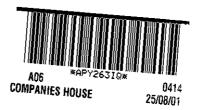
METRAIL ENGINEERING LIMITED ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31ST OCTOBER 2000



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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COMPANY

PURSUANT TO SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 5, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st October 2000 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 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 sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and 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 financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

OTHER INFORMATION

On 225 we reported, as auditors of the company, to the shareholders on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31st October 2000, and the full text of our audit report is reproduced on page 2 of these financial statements.

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2000

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 8 which have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS AND THE AUDITORS

As described on page 1, 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 October 2000 and of the profit of the company for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

31ST OCTOBER 2000

Note

	2000		1999	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	2			
Tangible assets		6,644		5,122
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	6,115		6,510	
Debtors	413,371		324,995	
Cash at bank and in hand	24,228		37,448	
	443,714		368,953	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling				
Due within one year	(222,539)		(172,424)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	——————————————————————————————————————	221,175	***	196,529
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT	LIABILITIES	227,819		201,651
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called-up equity share capital	3	25,000		25,000
Profit and Loss Account		202,819		176,651
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		227,819		201,651
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These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

MR W. J. O'DONNELL

Director

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

Turnover

The turnover shown in the Profit and Loss Account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive 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:

Fixture & Fittings

20% reducing balance

Motor Vehicles

25% reducing balance

Stocks

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

Work in progress

Work in progress is valued on the basis of direct costs plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity. Provision is made for any foreseeable losses where appropriate. No element of profit is included in the valuation of work in progress.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Profit and Loss Account.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2000

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £
COST At 1st November 1999 Additions	22,458 3,395
At 31st October 2000	25,853
DEPRECIATION At 1st November 1999 Charge for year At 31st October 2000	17,336 1,873 19,209
NET BOOK VALUE At 31st October 2000	6,644
At 31st October 1999	5,122
SHARE CAPITAL	

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Authorised share capital:

	2000 £	1999 £
25,000 Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	25,000	25,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:	**************************************	
	2000	1999
	£	£
Ordinary share capital	25,000	25,000