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Didcot Railway Centre Limited

Annual Report and Accounts

31 January 2000

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J B O'Hagan B P H Scutt R Stannett

Secretary P Q Treloar

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Auditors Buzzacott

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Directors' report 31 January 2000

The directors present their report with the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 January 2000.

Principal activity, business review and future developments

The company was dormant for the entire year.

Fixed assets

There were no movements in fixed assets during the year.

Directors

The directors in office during the year were as follows:

G A Perry
J B O'Hagan
B P H Scutt
R Stannett

None of the directors had any beneficial interest in the company's share capital during the year.

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- follow applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

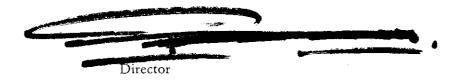
The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Directors' report 31 January 2000

Auditors

Under Sections 379A and 386 of the Companies Act 1985, the company has elected to dispense with the need to re-appoint its auditors, Buzzacott, annually.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors:



Approved by the board on:

Auditors Report 31 January 2000

Auditors' report to the shareholder of Didcot Railway Centre Limited

We have examined the accounts of the company on pages 4 to 6 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 January 2000 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

12 New Fetter Lane

London

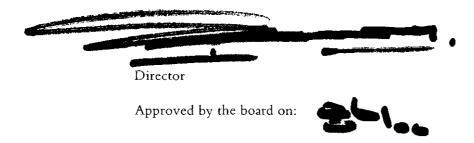
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Balance sheet 31 January 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Called up share capital unpaid		2	2
Fixed assets			
Investments	1	4	4
Total net assets		6	6
Capital and reserves			
Equity interests:			
Called up share capital	2	2	2
Profit and loss account		4	4
Shareholder's funds		6	6

Signed on behalf of the board of directors by:



Principal accounting policies 31 January 2000

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Cash flow

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement because the company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under Financial Reporting Standard 1 'Cash flow statements'.

Consolidation

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.

Notes to the accounts 31 January 2000

1 Investments

Investments in group undertakings:

	Total
	£
At 1 February 1999 and 31 January 2000	4

Details of group undertakings at the balance sheet date are as follows:

Name of company and business	Class of shares	Holdings %	Year end
Great Western Retail Sales Limited	Ordinary		
Retailer	£1 shares	100.00	31 January
Great Western Restaurants Limited	Ordinary		
Catering provider	£1 shares	100.00	31 January

The net assets of the company's subsidiary undertakings at 31 January 2000 and their profits (losses) on ordinary activities after tax were as follows:

	Net assets f	Profit £
Great Western Retail Sales Limited	443	382
Great Western Restaurants Limited	9	_

Both companies are incorporated in England and Wales.

2 Called up share capital

	Authorised		Allotted, called up and unpaid	
	2000 £	1999 £	2000 £	1999 £
100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100		
2 Ordinary shares of £1 each	_ _		2	2

3 Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent company of this company is Great Western Society Limited (By Guarantee) which is incorporated in Great Britain.