F12185

Norcay Limited

Report and Accounts

31 March 1995



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Registered No. F12185

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 1995.

INCORPORATION AND STATUS

The company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands, British West Indies and is resident and carries on business in Great Britain.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is that of investment.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year attributable to shareholders amounts to a USS profit of \$6,459,031 and a sterling profit of £1,810,024 and is dealt with as shown in the profit and loss account. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the company during the year ended 31 March 1995 were those listed on page 1.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

According to the register maintained as required under the Companies Act 1985 none of the directors held any beneficial interest in the share capital of the company and all are directors of the ultimate parent company, Northern Foods plc, in whose accounts their interest in that company are shown.

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 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that the accounts comply with the above requirements.

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.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint Ernst & Young as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

J N Wild Secretary

16 January 1996

■ Ernst & Young

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS to the members of Norcay Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 8 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 affairs of the company as at 31 March 1995 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young (Chartered Accountants

Registered Auditor

Hull

16 January 1996

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 1995

	Notes	31 March 1995 (12 months) US\$	31 March 1994 (13 months) US\$
Administrative expenses Interest receivable from group undertakings		(129) 2,826,741	(124) 2,823,706
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Taxation	2	2,826,612 (932,753)	2,823,582 (931,782)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION Currency translation profit		1,893,859 4,565,172	1,891,800 1,744,356
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		6,459,031	3,636,156
STATEMENT OF RETAINED PROFITS Balance at 31 March 1994 Profit for the period Balance at 31 March 1995		10,145,813 6,459,031	6,509,657
Zalanos de 37 Matem 1993		16,604,844	10,145,813
		31 March 1995 (12 months) £	31 March 1994 (13 months) £
Administrative expenses Interest receivable from group undertakings		(83) 1,816,672	(83) 1,881,217
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Taxation	2	1,816,589 (599,456)	1,881,134 (620,775)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION Currency translation profit		1,217,133 592,891	1,260,359 240,954
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		1,810,024	1,501,313
STATEMENT OF RETAINED PROFITS			
Balance at 31 March 1994 Profit for the period		10,779,362 1,810,024	9,278,049 1,501,313
Balance at 31 March 1995	:	12,589,386	10,779,362

RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There are no recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the financial year attributable to the shareholders of the company, as shown above.

BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 1995

CURDENT ACCORD	Notes	31 March 1995 US\$	31 March 1994 US\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors Cash at bank	3	54,450,518 714	46,932,881 814
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	4	54,451,232 11,846,388	46,933,695 10,787,882
NET CURRENT ASSETS	•	42,604,844	36,145,813
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital			
Profit and loss account	5	26,000,000 16,604,844	26,000,000 10,145,813
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		42,604,844	36,145,813
		31 March 1995 £	31 March 1994 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors Cash at bank	3	33,429,837 438	31,613,150 548
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	4	33,430,275 7,273,077	31,613,698 7,266,524
NET CURRENT ASSETS		26,157,198	24,347,174
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital Profit and loss account	5	13,567,812 12,589,386	13,567,812 10,779,362
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		26,157,198	24,347,174
M Clark - Director	W		

16 January 1996

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1995

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

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

Overseas Company (Statutory Instrument No 1990/440)

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Section 258 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Companies Act 1985.

Foreign currencies

The company maintains its accounting records in the currency of the United States of America.

Assets and liabilities in US dollars are expressed in the sterling accounts at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date with the exception of share capital which is translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Trading results are translated at an average rate for the year.

All exchange differences arising on translation of foreign currencies are taken to the profit and loss account.

2. TAXATION

The charge based on the profit for the year is made up as follows:

		1995	1994	1995	1994
		US\$	US\$	£	£
	UK corporation tax at 33% Deferred taxation	932,753	1,960,215 (1,028,433)	599,456 -	1,305,940 (685,165)
		932,753	931,782	599,456	620,775
3.	DEBTORS				
		1995	1994	1995	1994
		US\$	US\$	£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:				
	Promissory notes	40,667,515	37,067,161	24,967,777	24,967,777
	Group relief	59	29	36	20,507,777
	Amounts falling due after	40,667,574	37,067,190	24,967,813	24,967,797
	more than one year: Amounts due from ultimate			•	
	parent company	13,782,944	9,865,691	8,462,024	6,645,353
		54,450,518	46,932,881	33,429,837	31,613,150
					

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1995

4. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

		1995	1994	1995	1994
		US\$	US\$	£	£
	Amount due to ultimate				
	parent company	10,869,927	9,943,192	6,673,580	6,697,556
	Corporation tax	976,425	844,690	599,475	568,968
	Accruals	36	-	22	-
		11,846,388	10,787,882	7,273,077	7,266,524
5.	SHARE CAPITAL				
					Allotted, called
			Authorised	t	ip and fully paid
			1995 and 1994		1995 and 1994
		US\$	£	US\$	£
	Ordinary shares of \$1 each	30,000,000	15,655,168	26,000,000	13,567,812
6.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEME	ENTS IN EQU	JITY SHAREHOL	DERS' FUNDS	
		1995	1994		
		U\$\$	1994 US\$	1995 £	1994 £
	Profit attributable to shareholders	6,459,031	3,636,156	1,810,024	1,501,313
	Net addition to shareholders'				
	funds	6,459,031	3,636,156	1,810,024	1,501,313
	Opening equity shareholders'				.,,
	funds	36,145,813	32,509,657	24,347,174	22,845,861
	Closing equity shareholders' funds	42,604,844	36,145,813	26,157,198	24,347,174
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7. GROUP ACCOUNTS

The parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the company is a member is Northern Foods plc, registered in England and Wales. Northern Foods plc is also the ultimate parent company. Copies of Northern Foods plc's accounts can be obtained from Beverley House, St Stephen's Square, HU1 3XG.