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Brambles Foods Limited

Abbreviated Accounts

for the period ended 31st December 2000



Brambles Foods Limited

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Brambles Foods Limited
Directors' Report
for the period ended 31st December 2000

The directors present their report and the accounts for the period ended 31st December 2000.

Principal Activity and Review of the Business

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was the preparation and sale of food products.

Results And Dividends

The results for the period are set out on page 1.

The directors have paid an interim dividend amounting to £73,000.

Directors and their Interests

The directors who served during the period and their interests in the company are as stated below:

	Ordinary shares	
	December	July
	2000	2000
J Pearce	65,000	65,000
L Pearce	48,750	48,750
D Rayner	16,250	8,125

Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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 financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements 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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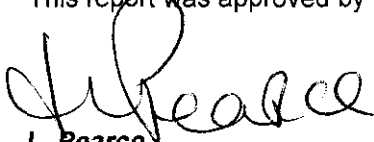
**Directors' Report
for the period ended 31st December 2000**

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Stanley V Bye & Co be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

This report was approved by the Board on 4th September 2001 and signed on its behalf by


L. Pearce
Secretary

**Auditors' Report to Brambles Foods Limited
under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 4 to 13 together with the financial statements of Brambles Foods Limited for the period ended 31st December 2000 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

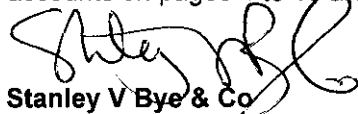
The directors are responsible for preparing abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision 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 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 full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985 in respect of the period ended 31st December 2000, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 4 to 13 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.



Stanley V Bye & Co
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditor
61 Borough Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 3AA
4th September 2001

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**Abbreviated Profit and Loss Account
for the period ended 31st December 2000**

		2000	July 2000
	Notes	£	£
Gross profit		865,569	1,608,933
Administrative expenses		(707,732)	(1,370,856)
Operating profit	2	<u>157,837</u>	<u>238,077</u>
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(23,461)	(49,015)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>134,376</u>	<u>189,062</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(26,253)	(39,821)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		<u>108,123</u>	<u>149,241</u>
Dividends	6	(73,000)	-
Retained profit for the period		<u>35,123</u>	<u>149,241</u>
Retained profit/(loss) brought forward		24,822	(124,419)
Retained profit carried forward		<u>59,945</u>	<u>24,822</u>

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**Balance Sheet
as at 31st December 2000**

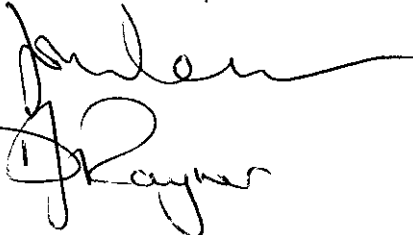
		2000		July 2000	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	7		625,520		513,272
Current Assets					
Stocks	8	82,402		76,005	
Debtors	9	606,009		515,680	
Cash at bank and in hand		6,113		3,634	
		<u>694,524</u>		<u>595,319</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(872,948)</u>		<u>(729,942)</u>	
Net Current Liabilities			<u>(178,424)</u>		<u>(134,623)</u>
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			447,096		378,649
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(173,857)		(141,223)
Provisions for Liabilities and Charges	12		<u>(83,294)</u>		<u>(82,604)</u>
Net Assets			<u>189,945</u>		<u>154,822</u>
Capital and Reserves					
Called up share capital	13		130,000		130,000
Profit and loss account			59,945		24,822
Shareholders' Funds			<u>189,945</u>		<u>154,822</u>

The abbreviated accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium-sized companies.

Approved by the board on 4th September 2001 and signed on its behalf by:

J Pearce

**D Rayner
Directors**



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**Cash Flow Statement
for the period ended 31st December 2000**

	Notes	2000 £	July 2000 £
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities			
Operating profit		157,837	238,077
Depreciation		52,837	66,170
(Increase) in stocks		(6,397)	(16,871)
(Increase) in debtors		(90,329)	(140,627)
Increase in creditors		172,830	(28,158)
Grant provision release		(4,415)	(10,596)
Net cash inflow from operating activities		<u>282,363</u>	<u>107,995</u>
CASH FLOW STATEMENT			
Net cash inflow from operating activities		282,363	107,995
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	17	23,461	(49,015)
Capital expenditure	17	(165,085)	(104,756)
		<u>93,817</u>	<u>(45,776)</u>
Equity dividends paid		(73,000)	-
		<u>20,817</u>	<u>(45,776)</u>
Financing	17	11,590	134,572
Increase in cash in the period		<u>32,407</u>	<u>88,796</u>
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds (Note 18)			
Increase in cash in the period		32,407	88,796
Cash inflow from decrease in debts and lease financing		(39,795)	(104,867)
Movement in net funds in the period		<u>(7,388)</u>	<u>(16,071)</u>
Net debt at 1st August 2000		(458,624)	(442,553)
Net debt at 31st December 2000		<u>(466,012)</u>	<u>(458,624)</u>

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Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2000

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with all applicable Accounting standards.

1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year.

1.3. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Property improvements	-	10% per annum
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% - 25% per annum
Motor vehicles	-	25% per annum

1.4. Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.5. Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6. Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method to take account of timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounting purposes except to the extent that the liability is likely to materialise.

1.7. Government grants

Government grants in respect of capital expenditure are credited to the profit and loss account over the estimated useful life of the relevant fixed assets. The grants shown in the balance sheet represent total grants receivable to date less the amount so far credited to the profit and loss account.

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**Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements
for the period ended 31st December 2000**

2. Operating profit	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	30,639	61,047
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	22,198	5,123
Auditors' remuneration	4,000	4,000
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and after crediting:		
Government grants	4,415	10,596
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3. Interest payable and similar charges	2000 £	July 2000 £
On loans and overdrafts	5,899	16,727
Hire purchase interest	6,744	15,298
Factoring interest	10,818	16,990
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	23,461	49,015
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4. Employees	December 2000	July 2000
Number of employees		
The average monthly numbers of employees (including the directors) during the period were:	114	91
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Employment costs	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Wages and salaries	405,746	750,710
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**Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements
for the period ended 31st December 2000**

4.1. Directors' emoluments

	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Remuneration and other emoluments	<u>56,351</u>	<u>95,657</u>

5. Taxation

	2000 £	July 2000 £
UK current year taxation		
UK Corporation Tax at 20% (1999 - 20%)	22,302	5,821
Transfer to deferred taxation	5,105	34,000
	<u>27,407</u>	<u>39,821</u>
Prior years		
UK Corporation Tax	(1,154)	-
	<u>26,253</u>	<u>39,821</u>

6. Dividends

	2000 £	July 2000 £
Ordinary shares	<u>73,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Long leasehold property	Fixtures, fittings equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1st August 2000	176,923	429,055	74,848	680,826
Additions	48,689	125,653	11,300	185,642
Disposals	-	(51,052)	-	(51,052)
At 31st December 2000	<u>225,612</u>	<u>503,656</u>	<u>86,148</u>	<u>815,416</u>
Depreciation				
At 1st August 2000	47,509	104,287	15,758	167,554
On disposals	-	(8,297)	-	(8,297)
Charge for the period	5,392	17,915	7,332	30,639
At 31st December 2000	<u>52,901</u>	<u>113,905</u>	<u>23,090</u>	<u>189,896</u>
Net book values				
At 31st December 2000	<u>172,711</u>	<u>389,751</u>	<u>63,058</u>	<u>625,520</u>
At 31st July 2000	<u>129,414</u>	<u>324,768</u>	<u>59,090</u>	<u>513,272</u>

Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

	December 2000		July 2000	
Asset description	Net book value £	Depreciation charge £	Net book value £	Depreciation charge £
Equipment	144,942	6,914	164,413	18,487
Motor vehicles	55,805	6,490	54,494	8,415
	<u>200,747</u>	<u>13,404</u>	<u>218,907</u>	<u>26,902</u>

8. Stocks

	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Raw materials and consumables	<u>82,402</u>	<u>76,005</u>

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**Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements
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9. Debtors	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Trade debtors	549,059	414,480
Other debtors	22,917	67,517
Prepayments and accrued income	34,033	33,683
	<u>606,009</u>	<u>515,680</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Bank overdraft	12,643	42,571
Invoice Discounting advances	186,815	192,223
Bank loan	51,380	30,000
Other loans	-	28,205
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	47,430	56,241
Trade creditors	499,338	306,422
Corporation tax	23,469	2,321
Other taxes and social security costs	14,182	29,771
Directors' accounts	5,259	-
Other creditors	11,899	10,194
Accruals and deferred income	20,533	31,994
	<u>872,948</u>	<u>729,942</u>

The overdraft and bank loans are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company, and by personal guarantees from Mr and Mrs J Pearce. The invoice discounting advance is secured on the book debts and by personal guarantees from Mr and Mrs J Pearce.

11. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Bank loan	141,671	97,500
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	32,186	43,723
	<u>173,857</u>	<u>141,223</u>

All of the bank loans are repayable within 5 years.

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12 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	July 2000 £	Movement £	December 2000 £
Grant reserve	48,604	(4,415)	44,189
Deferred taxation	34,000	5,105	39,105
	<u>82,604</u>	<u>690</u>	<u>83,294</u>

13. Share capital

	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Authorised		
1,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
130,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>130,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>

14. Transactions with directors

At the end of the period, the company ceased operations at Brambles Coffee Shop and the assets of the shop with a net book value of £30198 were sold to Mr and Mrs J Pearce for £8000. This was an independently obtained open market value. Separate disclosure of financial information as a discontinued operation is not considered necessary as the coffee shop was not a material element of the company's operation.

15. Related party transactions

Related Party : Arthur Pearce Limited.

Relationship : J. Pearce is a director of Arthur Pearce Limited and Brambles Foods Limited.

Transactions : Cash advances loaned to Brambles Foods of £28205 were repaid during the period ,
There were no outstanding amounts at the period end.

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**Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements
for the period ended 31st December 2000**

16. Controlling Interest

The company is under the control of Mr and Mrs J Pearce who own 87.5% of the issued share capital.

17. Gross Cash Flows

	December 2000 £	July 2000 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest paid	(23,461)	(49,015)
Capital expenditure		
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(185,642)	(123,920)
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	20,557	19,164
	<u>(165,085)</u>	<u>(104,756)</u>
Financing		
New long term bank loan	76,650	-
New short term bank loan	-	192,223
Repayment of long term loans	(11,099)	(30,000)
Repayment of other short term loans	(33,613)	(5,620)
Capital element of finance leases and hire purchase contracts	(20,348)	(22,031)
	<u>11,590</u>	<u>134,572</u>

18. Analysis of changes in net funds

	Opening balance £	Cash flows £	Closing balance £
Cash at bank and in hand	3,634	2,479	6,113
Overdrafts	(42,571)	29,928	(12,643)
	<u>(38,937)</u>	<u>32,407</u>	<u>(6,530)</u>
Debt due within one year	(278,464)	(7,161)	(285,625)
Debt due after one year	(141,223)	(32,634)	(173,857)
	<u>(419,687)</u>	<u>(39,795)</u>	<u>(459,482)</u>
Net funds	<u>(458,624)</u>	<u>(7,388)</u>	<u>(466,012)</u>