

ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RICE LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31ST AUGUST 2000

Registered number: 1979286

MITCHELL CHARLESWORTH CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Liverpool



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31st August 2000

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COMPANY INFORMATION

31st August 2000

Incorporated 17th January 1986

Number

1979286

Directors

T.N. Hogan (Australian)

J. Howe F.C.A.

J.R. Kennedy (Australian)

A. Hernandez Callejas (Spanish)

G. Helou (Australian)

Secretary

J. Howe F.C.A.

Registered Office

2 Upper Pownall Street

Wapping Liverpool L1 8EG

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc.

Liverpool City Office

Water Street Liverpool L69 3DU

Auditors

Mitchell Charlesworth

Chartered Accountants

Chavasse Court 24 Lord Street Liverpool L2 1TA

DIRECTORS' REPORT

31st August 2000

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

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is the sale of rice and related products.

Business review

The company's balance sheet as detailed on page 6 shows a satisfactory position, shareholders' funds amounting to £514,898.

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, the profit for the year is to be transferred to reserves.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were as follows:

T.N. Hogan

J. Howe F.C.A.

J.R. Kennedy

A. Hernandez Callejas

G. Helou

(Australian)

(Resigned 5/1/00)

(Resigned 5/1/00)

(Appointed 7/1/00)

None of the directors of the company have any beneficial interest in the issued share capital. Their interest in the share capital of the ultimate parent undertakings are shown in those companies' accounts.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr A Hernandez Callejas retires by rotation and offers himself for re-election.

Auditors

Mitchell Charlesworth have agreed to offer themselves for re-appointment as auditors of the company.

On behalf of the board

J.Howe F.C.A

Secretary

19th December 2000

2 Upper Pownall St.

Wapping Liverpool

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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;
- 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.

Mitchell Charlesworth

Chartered Accountants

Chavasse Court . 24 Lord Street . Liverpool L2 1TA

Auditors' report to the members of Anglo Australian Rice Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 10 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3, 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 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 error or other irregularity. 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 August 2000 and of its profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Mitchell Charlesworth Registered Auditor

22nd December 2000

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st August 2000

	Note	2000	1999
Turnover	2	9,199,701	12,119,634
Cost of sales		(9,030,590)	(11,884,527)
Gross profit		169,111	235,107
Net operating expenses			
Administrative expenses		(19,940)	(38,305)
Operating profit	3	149,171	196,802
Interest payable	4	(34,402)	(74,909)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		114,769	121,893
Taxation	5	(22,941)	(25,111)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	10	£ 91,828	£ 96,782

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

There were no recognised gains and losses in 2000 or 1999 other than the profit for the year.

BALANCE SHEET

at 31st August 2000

	Note	2	000		1999
Current assets					
Stocks Debtors	6 7	1,112,604 918,482		560,273 1,282,401	
		2,031,086		1,842,674	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,516,188)		(1,419,604)	
Net current assets			514,898	#±140	423,070
Total assets less current liabilities			£ 514,898		£ 423,070
Capital and reserves					•
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	9 10		1,000 513,898		1,000 422,070
Total shareholders' funds	11		£ 514,898		£ 423,070

The financial statements on pages 5 to 10 were approved by the board of directors on 19th December 2000 and signed on its behalf by:

J. HOWÉ F.C.A.

Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st August 2000

Reconciliation of operating profit to operating cash flows	2000		1999
Operating profit	149,171		196,802
Increase in stocks	(552,331)		745,011
Decrease in debtors	362,919		(117,636)
Increase in creditors	284,423		(306,984)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	£ 244,182		£ 517,193
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Returns on investments and servicing			
of finance			
Interest paid	(37,475)		(80,267)
Taxation			
Corporation tax paid	(25,087)		(12,610)
Increase in cash	£ 181,620		£ 424,316
Analysis of changes in net debt	A	Cook	المسمغة
	At start of year	Cash flows	At end of year
Overdrafts	(919,920)	181,620	(738,300)
Total	£ (919,920)	£ 181,620	£ (738,300)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	2000	<u> </u>	1999
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Increase in cash in the year	181,620		424,316
Net debt at 1st September 1999	(919,920)		(1,344,236)
Net debt at 31st August 2000	£ (738,300)		£ (919,920)
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NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st August 2000

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.

Stocks

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

Foreign exchange

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange at the balance sheet date. Translations in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of transaction. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

2 Turnover

Turnover represents the amount derived from the provision of goods which fall within the company's ordinary activities, stated net of value added tax.

Overseas turnover amounted to £65,936 (1999 £1,647,144).

3	Operating profit	2000	1999
	Auditors' remuneration	£ 2,400	£ 2,400
	None of the directors received any remuneration from the company.		
4	Interest payable	2000	1999
	Bank overdraft interest	£ 34,402	£ 74,909
			
5	Taxation	2000	1999
	Corporation tax on profit on ordinary activities at 20% (1999 20.6%) (Over)/under provision in earlier years	22,954 (13) £ 22,941	25,100 11 £ 25,111
6	Stocks	2000	1999
	Goods for resale	£ 1,112,604	£ 560,273

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7	Debtors	2000	1999
	Amounts falling due within one year		
	Trade debtors Other debtors	809,575 108,907	1,133,041 149,360
		£ 918,482	£ 1,282,401
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8	Creditors: amounts falling due		
	within one year	2000	1999
	Bank overdrafts	738,300	919,920
	Trade creditors	135,178	213,718
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	602,585	242,305
	Corporation tax	22,954	25,100
	Other creditors	17,171	18,561
		£ 1,516,188	£ 1,419,604
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The bank holds by way of debenture a floating charge over all the assets of the company.

9	Called up share capital		2000	·	1999
		Number of shares	£	Number of shares	£
	Authorised	3447 45	~	5.242 U	~
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
					
	Allotted, called up and fully paid				
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
10	Profit and loss account				2000
	1st September 1999				422,070
	Retained profit for the year				91,828
	31st August 2000				£ 513,898

NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31st August 2000

11	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2000	1999
	Profit for the financial year	91,828	96,782
	Opening shareholders' funds	423,070	326,288
			
	Closing shareholders' funds	£ 514,898	£ 423,070
			

12 Guarantees

The company is party to cross guarantees given by the shareholders to its bankers.

13 Contingent liabilities

The company has given bonds of £150,000 to the Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce and £30,000 to Customs and Excise.

14 Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31st August 2000 (1999 £Nil).

15 Related party transactions

The company is jointly owned by Joseph Heap & Sons Limited, a company incorporated in England and Rice Growers Co-operative Limited, a company incorporated in Australia.

During the year the company purchased goods from Joseph Heap & Sons Limited totalling £1,106,348 (1999 £471,303) and incurred milling and rental charges of £1,580,276 (1999 £2,075,102). Sales to Joseph Heap & Sons Limited amounted to £26,606 (1999 £73,581). The creditor outstanding at the year end was £168,869 (1999 £242,305).

The company purchased goods totalling £1,273,820 (1999 £3,243,366) from Rice Growers Cooperative Limited.

Purchases totalling £3,942,830 (1999 £1,484,199) were made from Arrocerias Herba S.A. the parent undertaking of Joseph Heap & Sons Limited. The creditor outstanding at the year end was £433,716 (1999 £Nil).