

Company Number : 3178336

STRONGVALUE LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET
For The Period Ended 30th April, 1997

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STRONGVALUE LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL, 1997

	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	2		681351
Start-up costs	3		68685

			750036
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks		12893	
Debtors	4	76670	
Cash at bank and in hand		59946	

		149509	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	5	156827	

NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(7318)

TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			742718
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year			500161

			242557
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CAPITALS AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	8	240000	
Profit and loss account		2557	

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Advantage has been taken in the preparation of the accounts of the special exemptions conferred by Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors



E M Weaving (Director)

Approved by the board on: 9th October, 1997

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Accounting Convention

The accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards with the exception of the depreciation of freehold buildings.

b) Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption, conferred by Financial Reporting Standard 1, from presenting a cash flow statement as it qualifies as a small company.

c) Depreciation

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets is provided using the reducing balance basis at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Furniture, fittings and equipment	15%
Motor Vehicles	25%

Depreciation is not provided on freehold buildings as the Company's policy is to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair thereby extending their useful economic lives and maintaining high residual values such that any annual depreciation arising would not be material.

d) Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred due to timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method only to the extent that it is probable that the liability will become payable in the foreseeable future.

e) Leased assets

The cost of assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and depreciated in accordance with the Company's depreciation policies. The interest element is charged to the profit and loss account using the sum of the digits method.

Payments under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred.

f) Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

g) Start-up Costs

Treatment of start-up costs is detailed in note 3 on page 3.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land & buildings	Plant & Machinery etc.	Totals
	£	£	£
<u>Cost</u>			
Acquired on 20 04 1996	535958	75000	610958
Additions	23725	68066	91791
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At 30 04 1997	559683	143066	702749
 <u>Depreciation</u>			
Charge for the period	-	21398	21398
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<u>Net book value</u>			
At 30 04 1997	559683	121668	681351
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The net book value of tangible fixed assets held under finance lease and hire purchase contracts were £38352.

3 START-UP COSTS

On the commencement of trading the Company embarked on an extensive programme of refurbishing the freehold premises and promoting its trade.

These costs, detailed below, are in addition to the normal maintenance and repair costs, and in the opinion of the directors, have the following estimated useful lives :-

	Costs £	Estimated useful lives
Advertising brochures	8591	2 years
Refurbishing costs	85851	4 years

In order that the accounts show a true and fair view, the directors are writing off these costs over their estimated useful lives, on a straight line basis.

	£
Total costs	94442
Costs charged to the Profit & Loss Account in the period	25757

Balance carried forward at 30 04 1997	68685
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

4 DEBTORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	£
Trade debtors	52837
Other debtors	2823
Directors' current account	21010

	76670
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The directors' current account with the Company became overdrawn on 28th April, 1997. The maximum overdrawn balance was £21010.

5 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

Loans (note 6)	39572
Hire purchase and finance leases	8965
Trade creditors	35481
Others	72809

	156827
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6 LOANS

a) Falling due within one year

Bank loan	32800
Scottish & Newcastle plc loan	6772

	39572
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b) Falling due after more than one year

Bank loan	414739
Scottish & Newcastle plc	
Loan	56433
Advance discount loan	4188

	475360
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Bank loan

The loan is secured by a fixed charge on the Company's freehold property and a debenture over the Company's whole assets.

The loan is repayable by 108 monthly instalments commenced April, 1997. Interest rate is 2.25% per annum over the bank's base rate, variable, and with a minimum applied rate of 7%.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

6 LOANS (continued)

Scottish & Newcastle plc

The loans are secured by a second charge on the Company's freehold property together with a personal guarantee by Mr. Weaving

The loan is repayable by 120 monthly instalments commenced September, 1996. Interest rate is 3% per annum for the first year and thereafter on a sliding scale according to volume related purchases from the company.

The advance discount loan is an interest free non-repayment loan, with barrellage write-downs.

7 OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND LEASES

	£
Current obligations	12485
Due two to five years	28616

	41101
Less: Finance charges allocated to future periods	7335

	33766
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8 SHARE CAPITAL

Ordinary shares of £1 each

Authorised	500000
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Issued and fully paid	240000
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9 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

During the period the directors sold to the Company furniture, furnishings and equipment totalling £5984, and a car for £600.

The directors' current account with the Company is shown in note 4.

The directors' guarantees in connection with the Company's loans are shown in note 6.

STRONGVALUE LIMITED

AUDITORS REPORT TO STRONGVALUE LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 1 to 5 together with the financial statements of the company for the period ended 30th April, 1997 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

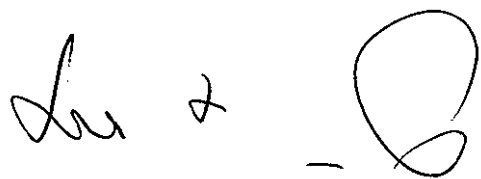
The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions 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 accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 1 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Lee & Co.' followed by a large, stylized circular flourish.

LEE AND CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & REGISTERED AUDITORS
46 MAIN STREET
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Date : 15th October, 1997.