by:

Leslie Welsh - Director

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these Accounts

Notes to Accounts - 31st January 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost convention. The accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements.

(b) Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life. Plant and Machinery and Equipment is written off over 3 to 10 years, and Vehicles over 3 to 4 years.

(c) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(d) Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method for all significant timing differences between profit for tax purposes and profit for accounting purposes, to the extent that a liability is expected to crystallise in the future. The liability is calculated at the rate at which it is estimated that it will be payable.

(e) Lease and Hire Purchase Contracts

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits so as to spread the costs over the life of the lease.

Income from operating leases is accounted for so as to spread the income over the life of the lease.

(f) Foreign Currencies

Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Differences arising on settlement or translation are charged or credited to the profit and loss account as incurred.

(g) Pension Costs

The company contributes to employees personal pension plans, which are money purchase schemes. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

(h) Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods sold and commissions receivable in the ordinary course of business, stated net of value added tax.

(i) Cash Flow Statement

The company is exempt from the requirement of FRS 1 (Revised 1996) to prepare a cash flow statement, as 100% of the voting rights of the company's shares are controlled by Maple Holdings Limited. The consolidated financial statements of Maple Holdings Limited, which include the company, are publicly available from Companies House.

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2. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

The directors are of the opinion that there is only one activity. The geographical analysis of the company's turnover is:

2001 £	2000 £
10,756,315 157,859	9,259,321 158,659
10,914,174	9,417,980
	
6,200 74,512 47,656 (5,209) (3,483)	5,400 53,506 63,211 5,882 (20,900)
136,302 12,500	107,821 12,500
148,802	120,321
	£ 10,756,315 157,859 10,914,174 6,200 74,512 47,656 (5,209) (3,483) 136,302 12,500

The aggregate emoluments of the highest paid director were £136,302 (2000: £107,821). The company made pension contributions of £12,500 (2000: £12,500) to a money purchase scheme on his behalf. The retirement benefits are accruing to one (2000: one) director under the money purchase scheme.

5. STAFF COSTS

Wages and Salaries	544,487	488,930
Social Security Costs	55,378	49,507
Pension costs	19,967	19,767
	619,832	558,204

Pension costs represent the total pension contributions paid by the company during the year.

The average number of employees including Directors during the year was:	<u>No.</u>	<u>No.</u>
Sales, Administration and Management Production	16 5	14 4
	21	18

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6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	2001 £	2000 £
On amounts owed by parent undertaking On bank deposit	72,504 5,218	72,344 6,756
	77,722	79,100
7. TAXATION ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
Corporation Tax at 30% (2000: 30%) Group Relief Over Provision in previous year	112,893 186,034 (60)	264,708 - -
	298,867	264,708
The potential liability at 30% (2000: 30%) in respect of deferred taxation not provided in the Balance Sheet was:		
Accelerated Capital Allowances	Nil	Nil
8. DIVIDENDS		
First Interim paid on 10 November 2000 Proposed Final	100,000 115,000	75,000 140,000
	215,000	215,000

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	Plant & Machinery £	Vehicles & Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 st February 2000	184,949	212,158	397,107
Additions	11,614	124,505	136,119
Disposals	(1,796)	(54,312)	(56,108)
At 31st January 2001	194,767	282,351	477,118
Depreciation			
At 1 st February 2000	158,974	94,545	253,519
Provided during the year	16,309	58,203	74,512
Disposals	(58)	(46,275)	(46,333)

Net Book Value 31st January 2001	19,542	175,878	195,420
Net Book Value 31st January 2000	25,975	117,613	143,588
		2001	2000

175,225

106,473

281,698

11. STOCKS		
Raw materials and consumables	4,535	3,419
Finished goods and goods for resale	354,975	364,951
	359,510	368,370

The directors are of the opinion that there is no material difference between the purchased cost of stocks shown above and their replacement cost.

12. DEBTORS

At 31st January 2001

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Debtors due within one year		
Trade Debtors	1,969,797	1,832,391
Amounts owed from group undertakings	57,762	_
Prepayments and accrued income	103,577	17,466
	2,131,136	1,849,857
Debtors due after more than one year		
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	2,245,000	1,731,000
	4,376,136	3,580,857
		

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	2001	2000
13. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Trade Creditors	1,182,287	914,065
Amounts owed to group undertakings	187,790	· -
Corporation Tax	52,893	182,708
Other taxes and social security costs	251,723	319,592
Accruals and deferred income	83,389	24,063
Dividends payable	115,000	140,000
	1,873,082	1,580,428
14. SHARE CAPITAL		
Authorised:		
250,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	250,000	250,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
50,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	50,000	50,000
15. RECONCILIATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS At 1st February	2,706,865	2,322,530
Profit for the year	619,253	599,335
Dividends	(215,000)	(215,000)
At 31 st January	3,111,118	2,706,865
16. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS		
The company had the following annual commitments under non cancellable operating leases:		
Land and Buildings		
Leases expiring within 1 year	-	2,931
Leases expiring within 2 to 5 years	32,060	28,470

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17. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The Company has executed an unlimited guarantee, supported by a mortgage debenture over its assets, in favour of Maple Holdings Limited. This relates to an overdraft facility for Maple Holdings Limited, against which there was £815,402 outstanding at 31st January 2001 (2000: £Nil).

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Maple Holdings Limited, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has not disclosed transactions and balances with entities which form part of the group. The consolidated financial statements, within which this company is included, are publicly available from Companies House.

19. PARENT UNDERTAKING

The immediate and ultimate Parent undertaking is Maple Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.