

CORUS HOLDINGS LIMITED
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD
1 APRIL 2000 TO 30 DECEMBER 2000

Registered No. 29016



Corus Holdings Limited

Directors

Mr G H Craine
Mr R J Reeves
Mr N Chatterton
Mr R D Thomas

Secretary

Mrs A L Scandrett

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Corus Holdings Limited

Directors' Report for the period 1 April 2000 to 30 December 2000

The directors present their report and the audited accounts for the period 1 April 2000 to 30 December 2000.

During the period the accounting reference date was changed to 31 December in order to reflect the reference date of the ultimate parent company, Corus Group plc.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Company is that of a property dealing and development Company.

No change in the Company's activities in the foreseeable future is envisaged.

Directors & directors' interests

The directors of the Company at 30 December 2000 and who held office during the period, are listed on page 1.

The interest of the directors at 30 December 2000 in the ordinary shares of Corus Group plc, the Company's ultimate holding company, were:

	Shares		30 December 2000
	1 April 2000	Acquired	
	Number		
R D Thomas	27,942	4,126	32,068
G H Craine	-	-	-
R J Reeves	32,340	27	32,367
N Chatterton	-	-	-
	Options		30 December 2000
	1 April 2000	Exercised	
	Number		
R D Thomas	119,677	(4,126)	115,551
G H Craine	146,549	-	146,549
R J Reeves	353,202	-	353,202
N Chatterton	89,326	-	89,326

The Company's Register of Directors' interests which is open to inspection contains full details of directors' shareholdings and options to subscribe.

The directors had no interest, as defined by the Companies Act 1985, in the shares of any other member of the group during the year covered by these financial statements.

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Results and Dividends

The profit for the period after taxation amounted to £1,250,000 (Year to 1 April 2000: Profit £1,757,000).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (Year to 1 April 2000: £34,000,000).

Introduction of the euro

The parent company, Corus Group plc, on a group basis, is addressing the introduction of the euro. A project has been undertaken to ensure all businesses will be able to trade in the Euro with customers and suppliers.

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors to the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board



**A L Scandrett
Secretary**

19 October 2001

30 Millbank
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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities In Relation to Financial Statements

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the statement of auditors' responsibilities set out on page 6 is made with a view to distinguishing for shareholders the respective responsibilities of the directors and of the auditors in relation to the financial statements.

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements for each financial period that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period, and of the profit or loss of the Company for the period then ended.

The directors consider that in preparing the financial statements on pages 7 to 13 which have been prepared on a going concern basis, the Company has used appropriate accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, and that all accounting standards which they consider to be applicable have been followed.

The directors have responsibility for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with 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.

By order of the Board



**A.L. Scandrett
Secretary**

19 October 2001

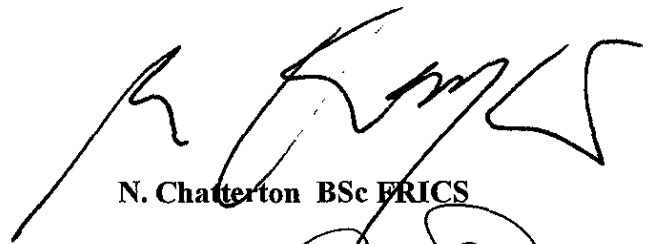
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Valuation Report

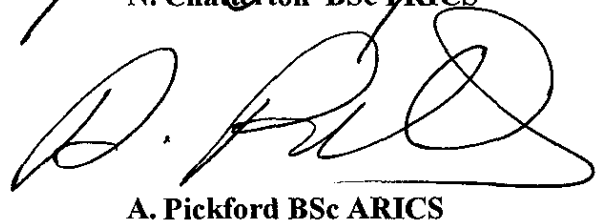
To The Directors of Corus Holdings Limited

In accordance with your instructions we have reviewed, for the purposes of valuation, the properties owned by Corus Holdings Limited.

In our opinion the aggregate open market value in the ordinary course of business of the properties held at 30 December 2000 is £4,269,402



N. Chatterton BSc FRICS



A. Pickford BSc ARICS

19th October, 2001

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Report of the Auditors to the members of Corus Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report. As described on page 4, this includes responsibility for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Companies Act. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, 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 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 or material inconsistencies with the financial statements

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 financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, 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 financial statements 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 30 December 2000 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
London

26 October 2001

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Profit and Loss Account for the period 1 April 2000 to 30 December 2000

	Notes	9 month period ended 30 December 2000 £000	Year ended 1 April 2000 £000
Turnover	1 (ii)	1,799	2,897
Operating costs	2	(26)	(384)
Operating profit		1,773	2,513
Interest receivable	4	1	1
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,774	2,514
Taxation	5	(524)	(757)
Profit for financial period		1,250	1,757
Dividends		-	(34,000)
Retained profit/(loss) for the period		<u>1,250</u>	<u>(32,243)</u>
Retained profit at the beginning of the period		<u>1,012</u>	<u>33,255</u>
Retained profit at the end of the period		<u><u>2,262</u></u>	<u><u>1,012</u></u>

The Company has no gains or losses other than as above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the period stated above, and the historical cost equivalents.

Turnover and operating profit derive entirely from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet as at 30 December 2000

	Notes	30 December 2000 £000	1 April 2000 £000
Current Assets			
Stock	6	1,158	1,158
Debtors	7	<u>3,200</u>	<u>34,402</u>
		4,358	35,560
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(1,846)</u>	<u>(34,298)</u>
Net current assets		<u>2,512</u>	<u>1,262</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		2,512	1,262
Net Assets		<u>2,512</u>	<u>1,262</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	9	250	250
Profit and loss account		<u>2,262</u>	<u>1,012</u>
Shareholders funds (equity)	10	<u>2,512</u>	<u>1,262</u>

These accounts were approved by the Board on 9 October 2001.



Director

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the accounts for the period 1 April 2000 to 30 December 2000

1. Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies` Act 1985 and applicable Accounting Standards in the UK. The more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, are set out below.

i. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Group financial statements have not been prepared as the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Corus Group plc

ii. Turnover

Turnover represents the gross proceeds from the properties sold.

iii Taxation

Corporation tax is provided on the profits for the year at the rate of taxation ruling during the year.

iv. Properties acquired for resale and development

The properties and developments are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all direct costs of acquisition and development, but does not include interest. The net realisable value of properties is the open market value, based on a professional valuation by a Director of Corus Holdings Limited and a member of staff of Corus UK Limited which has been reviewed by all the Directors.

v. Acquisition and disposal of properties

Acquisitions and disposals of properties are considered to have taken place where, by the end of the accounting period, there is a legally binding, unconditional and irrevocable contract.

In determining the profits or loss upon the disposal of property all costs of acquisition and development, less grants receivable and any amounts written off, are included in the cost of the property sold.

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Where part of the property is sold the allocation of a proportion of the total cost of the whole property to the part being sold is made upon the most appropriate basis which will normally be on a pro rata basis by reference to the total cost of the whole property, or by estimating the actual costs of the part being sold where the unit cost of that area differs from the unit cost of other areas of the property.

vi. Interest received

Interest is earned on monies outstanding from the date of completion of certain sales and is accounted for as it is received.

vii. Cash Flow Statement

In accordance with the exemption allowed by paragraph 5(a) of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996), a cash flow statement for the Company has not been provided.

viii. Related Party Disclosures

In accordance with the exemption allowed by paragraph 3(c) of Financial Reporting Standard 8, no disclosure is made of transactions with other member companies of the Corus Group or investees of the Group qualifying as related parties.

2. Operating costs

	9 month period ended 30 December 2000 £000	Year ended 1 April 2000 £000
Cost of sales	-	390
Net rental income	(7)	(58)
Other operating charges	<u>33</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>26</u>	<u>384</u>

Auditors' remuneration of £2,000 (Year to 1 April 2000:£2,000) is included in other operating charges.

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3. Employees

The Company has no employees other than the directors.

4. Interest receivable

	9 month period ended 30 December 2000 £000	Year ended 1 April 2000 £000
Other interest receivable	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

5. Taxation

	9 month period ended 30 December 2000 £000	Year ended 1 April 2000 £000
Over provision in prior period	(6)	-
Group relief payable	<u>530</u>	<u>757</u>
	<u>524</u>	<u>757</u>

6. Stock

	30 December 2000 £000	1 April 2000 £000
Properties for resale	666	666
Development properties	<u>492</u>	<u>492</u>
	<u>1,158</u>	<u>1,158</u>

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7. Debtors

	30 December 2000 £000	1 April 2000 £000
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	4	1,420
Corporation Tax	708	1,232
Other debtors	-	5
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	<u>2,488</u>	<u>31,745</u>
	<u>3,200</u>	<u>34,402</u>

The amounts falling due from the parent company are free of interest and no date has been fixed for the discharge of the debt.

8. Creditors amounts falling due within one year

	30 December 2000 £000	1 April 2000 £000
Trade creditors	101	101
Other creditors	465	197
Group relief payable	1,280	-
Proposed Dividends	<u>-</u>	<u>34,000</u>
	<u>1,846</u>	<u>34,298</u>

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9 Called up share capital

	30 December 2000 £000	1 April 2000 £000
Authorised and allotted: 500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
Called up and fully paid up: 499,998 ordinary shares of £1 each (50p paid)	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>

10. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	30 December 2000 £000	1 April 2000 £000
Opening shareholders' funds	1,262	33,505
Profit/(loss) for the period	<u>1,250</u>	<u>(32,243)</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>2,512</u>	<u>1,262</u>

11. Directors' emoluments

No Director received any remuneration during the period in respect of their services to the company. (Year to 1 April 2000 : Nil)

12. Ultimate holding company

The Company is a subsidiary of Corus UK Limited (formerly British Steel plc) which is registered in England and Wales. The ultimate parent Company and ultimate controlling party is Corus Group plc. Copies of Corus UK Limited's and Corus Group plc's report and accounts may be obtained from The Secretary, Corus Group plc, 30 Millbank, London, SW1P 4WY.