FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

KIRWIN BROTHERS LIMITED

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 2388808

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 1996





REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1996

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BUSINESS PARTICULARS

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

2388808

DIRECTORS

G. Kirwin L. Kirwin

COMPANY SECRETARY

L. Kirwin

REGISTERED OFFICE

Consols Building Wharncliffe Road

Fish Docks

Grimsby

BANKERS

Yorkshire Bank plc

Grimsby

SOLICITORS

Beetenson & Gibbon

Grimsby

AUDITORS

Forrester Boyd

26 South St. Mary's Gate

Grimsby DN31 1LW

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their annual report and the audited accounts of the company for the year ended 30th June 1996. The profit for the year attributable to shareholders amounts to £23,620 and is dealt with as shown in the profit and loss account.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for its financial year. In doing so the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company which has remained unchanged throughout the year is that of wholesale fish merchants.

DIRECTORS

The names of the present directors are set out on page 1. The beneficial interests of the directors in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:-

	end of year
G. Kirwin	500
L. Kirwin	500
Mrs. G. Kirwin (ceased to hold office 11/10/95)	300
Mrs. S.E. Kirwin (ceased to hold office 11/10/95)	-

AUDITORS

Forrester Boyd have signified their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution proposing their reappointment will be put to the annual general meeting.

SMALL COMPANY EXEMPTION

Advantage is taken in the preparation of the directors' report of the special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part 2 of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office: Consols Building Wharncliffe Road Fish Docks BY ORDER OF THE

L. Kirwin

Secretary

17th December 1996

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF KIRWIN BROTHERS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

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 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 30th June 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

FORRESTER BOYD

Registered Auditors Chartered Accountants 26 South St. Mary's Gate GRIMSBY

17TH DECEMBER 1996

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Turnover from continuing operations	2	6,068,037	5,324,915
Cost of sales		5,695,114	4,999,185
Gross Profit		372,923	325,730
Net operating expenses	3	308,405	292,858
Other operating income		64,518 179	32,872 497
Operating profit from continuing operations		64,697	33,369
Interest payable and similar charges	5	32,022	23,924
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6	32,675	9,445
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	9,055	5,227
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation and retained for the financial year		23,620	4,218

Movements on reserves are set out in note 16.

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year of £23,620 (1995: £4,218).

BALANCE SHEET

AT 30TH JUNE 1996

	Note		1996		1995
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	8		225 200		
Investments	9		225,309 30,000		179,449
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			255,309		179,449
CURRENT ASSETS			•		2,2,1.12
Stocks	10	67,802		32,827	
Debtors	11	199,886		230,443	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,852		3,512	
					
CREDITORS		271,540		266,782	
Amounts falling due within one year	12	276.000			
a mounts runing due within one year	12	376,029		335,121	
					
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(104,489)		(68,339)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES			150,820		111,110
CREDITORS					,
Amounts falling due after more than					
one year	13		25.665		
y 	1.5		35,665		19,575
			115,155		91,535
					
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	15		4.000		
Profit and loss account	15 16		1,000		1,000
	10		114,155		90,535
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	17		115,155		01.525
•					91,535

In preparing the financial statements, the directors have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985, and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions as a small company.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 17th December 1996 and were signed on its behalf by:

G. Kirwin - DIRECTOR

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 1996

Note

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied.

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The effect of events relating to the year ended 30th June 1996 which occurred before the date of approval of the financial statements by the Board of Directors, have been included in the statements to the extent required to show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 30th June 1996 and of the results for the year ended on that date.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amount derived from the provision of goods and services by the company exclusive of V.A.T.

Depreciation - Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation has been computed to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their expected useful lives using the following rates:

Plant and machinery - 15% per annum of net book value
Motor vehicles - 20% and 15% per annum of net book value

Leasing

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance leases or hire purchase contracts are capitalised at a value equal to the cost incurred by the company in acquiring the relevant assets and depreciated in the same manner as other tangible fixed assets. The related obligations, net of future finance charges, are included in creditors. Finance charges arising are shown under interest payable in the profit and loss account.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Stocks

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

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme.

Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

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2. ANALYSIS OF TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Of the company's turnover, 44% (1995: 49%) is attributable to exports.

3.	NET OPERATING EXPENSES		
		1996	1995
	Net operating expenses comprise:	£	£
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	Distribution costs	25,400	41,438
	Administrative expenses	283,005	251,420
		308,405	292,858
4.	DIRECTORS REMUNERATION	1996	1995
		£	£
	Directors' emoluments, including pension		
	contributions	63,942	73,923
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	1007	400-
	THE PROPERTY OF STATE	1996 £	1995 £
	Interest payable includes the following amounts in respect of finance leases and hire purchase		
	agreements:	1,500	4,831
6.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		
	This is stated after charging:-	1996	1995
•		£	£
	Auditors' remuneration	1,975	1,850
	Depreciation on owned assets Depreciation on assets held under finance leases	25,330	22,365
	and hire purchase agreements	14,904	13,737
	Hire of plant and machinery - operating leases	61,585	37,623
	Hire of other assets - operating leases	34,436	31,361
			

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7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACT	TIVITIES		1996	1995
	Current year:			£	£
	Corporation tax at 25%			9,055	5,227
8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Cost	Total £	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Motor Vehicles £
	At 1st July 1995 Additions Disposals	259,325 86,091 (20,419)	39,335 10,103	144,600 75,988 (5,111)	75,390 - (15,308)
	At 30th June 1996	324,997	49,438	215,477	60,082
	Depreciation:				
	At 1st July 1995 Provided for the year Relating to disposals At 30th June 1996	79,876 40,231 (20,419) 	4,536 2,605 - 7,141	51,362 20,107 (5,111) 66,358	23,978 17,519 (15,308) 26,189
	Net book value				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	At 30th June 1996	225,309	42,297	149,119	33,893
	At 30th June 1995	179,449	34,799	93,238	51,412

The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes an amount of £114,836 (1995: £56,543) in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase agreements.

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9.	FIXED	ASSET	INVESTMENTS

	Unlisted £
Cost	30,000
At 30th June 1996	30,000

50% shareholding in the ordinary shares of Meldrum (Fish Sales) Limited, a company incorporated in the U.K.

10.	STOCKS	1996 £	1995 £
	Finished goods and goods for resale	67,802	32,827
11.	DEBTORS	1996 £	1995 £
	Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	154,831 15,618 29,437	200,447 10,743 19,253
		199,886	230,443

A debenture has been given by the company as security against the contingency of some trade debtors default.

12.	CREDITORS (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR)	1996 £	1995 £
	Bank overdraft	36,102	52,153
	Obligations under finance leases and hire		
	purchase contracts	34,575	19,695
	Trade creditors	260,992	236,196
	Corporation tax	6,458	
	Other taxation and social security	13,160	9,909
	Accruals and deferred income	24,742	17,168
		376,029	335,121
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13.	CREDITORS (AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN	ONE YEAR) 1996 £	1995
	Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	(35,665)	£ (19,575)
14.	OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES AND HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS	-	
	Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements are repayable as follows:	1996 £	1995 £
	Within one year of the balance sheet date Between two and five years, inclusive	34,575 35,665	19,695 19,575
	Total due	70,240	39,270
15.	SHARE CAPITAL Authorised	1996 £	1995 £
	50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000	50,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	There have been no changes during the year.		
16.	RESERVES		Profit and loss account £
	At 1st July 1995 Retained profit		90,535 23,620
	At 30th June 1996		114,155

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17. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

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	1996 £	1995 £	
Profit for the financial year	23,620	4,218	
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	23,620 91,535	4,218 87,317	
Closing shareholders' funds	115,155	91,535	
			

18. **PENSION COSTS**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme.

The scheme is funded by contributions from the company. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

The pension costs charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £4,950 (1995: £5,400).

At the balance sheet date there were no outstanding contributions.