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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1997

<u>FOR</u>

BODDINGTONS LIMITED



COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS:

R M Boddington esq Mrs P Swainsbury

SECRETARY:

Mrs P Swainsbury

REGISTERED OFFICE:

Unit 10

Chelmsford Road Industrial Estate

Great Dunmow Essex CM6 1HF

REGISTERED NUMBER: 01589762

AUDITORS:

N.J. Liddell & Co. Chartered Accountants Suite 10, Rood End House

Stortford Road Great Dunmow Essex CM6 1DA

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 1997.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of manufacturers and distributors of printed warning tapes and the distribution of electrical products to industrial users.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

DIVIDENDS AND TRANSFERS TO RESERVES

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 December 1997. The retained profit transferred to reserves will be £112,393.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the company in office during the year and their beneficial interests in the issued share capital were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	Class of Capital	31.12.97	31.12.96
R M Boddington esq	Ordinary Shares £1	24,399	24,399
Mrs P Swainsbury	Ordinary Shares £1	250	250
	"A" Shares £1	625	625

AUDITORS

The auditors, N.J. Liddell & Co., will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

SMALL COMPANY RULES

This report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small and medium sized companies.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD:

Director

Dated: 26th October 1998

DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES & REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

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 then apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume 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 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.

Auditors report to the members of Boddingtons Limited We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in the financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors.

As described above, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of 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 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 December 1997 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies

N J Liddell & Co Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Suite 10, Rood End House Stortford Road Dunmow Essex CM6 1DA

Dated: 26th October 1998

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31 December 1997

· ·		31.12	.97	31.12	.96
	Notes	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER	2		4,431,079		4,509,139
Cost of Sales			2,503,295		2,686,144
GROSS PROFIT			1,927,784		1,822,995
Administrative Expenses Other Operating Charges		1,399,312 349,801		1,397,743 338,305	1,736,048
OPERATING PROFIT	4		178,671		86,947
Interest Receivable	5		503		558
			179,174		87,505
Interest Payable and Similar Charges	6		22,948		27,101
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PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVE BEFORE TAXATION	/ITIES		156,226		60,404
Tax on Profit on Ordinaz Activities	7 7		43,833		15,965
PROFIT FOR THE YEAR			112,393		44,439
Retained Profit brought	forward		556,563		512,124
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED	FORWARD		£668,956		£556,563

There are no recognised gains or losses in the year or previous year other than the profit (1996 profit) for the year. All amounts relate to continuing operations, there were no acquisitions or discontinued operations.

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 1997

		31.12	.97	31.12	.96
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	8		382,052		409,346
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Stocks	9	303,253		255,480	
Debtors	10	850,119		789,535	
Cash at Bank		5,787		1,303	
		1,159,159		1,046,318	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due within one year	11	787,556		796,802	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			371,603		249,516
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES:			753,655		658,862
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due after more than one year	ar				
Lease and Hire Purchase			44,699		63,299
			£708,956		£595,563
			========		=======
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called Up Share Capital	13		26,683		26,582
Share Premium	14		13,317		12,418
Profit & Loss Account			668,956		556,563
			£708,956		£595,563
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In preparing these financial statements we have relied on sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 as enabling us to take advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small and medium sized companies.

DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Board dated:26th October 1998

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31 December 1997

	31.12	.97	31.12	. 96
	£	£	£	£
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING				_
ACTIVITIES				
Operating Profit	178,671		86,947	
Depreciation	120,879		116,095	
(Profit)/Loss on sale of assets	(2,174)		(1,949)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Stock	(47,773)		(5,304)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	(60,584)		(171,781)	
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	(79,255)		184,811	
		109,764		208,819
RETURNS ON INVESTEMENT AND				
SERVICING OF FINANCE				
Interest Received	503		558	
Interest Paid	(22,948)		(27,101)	
		(22,445)		(26,543)
TAXATION				
Taxation Paid		(18,336)		(28,780)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT				
Payments to acquire Fixed Assets	(100,510)		(92,850)	
Receipts from sales of Fixed Assets			7,250	
1		(91,411)		/8E 600)
		()1,411)		(85,600)
EQUITY DIVIDENDS PAID		_		(4,148)
FINANCING				
	1 000			
Issue of Ordinary Share Capital Lease and Hire Purchase	1,000		-	
Bank Loan	(18,600)		(35,032)	
Bank Loan			(2,697)	
		(17,600)		(37,729)
		(40,028)		26,019
				=======
INCREASE IN CASH				
Cash at Bank		4,484		(11,715)
Bank Overdraft		(44,512)		`37,734
		(40,028)		26,019
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 1997

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

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

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Leasehold Property - Written off in year

Leasehold Improvements - 10% on written down value

Fixtures and Fittings - 25% on written down value

Motor Vehicles - 25% on written down value

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Deferred Taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

Foreign Currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Hire Purchase and Leasing Commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives. The interest element of the repayment obligation is charged to profit and loss over the period of the agreement on a straight line basis.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 1997

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 1997

7. TAXATION

The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:

				1997 £	1996 £
Based on the ad UK Corporation Under Provision Interest on Lat	Tax at 23.25 Prior Year			43,860 (60) 33	21,274 (5,309) -
				43,833	-
8. TANGIBLE FIXED		Leasehold Improvem- ents	Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£	£
COST: As at 1 January 1997 Additions Disposals	8,000 - -	120,871		62,437 54,137 (18,625)	
	8,000	120,81	843,621	97,949	1,070,441
DEPRECIATION: As at 1 January 1997 Charge for Year Eliminated on Disposals	8,000		493,860 91,878 -	44,066 13,043 (11,700)	120,879
	8,000	49,242	585,738	45,409	688,389
NET BOOK VALUES: As at 31 December 1997	-			£52,540	
As at 31 December 1996	£8,000	·		£18,371	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 1997

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase or finance leases are as follows:

		Fixtures and Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Totals
		£	£	£
	COST: As at 1 January 1997 Additions	215,384	54,137	215,384 54,137
	Transferred to Ownership	(48,848)		(48,848)
		166,536		220,673
	DEPRECIATION:			
	As at 1 January 1997	93,645		93,645
	Charge for Year		10,181	
	Transferred to Ownership	(34,286)		(34,286)
		86,153	10,181	96,334
	NET BOOK VALUES:			
	As at 31 December 1997		£43,956	
	As at 31 December 1996	£121,739	-	£121,739
		=======	=======	
9.	STOCKS		1997	1996
	Raw Materials and Finished Goods		£ 303,253	£ 255,480
10.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
	DOE WITHIN ONE THAN		1997	1996
			£	£
	Trade Debtors		771,366	761,132
	Sundry Debtors and Prepayments		20,649	27,366
	Other Debtors		58,104	
	ACT Recoverable			1,037
				789,535
			======	======

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 1997

11.	CREDITORS	: AMOUNTS FALLING			
11.		IN ONE YEAR			
				1997	1996
				£	£
		ns and Overdrafts			
	•	Note 12)		273,931	229,419
	Trade Cre			364,001 720	442,639
		S Current Accounts Nire Purchase		48,086	1,737 37,138
	Sundry Cr			22,900	32,756
	_	ces and PAYE		19,098	28,201
	Taxation			43,320	17,823
	Accrued E	Expenses		15,500	7,089
		_			
				787,556	
					855555
12.	BANK T.OAN	NS AND OVERDRAFTS			
+4.	DAME DOWN				
	The aggre	egate amount of bank loar	s and overdrafts	was as	
	follows:				
				1997	1996
				£	£
		ing due within one year		072 021	000 410
	Bank	Overdraft		273,931 ======	•
				===	
	SECURITY				
		overdraft and loans are	secured by a deb	enture over	the
		s assets and by a legal N			
	used by t	the company which is owne	ed by one of the	directors.	
13.	CALLED U	P SHARE CAPITAL		1007	1996
				1997 £	£
	Authorise	nd.		Ľ	2
		Class:	Nominal		
	Number.	Oldob.	Value:		
	100,000	Ordinary Shares	£1	100,000	100,000
	10,000	"A" Shares	£1	10,000	10,000
				110,000	110,000
				=====	=====
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	Number:	Class:	Nominal		
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			· 		
	26,058	Ordinary Shares	£1	26,058	25,957
	625	"A" Shares	£1	625	625

26,582

26,683

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 December 1997

The following additional fully paid shares were issued at a premium as shown below:

101 Ordinary Shares shares of £1 each at £8.90 per share

These shares were issued to widen the ownership of the company.

14. SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT

	========	========
	13,317	12,418
Cash Share Issue	899	-
Brought Forward	12,418	12,418
	£	£
	1997	1996

15. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a money purchase scheme for the principal director and certain employees. This is funded as the directors see fit and there are no set contribution levels.

16. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

The company rents two industrial units from the principal director. The rent paid is commercial and is currently £3,500 per month.

17. EXPORTS

During the year the Company Exported goods outside the United Kingdom with a total value of £1,937,510 (1996 £1,566,723).

18. SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS

Reconciliation of movement in shareholders funds	1997	1996
	£	£
Opening Shareholders Funds	595,563	551,124
Profit for the Year	112,393	44,439
Share Issue	1,000	_
Closing Shareholders Funds	708,956	595,563
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