Company Registration No. 2726787 (England and Wales)

MITCHELL PLANT HOLDINGS LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

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COMPANY INFORMATION

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2000.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of acting as a holding company.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 December 1999:

G Matthews

K R Lucas

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary of £ 1 each		
	30 November 2000	1 December 1999	
G Matthews	240	240	
K R Lucas	240	240	

Small company

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

On behalf of the board

G Matthews Director

13 February 2001

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Administrative expenses		(643)	(639)
Operating loss	2	(643)	(639)
Investment income	3	32,259	202,359
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		31,616	201,720
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		31,616	201,720
Dividends		(31,600)	(2,366)
Retained profit for the year	8	16	199,354

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2000

		2000		1999	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	4		223,745		223,745
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		405		389	
Creditors: amounts falling due within	-	(400.045)		(404.000)	
one year	5	(189,045)		(181,989)	
Net current liabilities			(188,640)		(181,600)
Total assets less current liabilities			35,105		42,145
Creditors: amounts falling due after			(44.700)		(40.040)
more than one year	6		(11,760)		(18,816)
			23,345 		23,329
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	7		480		480
Other reserves	8		520		520
Profit and loss account	8		22,345		22,329
Shareholders' funds			23,345		23,329

In preparing these financial statements:

- (a) The directors are of the opinion that the company is entitled to the exemption from audit conferred by Section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985;
- (b) No notice has been deposited under Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985, and
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:
 - (i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, 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 this Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 13 February 2001

G Matthews

K R Lucas

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

1.2 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.3 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

2	Operating loss	2000 £	1999 £
	Operating loss is stated after charging:		
	Auditors' remuneration	<u>-</u>	588 ————
3	Investment income	2000	1999
		£	£
	Income from shares in group undertakings	32,259	202,359

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

4 Fixed asset investments

Shares in group undertakings and participating interests

£

Cost

At 1 December 1999 & at 30 November 2000

223,745

Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Shares held Class	%	
Subsidiary undertakings				
Mitchell Plant and Tool Hire Limited	England and Wales	Ord and Ord B	100	

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

		Capital and reserves £	Profit for the year £
	Mitchell Plant and Tool Hire Limited	525,304	37,905
5	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000 £	1999 £
	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest Other creditors	181,401 7,644	174,345 7,644
		189,045	181,989

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

Other creditors 11,760	18,816
Analysis of loans	
Wholly repayable within five years 18,816	25,872
Included in current liabilities (7,056)	(7,056)
11,760	18,816
7 Share capital 2000	1999
£	£
Authorised 250,000 Ordinary of £ 1 each 250,000	050 000
250,000 Ordinary of £ 1 each 250,000	250,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid	
480 Ordinary of £ 1 each 480	480
8 Statement of movements on reserves	
Other	Profit and
reserves lo	ss account
£	£
Balance at 1 December 1999 520	22,329
Retained profit for the year -	16
Balance at 30 November 2000 520	22,345

9 Contingent liabilities

The bank holds a guarantee from the company against the borrowings of its subsidiary. The extent of the bank debt of the subsidiary at 30 November was £358,691 (1999 £325,490).

10 Transactions with directors

The company paid no directors' emoluments during the year. However, emoluments of £84,159 (1999 115,564) were paid to the directors of the company by its subsidiary. Two of the directors (1999 three) are accruing benefits under money purchase pension schemes from contributions paid by the subsidiary.

11 Control

The company is controlled by the directors.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2000

12 Related party transactions

The company has a loan from its trading subsidiary amounting to £181,401 (1999 £174,345). This loan is interest free and there are no fixed terms of repayment. Dividends of £32,259 (1999 £202,359) were received during the year from the subsidiary.