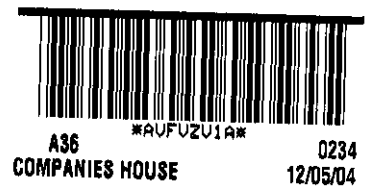


THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED
ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

31 JULY 2003



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THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED
ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

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	Note	2003 £	2002 £
FIXED ASSETS	2		
Tangible assets		595,439	678,340
Investments		1,100	6,000
		<u>596,539</u>	<u>684,340</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		4,918	4,918
Debtors		68,733	113,319
Cash at bank and in hand		799	1,298
		<u>74,450</u>	<u>119,535</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		<u>87,819</u>	<u>76,109</u>
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		(13,369)	43,426
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>583,170</u>	<u>727,766</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year		<u>40,778</u>	<u>97,778</u>
		<u>542,392</u>	<u>629,988</u>

The Balance sheet continues on the following page.
The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED**ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET** *(continued)***31 JULY 2003**

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up equity share capital	4	1,000	1,000
Revaluation reserve		100,732	200,221
Profit and loss account		440,660	428,767
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>542,392</u>	<u>629,988</u>

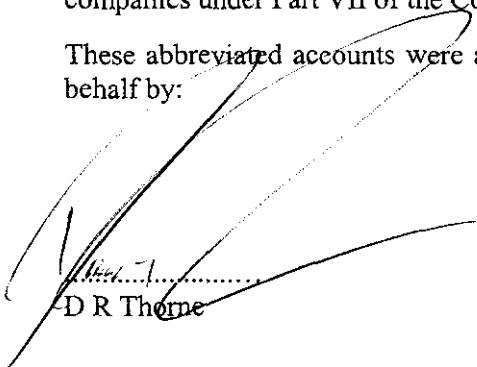
The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 (the Act) relating to the audit of the accounts for the year by virtue of section 249A(1), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 249B(2) of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These abbreviated accounts were approved by the directors on 8 April 2004 and are signed on their behalf by:



D R Thorne

The notes on pages 3 to 6 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

THORNE HOLDINGS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

The company has made losses in the current and previous year. However, the company had net assets of £542,392 (2002 - 629,988) at 31 July 2003 and there is no indication that the creditors will withdraw their support to the company. Therefore the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Consolidation

In the opinion of the directors, the company and its subsidiary undertakings comprise a small group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts. The accounts therefore present the results of the company and not its group.

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Furniture & fixtures	- 20% reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% straight line

No depreciation is provided on freehold land. Freehold properties are not depreciated where the estimated residual value is not materially different from the carrying value of those properties. Carrying values are reviewed for impairment annually.

An amount equal to the excess of the annual depreciation charge on revalued assets over the notional historical cost depreciation charge on those assets is transferred annually from the revaluation reserve to the profit and loss reserve.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

Investment properties

In accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 19 "Accounting for Investment Properties" no depreciation has been provided on the freehold investment properties.

The carrying value of the freehold investment properties is considered annually by the directors in the light of known movements and trends in the property markets and taking account of the directors' knowledge and experience of the market place for such properties. Periodically, the directors consult with professional advisors to confirm that their views are in line with those of the industry. The directors consider that this accounting policy results in the accounts giving a true and fair view.

The aggregate surplus or deficit arising on revaluation is transferred to the investment revaluation reserve, except where a deficit is deemed to represent a permanent impairment in value, in which case it is charged to the profit and loss account.

Stocks

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

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted.

Investments

Investments are stated at cost less any provision made for impairment in value.

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2. FIXED ASSETS

	Tangible Assets £	Investments £	Total £
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1 August 2002	680,516	6,000	686,516
Additions	25,254	100	25,354
Disposals	(107,511)	—	(107,511)
At 31 July 2003	<u>598,259</u>	<u>6,100</u>	<u>604,359</u>
DEPRECIATION AND AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF			
At 1 August 2002	2,176	—	2,176
Charge for year	644	5,000	5,644
At 31 July 2003	<u>2,820</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>7,820</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2003	<u>595,439</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>596,539</u>
At 31 July 2002	<u>678,340</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>684,340</u>

At 31 July 2003 Thorne Secure Limited ceased to trade. Thorne Holdings Limited investment in the share capital of Thorne Secure Limited has therefore been provided against.

3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

At the year end £Nil (2002 - £105,428) was owed by Thorne Secure Limited, a fully owned subsidiary, to Thorne Holdings Limited.

Also, £62,878 (2002 - (£42,696)) was owed from P Thorne & Son (Safes and Security Systems) Limited, a fully owned subsidiary, by Thorne Holdings Limited. During the year, P Thorne & Son (Safes & Security Systems) Limited invoiced Thorne Holdings Limited £7,626 (2002 - £Nil) for managementservices provided.

The company also owed £92,778 (2002 - £97,778) to the executive pension scheme at the year end by way of loans included in creditors. T A Thorne and S K Thorne, directors of the company, are beneficiaries of the pension scheme. Interest of £5,922 (2002 - £10,056) was paid to the executive pension scheme during the year with an amount of £5,725 (2002 - £7,714) accrued for at the year end.

At 31 July 2003 T A Thorne had an overdrawn directors current account of £2,108 (2002 - £5,891). This amount was cleared post year end. The maximum amount that the account was overdrawn during the year was £2,108 (2002 - £5,891).

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4. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital:

	2003	2002
	£	£
1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2003		2002	
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

5. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The company is controlled by the directors. No single director has overall control.