Annual report

for the year ended 31 December 2000

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2000

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

Principal activity and business review

The principal activity of the company is the manufacture of high pressure aluminium castings and this is continuing. The Company has incurred redundancy charges of £58,309 in the year and this cost is a one off expense and regarded as exceptional by the board.

Before charging this cost the company made a trading profit of £13,491.

Results and Dividends

The results for the year are acceptable. The current position of the company is satisfactory. The directors do not recommend any dividend.

Share Capital

The movements in share capital are set out in the financial statements.

Directors

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

C B Taylor

T D Dudas (resigned 27 April 2000)

M A Taylor (resigned 31 March 2000)

B K Hamilton (resigned 31 March 2000)

A D Dudas (resigned 31 March 2000)

Directors' interests

Mr C B Taylor beneficially owns 100,000 (1999 50,000) Ordinary Shares of £1 each. His beneficial interest includes 25,000 Ordinary Shares which are owned by his wife.

Directors' responsibility statement

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;
- 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint BSN Associates Limited as auditors will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

S M Hamilton Secretary

Heath Mill Road Wombourne

1 March 2001

Report of the auditors to the members of Sage Aluminium Products Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 15 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of land and buildings, and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our findings 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 at 31 December 2000 and of its loss and cashflows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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1 March 2001

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Turnover – continuing operations	1	2,544,154	3,555,318
Net operating expenses	2	2,569,620	3,533,804
Operating (loss)profit		(25,466)	21,514
Interest payable	5	19,352	19,165
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(44,818)	2,349
Taxation	6	65	-
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation Dividends		(44,883)	2,349
Retained (loss)/profit for the year		(44,883)	2,349

There were no gains or losses other than those included above and a secondary statement has not been presented. There is no material difference between the profit and loss for the year and its historical cost equivalent.

Balance sheet at 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	976,851	1,009,955
Current assets			
Stocks	8	351,129	444,170
Debtors	9	521,880	641,978
Cash at bank and in hand		1,356	14,237
		874,365	1,100,385
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	688,258	836,191
Net current assets		186,107	264,194
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	66,307	132,615
Net assets		1,096,651	1,141,534
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	13	100,000	100,000
Profit and loss account	14	996,651	1,041,534
Equity shareholders' funds	15	1,096,651	1,141,534

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 1 March 2001 and were signed on its behalf by:

C B Taylor Director

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities		96,058	(70,027)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2	(18,835)	(18,205)
Taxation paid		-	(30)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from capital disposals and expenditure	2	(34,826)	52,501
		42,397	(35,761)
Financing	2	(82,641)	(49,975)
(Decrease) in cash		(40,244)	(85,736)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to moveme	nt in net dek	ot (note 3)	
		2000	1999
		£	£
(Decrease) in cash in period Cash outflow from the decrease in debt and lease financing		(40,244) 82,641	(85,736) 49,975
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows Net cash at 1 January 2000		42,397 (201,019)	(35,761) (165,258)
Net (debt) at 31 December 2000		(158,622)	(201,019)

Notes to the cashflow statement

Note 1 Reconciliation of operating profit to operating cashflows

	2000	1999
	£	£
Operating (Loss)/profit	(25,466)	21,514
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	67,930	87,441
(Profit) on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	(1,743)
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	93,041	(77,704)
Decrease/(increase) in trade debtors	120,033	(334,787)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(158,963)	236,212
Interest receivable	(517)	(960)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	96,058	(70,027)

Note 2 Gross cashflows

	2000	1999
	£	£
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	517	960
Interest paid	(19,352)	(19,165)
	(18,835)	(18,205)
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets	(34,826)	(9,242)
Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets	-	61,743
	(34,826)	52,501
Financing		
Capital element of hire purchase repayments	(82,641)	(49,975)
Hire purchase contracts entered into	-	-
	(82,641)	(49,975)

Notes to the cashflow statement

Note 3 Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 January 2000 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2000 £
Cash	14,237	(12,881)	1,356
Overdrafts		(27,363)	(27,363)
		(40,244)	
Debt due after 1 year	(132,615)	66,308	(66,307)
Debt due within 1 year	(82,641)	16,333	(66,308)
		82,641	
Change in net debt	(201,019)	42,397	$(\overline{158,622})$
			

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

1 Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Basis of accounting

The company prepares its annual financial statements on the historical cost basis of accounting, modified to include the freehold property at valuation.

Stock and work-in-progress

Stock and work-in-progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of products manufactured by the company consists of direct material and labour costs, together with relevant production overheads.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets in equal annual instalments over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land	Nil
Freehold buildings	2%
Plant and machinery	6.67%
Office equipment	10% - 20%
Motor vehicles	25%
Leased assets	period of the lease

Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred taxation arising from timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and their recognition for tax purposes.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amount receivable for goods and services during the year. It may be analysed by geographical segment as follows:

881	2000 £	1999 £
United Kingdom	1,876,139	2,911,576
Europe	668,015	624,741
Australasia and USA	-	19,001
	2,544,154	3,555,318

Leases

Tangible fixed assets acquired under hire purchase and finance leases are capitalised at cost and the amount outstanding at the balance sheet date is included under creditors in the balance sheet. Interest thereon is charged in the profit and loss account proportionally over the period of the agreements. Rentals paid under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account as incurred.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of certain employees. Contributions are charged to profit and loss as they are incurred.

2 Net operating expenses

	2000	1999
	£	£
Change in work in progress	94,633	(94,877)
Other operating income	(14,558)	(3,541)
Raw materials and sub contract	1,065,522	1,513,929
Staff costs	978,416	1,448,786
Depreciation		
- owned assets	42,730	62,241
- assets held under lease purchase agreements	25,200	25,200
Other operating charges	377,677	582,066
	2,569,620	3,533,804
Other operating charges include:		
Hire of plant under cancellable operating leases Staff costs include:	11,846	15,762
Exceptional costs relating to redundancy programme	58,309	-
3 Directors' emoluments		
	2000	1999
	£	£
Directors' remuneration:	•	
Aggregate emoluments	77,220	116,737

2000

2,972

16,380

19,352

1999

2,784

16,381

19,165

4 Employee information

The average weekly number of persons employed during the year was:

	Number	Number
Staff	17	23
Works	44	59
	61	82
Staff costs were:		
built costs were.	2000	1999
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	833,040	1,296,947
Social security costs	70,836	117,156
Pension contributions	16,231	34,683
Redundancy payments	58,309	-
	978,416	1,448,786
5 Interest payable and similar charges		
	2000	1999
	£	£
On bank loans and overdrafts		

6 Taxation

Repayable within 5 years

On lease purchase agreements repayable within 5 years

	2000 £	1999 £
Charge for the year at 20% (1999: 21%)	65	-

The company has trading losses for corporation tax purposes which are carried forward of £183,578.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Plant, machinery & equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost		-	-	
At 1 January 2000	627,344	2,204,838	61,948	2,894,130
Additions	976	33,850	-	34,826
Disposals	-	(26,333)	-	(26,333)
At 31 December 2000	628,320	2,212,355	61,948	2,902,623
Depreciation				***
At 1 January 2000	139,401	1,690,104	54,670	1,884,175
Charge for the year	8,200	53,905	5,825	67,930
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(26,333)	-	(26,333)
At 31 December 2000	147,601	1,717,676	60,495	1,925,772
Net book value				
At 31 December 2000	480,719	494,679	1,453	976,851
At 31 December 1999	487,943	514,734	7,278	1,009,955

The company's bankers hold a legal mortgage on the property, together with a fixed and floating charge over other assets.

Land and freehold buildings were revalued in a former subsidiary of the company. A Group reorganisation followed whereby all of the assets, trade and liabilities in the subsidiary were transferred to the company. The revaluation reserves in the former subsidiary were therefore crystallised on reorganisation and are stated within the accumulated profit and loss account on page 14.

8 Stocks

	2000 £	1999 £
Raw materials and consumables Work in progress	93,655 257,474	92,063 352,107
	351,129	444,170

The replacement cost of stock and work in progress is not significantly different from the balance sheet value.

9 Debtors

	2000	1999
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	483,464	593,507
Prepayments and accrued income	28,766	38,756
Advance Corporation Tax recoverable	9,650	9,715
	521,880	641,978

Advance corporation tax recoverable is receivable in more than one year.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2000	1999
	£	£
Bank overdraft	27,363	-
Trade creditors	470,905	588,123
Corporation tax	-	-
Amounts due under hire purchase agreements	66,308	82,641
Other taxation and social security payable	25,828	99,119
Other creditors and accruals	97,854	66,308
	688,258	836,191
Due after more than one year:		<u></u> -
Hire purchase obligations	66,307	132,615

All of the creditors due after one year are repayable by regular instalments within a period of five years. They, and the amounts due within one year under hire purchase agreements, are secured by fixed legal charge over the assets to which they relate.

11	Deferred taxation				
		Amount provided		Total potential liability	
		2000	1999	2000	1999
		£	£	£	£
Excess of	tax allowances over				
depreciati	ion	6,500	19,190	6,500	19,190
Available	losses	(6,500)	(19,190)	(6,500)	(19,190)
		-	-	-	-

12 Pension scheme

The company operates for the benefit of certain employees an occupational pension scheme. The contributions payable for each employee are determined as part of their total remuneration package in April of each year and are made on a monthly basis.

13 Called-up share capital		
•	2000	1999
	£	£
Authorised		
250,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	250,000	250,000
Called-up, allotted and fully paid		
100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
14 Profit and loss account		
		£
At 1 January 2000		1,041,534
Loss for the year		(44,883)
At 31 December 2000		996,651

15 Movement in shareholders funds

£

At 1 January 2000 Loss for the year

1,141,534 (44,883)

At 31 December 2000

1,096,651

16 Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities which are of any significance to the financial statements.

17 Operating lease commitments

The company has annual commitments under cancellable operating leases of approximately £10,320 (1999 £21,500). These leases are cancellable on the giving of three months' notice.