

JOHN F. HUNT HIRE CENTRES LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2001



JOHN F. HUNT HIRE CENTRES LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors

Mr J A Hall
Mrs J Hall
Mr G C Piper
Mr K Scott
Mr M Lavery

Secretary

Mr G C Piper

Company number

2942658

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46-54 High Street
Ingatestone
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Auditors

Taylor, Viney & Marlow
Chartered Accountants and
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DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2001

The directors present their report and the audited accounts for the company for the year ended 30th September 2001.

Principal activities and review of business

The company's principal activity continued to be the hire and sale of small plant and tools.

Directors and their interests

The directors who held office during the year and their beneficial interests in the company's issued share capital are given below:

Name of director	Share type	At 30th September 2001	At 1st October 2000
Mr J A Hall	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
Mrs J Hall	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
Mr G C Piper	Ordinary shares of £1 each	-	-
Mr K Scott	Ordinary shares of £1 each	784	200
Mr M Lavery (appointed 14.11.2000)	Ordinary shares of £1 each	200	-

The directors interests in the share capital of group companies are disclosed in those companies accounts.

Issue of shares

During the year, 8,178 ordinary shares were issued out of reserves and a further 606 ordinary shares were sold at par value.

Statement of 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 for that year. 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;

State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, 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.

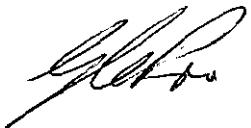
The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the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

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By order of the Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G C Piper', is written over the printed name.

Mr G C Piper, Secretary
46-54 High Street
Ingatestone
CM4 9DW
18th February 2002

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF JOHN F. HUNT HIRE CENTRES LIMITED

We have audited the accounts of John F. Hunt Hire Centres Limited for the year ended 30th September 2001 on pages 4 to 12. These accounts 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 in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the accounts, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

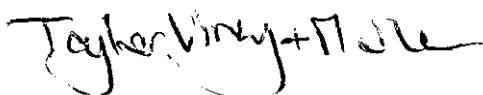
Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 30th September 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Taylor, Viney & Marlow
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
46-54 High Street
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Date: 18th February 2002

JOHN F. HUNT HIRE CENTRES LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2001

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
Turnover	2	4,037,493	3,333,382
Cost of sales		(2,742,345)	(2,136,141)
Gross profit		1,295,148	1,197,241
Administrative expenses		(1,064,490)	(685,387)
		230,658	511,854
Other operating income		25,000	-
Operating profit	3	255,658	511,854
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(100,262)	(63,234)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		155,396	448,620
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(65,892)	(99,723)
Profit for the financial year		89,504	348,897

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

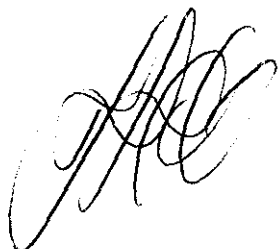
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2001

	Notes	2001 £	2000 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		3,414,715	2,469,724
		<u>3,414,715</u>	<u>2,469,724</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	8	68,765	37,531
Debtors	9	1,385,652	994,202
Cash at bank and in hand		66,851	3,081
		<u>1,521,268</u>	<u>1,034,814</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,801,407)</u>	<u>(1,234,765)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(280,139)</u>	<u>(199,951)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,134,576</u>	<u>2,269,773</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(1,708,751)	(1,008,386)
Provisions for liabilities and charges			
Deferred taxation	13	(152,400)	(78,072)
		<u>1,273,425</u>	<u>1,183,315</u>
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	14	17,984	9,200
Profit and loss account		1,255,441	1,174,115
Shareholders' funds	15	<u>1,273,425</u>	<u>1,183,315</u>

These accounts were approved by the board on 18th February 2002 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr J A Hall
Director

JOHN F. HUNT HIRE CENTRES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2001

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 (revised) the company is exempt from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement as the ultimate parent undertaking, John F. Hunt Demolition Limited includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of sales excluding value added tax and trade discounts.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed over their expected useful lives. The rates and periods generally applicable are:

Leasehold improvements	20% on written down value
Fixtures and fittings	25% on written down value
Plant and machinery	50%, 25% & 20% on written down value
Motor vehicles	25% on written down value

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided for under the liability method using the tax rates estimated to arise when the timing differences reverse and is accounted for to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on the estimated selling price after taking into account all further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

Leased Assets

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the Profit and Loss Account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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2 Turnover

The geographical analysis of turnover is as follows:

	2001	2000
	£	£
UK	<u>4,037,493</u>	<u>3,333,382</u>

3 Operating profit

The operating profit is stated after charging or crediting:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
-owned assets	297,281	318,356
-assets held under finance leases and hire purchase	417,819	184,443
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(78,459)	(80,282)
Auditors' remuneration	<u>4,125</u>	<u>3,753</u>

4 Interest payable and similar charges

	2001	2000
	£	£
Interest payable on bank loans and overdrafts	4,735	6,356
Finance leases and hire purchase contracts	<u>95,527</u>	<u>56,878</u>
	<u>100,262</u>	<u>63,234</u>

5 Taxation

	2001	2000
	£	£
Based on the profit for the year:		
UK corporation tax	(8,407)	81,254
Deferred tax charge	<u>74,328</u>	<u>19,072</u>
	<u>65,921</u>	<u>100,326</u>
Prior periods		
UK corporation tax	<u>(29)</u>	<u>(603)</u>
	<u>65,892</u>	<u>99,723</u>

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6 Directors and employees

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Wages and salaries	752,610	591,641
Social security costs	86,186	58,263
	<u>838,796</u>	<u>649,904</u>

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

	2001	2000
	Number	Number
Administration	10	8
Sales	21	17
	<u>31</u>	<u>25</u>

Directors' emoluments

	2001	2000
	£	£
Aggregate emoluments	<u>120,514</u>	<u>76,429</u>

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7 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1st October 2000	3,931,643
Additions	1,845,336
Disposals	(279,389)
At 30th September 2001	5,497,590
Depreciation	
At 1st October 2000	1,461,919
Charge for the year	715,100
On disposals	(94,144)
At 30th September 2001	2,082,875
Net book value	
At 30th September 2001	3,414,715
<i>At 30th September 2000</i>	<i>2,469,724</i>

Assets held under hire purchase and finance leases have a net book value of £2,040,166 (2000: £834,413).

8	Stocks	2001 £	2000 £
	Goods for resale	68,765	37,531

9	Debtors	2001 £	2000 £
	Trade debtors	1,109,758	726,863
	Amounts owed by associated undertakings	66,798	21,842
	Amounts owed by parent undertaking	166,640	167,178
	Other debtors	6,195	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	27,854	78,119
	Directors' loan accounts	-	200
	Corporation tax recoverable	8,407	-
		1,385,652	994,202

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10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2001	2000
		£	£
	Obligations under hire purchase and finance lease (Note 12)	845,458	522,118
	Trade creditors	641,187	488,360
	Amounts owed to associated undertakings	30,861	8,103
	Amounts owed to parent undertaking	169,296	28,969
	Corporation tax	-	81,255
	Other taxes and social security	23,683	38,390
	Accruals and deferred income	90,922	67,570
		<u>1,801,407</u>	<u>1,234,765</u>
11	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2001	2000
		£	£
	Obligations under hire purchase and finance lease (Note 12)	958,751	608,386
	Amounts owed to parent undertaking	750,000	400,000
		<u>1,708,751</u>	<u>1,008,386</u>
12	Obligations under hire purchase and finance leases	2001	2000
		£	£
	Obligations under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are analysed between amounts payable:		
	In the next year	845,458	522,118
	In the second to fifth years inclusive	958,751	608,386
		<u>1,804,209</u>	<u>1,130,504</u>

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13 Deferred taxation

The movements in deferred taxation during the current and previous years are as follows:

	2001 £	2000 £
At 1st October 2000	78,072	59,000
Movement in the year	74,328	19,072
At 30th September 2001	<u>152,400</u>	<u>78,072</u>

Deferred taxation provided and unprovided for in the accounts is set out below. The amount unprovided represents a contingent liability at the balance sheet date and is calculated using a tax rate of 30% (2000 30%).

	Amount provided	
	2001 £	2000 £
Accelerated capital allowances	<u>78,072</u>	<u>78,072</u>

14 Share capital

Authorised

Equity shares

50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each

2001 £	2000 £
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<u>50,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
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Allotted

Equity shares

17,984 Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each

<u>17,984</u>	<u>9,200</u>
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During the year, 8,178 ordinary shares were issued out of reserves and a further 606 ordinary shares were sold at par value.

15 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	2001 £	2000 £
Profit for the financial year	89,504	348,897
Transfer from reserves for bonus issue of shares	(8,178)	(8,000)
Issue of share capital	8,784	8,200
Opening shareholders' funds	<u>1,183,315</u>	<u>834,218</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>1,273,425</u>	<u>1,183,315</u>

16 Capital commitments

The company had the following capital commitments:

	2001 £	2000 £
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	<u>88,300</u>	<u>-</u>

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17 Ultimate controlling company

The company is a subsidiary of John F. Hunt Demolition Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The director, Mr J Hall, has a controlling interest in John F. Hunt Demolition Limited.