Company number : 2263563 (England and Wales)

# Royle Recruitment Limited

# ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 March 2001



# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 March 2001

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2001.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of work contracting and staff bureau.

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

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

The company continued to trade satisfactorily during the year and the directors are encouraged by the company's position at the year end.

The retained profit of £24,040 will be transferred to reserves.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

Interim dividends of £131,590 were paid during the year. The directors recommend a final dividend of £11,000 for the year ended 31 March 2001.

The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 31 March 2001 will be £142,590.

#### **DIRECTORS**

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

Name	Class of Capital	31.03.01	<u>31.03.00</u>
Mrs A N Craven	Ordinary £1	10,968	10,968
R M Craven	Ordinary £1	10,968	10,968
Mrs A N and Mr R M Craven	Ordinary £1	1	1

## 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;
- 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.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 March 2001 - Continued

# **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Hardcastle France, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

R. M. G.

Dated: 18/1/01

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO

Royle Recruitment Limited Under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to fifteen, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2001 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to fifteen are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

> Hardcastle France Registered Auditors Chartered Accountants

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# ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2001

			2000
		£	£
<u>Į</u>	<u>Votes</u>		
GROSS PROFIT		610,976	485,316
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		404,890	348,042
OPERATING PROFIT	3	206,086	137,274
INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		6,099	-
		212,185	137,274
INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	4	2,447	7,846
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		209,738	129,428
TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	5	43,108	26,728
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		166,630	102,700
DIVIDENDS	6	142,590	80,000
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	R	24,040	22,700

## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

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

# TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the above two financial years.

# ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET As at 31 March 2001

	As at 31 Iviai	<u>CII 2001</u>		2000
	<u>Notes</u>	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Intangible assets Tangible assets	7 8		30,412	10,238 27,645
			39,600	37,883
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	9	772,559 359,110		625,692 147,321
CDEDITODS: Amounto folling		1,131,669		773,013
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	983,148		645,565
NET CURRENT ASSETS			148,521	127,448
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			188,121	165,331
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	I 1		-	(1,250)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	12		(1,800)	(1,800)
			186,321	•
CAPITAL AND RESERVES  Called up share capital  Profit and loss account  Capital redemption reserve	13		21,937 161,321 3,063	21,937 137,281 3,063
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	17		186,321	162,281

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Mrs A N Craven - Director

R M Craven - Director

Approved by the Board on 18/7/01

# ABBREVIATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31 March 2001

			<u>2000</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	£	£
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	21	382,575	308,752
RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	23	3,652	(7,846)
TAXATION		(26,726)	(28,171)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	23	(7,727)	(8,031)
DIVIDENDS PAID		(131,590)	(80,000)
<u>FINANCING</u>	23	(8,396)	3,939
INCREASE IN CASH		211,788	188,643

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

#### Turnover

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

#### Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of Royle. The goodwill is amortised straight line over 20 years to write it off over its estimated useful life.

If, in the opinion of the directors, the goodwill suffers a permanent diminution in value, then the amount of the permanent diminution will be charged to the profit and loss account.

### Tangible fixed assets

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

Leasehold land and buildings - 4% on cost
Plant and machinery etc. - 15% on reducing balance

#### 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.

### Leased assets

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profit as incurred.

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised and depreciated over their useful lives. The corresponding lease or hire purchase obligation is treated in the balance sheet as a liability. The interest element of rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease at a constant proportion of the outstanding balance of capital repayments.

## Pension costs

Contributions in respect of the company's defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account of the year in which they are payable to the scheme.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

# 2. STAFF COSTS

<u>51A11 CO515</u>	<u>2001</u>	2000
	£	£
Wages and salaries	7,869,369	5,118,765
Social security costs	482,752	314,015
Pension costs	55,968	55,100
	8,408,089	5,487,880
	======	======

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 234 (2000: 193).

# 3. <u>OPERATING PROFIT</u>

The operating profit is stated after charging:

Directors' emoluments	50,000	48,000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	4,959	4,413
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	1,050	1,050
Auditors' remuneration	3,950	4,000
	=====	=====
Directors' emoluments are made up as follows:-		
Directors' emoluments (including benefits in kind)	56,730	52,832
Directors' pension contributions	51,800	51,800
	108,530	104,632
	======	=====

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to two (2000 - two ) directors in respect of money purchase pension schemes.

# 4. <u>INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES</u>

	2,447	7,846
On other loans	1,070	2,158
On bank loans and overdrafts	1,377	5,688

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

5.	TAXATION	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
		£	£
	UK corporation tax at 20% (2000: 20%)	43,108	26,728 ======
6.	DIVIDENDS		
	Equity shares: Dividends paid Dividends proposed	131,590 11,000	80,000
		142,590	80,000
7.	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Goodwill
	COST		£
	At 1 April 2000 and 31 March 2001		29,500
	AMORTISATION At 1 April 2000 Charge for year		19,262 1,050
	At 31 March 2001		20,312
	NET BOOK VALUE At 31 March 2001		9,188
	At 31 March 2000		10,238

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

# 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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£	£
COST At 1 April 2000 7,899 59,922 67 Additions - 7,727 7	,727
At 31 March 2001 7,899 67,649 75	,548
Charge for year 316 4,643 4	,177
As at 31 March 2001 3,793 41,343 45	
NET BOOK VALUE As at 31 March 2001 4,106 26,306 30	,412
As at 31 March 2000 4,422 23,223 27	,645
	<u>00</u>
£	£
Trade debtors       730,724       591         Other debtors       41,835       33	,804 ,888
·	,692

Included in other debtors is an amount outstanding from Mr R M Craven of £5,416 (2000: £65) and from Mrs A N Craven of £5,416 (2000: £66). The amounts were repaid on 28 June 2001.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

10.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year				
	due within one year			<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
				£	£
	Trade creditors Other creditors			630,871 352,277	315,520 330,045
				983,148	645,565
	Taxation and social security inclu	ided in above	totals	809,402 =====	466,978 ======
11.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling of after more than one year	due			
	Other loans			-	1,250
	Debt due after more than one yea - repayable between one and t			-	1,250 =====
12.	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIE	S AND CHAI	<u>RGES</u>		
	Deferred taxation			1,800	1,800
	Deferred taxation for which proviamounts for which no provision h				ents and the
		<i>Pro</i> <u>31/03/01</u>	vided <u>31/03/00</u>	Not <u>31/03/01</u>	provided 31/03/00
	Deferred taxation	1,800	1,800	<u>-</u>	-
13.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u> </u>			
	Authorised			50,000	50,000
	Allotted, called up and f	ully paid		21,937	21,937

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

### 14. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company had no contingent liabilities at 31 March 2001 (2000: £Nil).

### 15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31 March 2001 (2000: £Nil).

## 16. RESERVES

	Capital redemption <u>reserve</u>	Profit and loss account	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
At 1 April 2000	3,063	137,281	140,344
Retained profit for the year	-	24,040	24,040
At 31 March 2001	3,063	161,321	164,384
		=====	=====

## 17. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
	£	£
Profit for the financial year Dividends	166,630 (142,590)	102,700 (80,000)
Net addition in shareholders' funds	24,040	22,700
Opening shareholders' funds	162,281	139,581
Closing shareholders' funds - all equity	186,321	162,281

### 18. <u>PENSION COMMITMENTS</u>

#### Directors

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The scheme is funded by contributions from the company. The funds of the scheme are administered by trustees. The trustees of the scheme are the directors of the company, Barnett Waddingham Trustees Limited and Mr R W Miers of Messrs Harrowell Shaftoe Solicitors.

The total pension cost charge for the period in these accounts amounted to £51,800 (2000: £51,800).

There were no prepaid contributions.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

## 18. PENSION COMMITMENTS - Continued

#### Other Employees

The company operates a defined contribution scheme on behalf of certain employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The total pension charge included in these accounts amounts to £4,168 (2000:£3,300)

There were no prepaid contributions.

## 19. ANNUAL COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 March 2001, the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases which expire as follows:-

		<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
		£	£
Land and buildings	- over five years	13,500	13,500
Other operating leases	- within two to five years	-	2,719
	- within one to two years	2,719	9,990
	- less than one year	9,990	-

### 20. RELATED PARTIES DISCLOSURES

The company entered into transactions during the period with the Royle Recruitment Retirement Benefit Scheme of which both Mr and Mrs Craven are members and trustees.

During the year the company paid contributions to the scheme of £51,800 (2000: £51,800).

During the year ended 31 December 1998 the company received a loan of £25,000 from the pension scheme. The amount outstanding on this loan at 31 March 2001 was £1,250 (2000: £25,000). Interest is payable on this loan at a rate of 3% above HSBC Bank base rate. The total interest payable was £1,070 (2000: £2,158).

Security for the bank borrowings is provided by an unlimited guarantee by Mr R M Craven and Mrs A N Craven.

During the year Mr R M Craven and Mrs A N Craven were granted short term loans. The indebtedness of the loan was as follows:-

				iability at March 2001	
R M Craven	A N Craven	R M Craven	A N Craven	R M Craven	A N Craven
65	66	5,416 =====	5,416 =====	5,416 =====	5,416

No interest was due or unpaid. The loan accounts were repaid on 28 June 2001 by the payment of a dividend.

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

# 21. <u>RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT</u> NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

		<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
		£	£
	Operating profit	206,086	137,274
	Depreciation charges	6,009	5,463
	(Increase) in debtors	(138,471)	
	Increase in creditors	308,951	•
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	382,575	308,752
		=====	=====
22.	RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT		
	Increase in cash for the year	211,788	188,643
	Repayment of loans	23,750	
	Change in net debt	235,538	188,643
	Net funds at 1 April 2000	122,321	(66,322)
	Net funds at 31 March 2001	357,859	122,321
			=====

# NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2001

# 23. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

			<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Returns on investments and s	ervicing of fina	nce	£	£
Interest paid Interest received			(2,447) 6,099	(7,846)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) for servicing of finance	returns on inve	estments and	3,652	(7,846)
Capital expenditure				
Purchase of tangible fixed ass	sets		(7,727)	(8,031)
Net cash outflow for capital e	xpenditure		(7,727) =====	(8,031)
<u>Financing</u>				
Repayment of directors' loan Receipt of staff loans	account		(10,700) 2,304	(4,639) (700)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow fro	m financing		(8,396)	3,939
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES	IN NET DEBT			
	At 01/04/00	Cash flows	Other non-cash changes	At 31/03/01
Cash in hand and at bank Debt due within one year Debt due after more than	147,321 (23,750)	211,788 23,750	(1,250)	359,109 (1,250)
one year	(1,250)	-	(1,250)	-
	122,321	235,538	-	357,859

# 25. <u>ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTIES</u>

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The controlling parties during the year were Mrs A N Craven and Mr R M Craven.