Registered number: SC 215632

Director's Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2003





CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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Report of the Director

The director presents his report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2003.

Principal activity

The principal activity and core business of the company continued to be road haulage contracting, .

Review of business

The net profit before providing for taxation amounted to £111,647

Dividends

The director does not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year.

Land and buildings

In the opinion of the director, the market value of land and buildings is not materially different from their book value.

Director and his interests

The director in office and his beneficial interests in the share capital of the company at the beginning of the year and balance sheet date were as follows:

Ordinary Shares of £1 each

31 March 2003 1 April 2002 10,000 10,000

Donald Roderick Murray

Statement of director's responsibilities

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements 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 financial statements the director is 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 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 director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. He is 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.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Scott-Moncrieff, Chartered Accountants, as auditors will be put to members at the annual general meeting.

Donald Roderick Murray

By order of the board

Director

29 September 2003

Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Macaskill Haulage Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Macaskill Haulage Limited for the year ended 31 March 2003 set out on pages 4 to 14 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

This report is made solely to the company's members as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the director and auditors

As described in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities the company's director is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

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

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 Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Director's's 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 the director's's remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Director's's report and consider the implications for our report, if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of 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 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 as at 31 March 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Scott-Moncrieff

Chartered Accountants

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Registered Auditor

25 Bothwell Street

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G2 6NL

Of October 2003

Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 March 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Turnover		4,784,459	4,954,159
Cost of sales		3,956,747	4,216,566
Gross profit		827,712	737,593
Administrative expenses		539,788	460,914
		287,924	276,679
Operating profit	2	287,924	276,679
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(176,277)	(162,449)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		111,647	114,230
Taxation	6	27,720	28,000
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		83,927	86,230

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two years.

There were no recognised gains and losses for the above two years other than those included in the profit and loss account.

Balance Sheet

At 31 March 2003

	Note	£	2003 £	£	2002 £
Fixed assets	Note	d⊌	₩	*	<i>←</i>
Intangible assets	7		443,028		470,514
Tangible assets	8		1,768,720		1,927,097
			2,211,748		2,397,611
Current assets					
Stocks	9	33,585		26,322	
Debtors	10	866,689		830,051	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,424		1,198	
		901,698		857,571	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	(1,704,886)		(1,511,008)	
Net current liabilities			(803,188)		(653,437)
Total assets less current liabilities			1,408,560		1,744,174
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	12		(1,172,683)		(1,619,944)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	13		(55,720)		(28,000)
Net assets			180,157		96,230
Capital and reserves - equity					
Called up share capital	14		10,000		10,000
Profit and loss account	15		170,157		86,230
Shareholders' funds	16		180,157		96,230

Approved by the board on 29 September 2003

Donald Roderick Murray Director

The notes on pages 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 March 2003

Reconciliation of operating profit to operating cash flow

	£	2003 £	£	2002 £
Operating profit Depreciation Amortisation Disposal of fixed assets Change in stocks Change in debtors Change in creditors		287,924 257,410 27,486 1,449 (7,263) (36,638) (87,911)		276,679 215,175 19,470 18,620 (26,322) (830,051) 611,370
Operating cash flow		442,457		284,941
Cash flow statement				
Operating cash flow		442,457		284,941
Returns on investment and servicing of finance				
Interest paid	(176,277)		(162,449)	
Net cash flow from returns on investment and servicing of finance		(176,277)		(162,449)
Capital expenditure and financial investment				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets	(67,481) 16,500		(1,581,112) 2,302	
Net cash flow from capital expenditure and financial investment		(50,981)		(1,578,810)
Acquisitions and disposals				
Acquisition of goodwill			(489,984)	
Net cash flow from acquisitions and disposals		-		(489,984)
		215,199		(1,946,302)
Financing				
Issue of shares Loans raised Loan repayments Capital element of finance lease repayments	(246,662) (168,929)		10,000 1,750,000 (126,082) (175,542)	
Net cash flow from financing		(415,591)		1,458,376
Net cash flow for the year		(200,392)		(487,926)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2003

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

Turnover

Turnover represents amounts invoiced during the year, net of Value Added Tax.

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets are stated at cost, and are amortised on a straight line basis over the following periods:

Goodwill - 20 years

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets as follows:

Freehold properties - 2% SL (2% RB)
Plant and machinery - 20% SL (20% RB)
Fixtures and fittings - 20% SL (15% RB)
Motor vehicles - 16.6%-25% SL (20%-25% RB)

The director is of the opinion that the change in accounting policy, from the reducing balance to the straight line method, will give a more accurate reflection on the value of the assets over their useful lives. (2002 rates are shown in brackets)

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets held under finance leases are treated as tangible fixed assets, and initially recorded at the present value of the minimum lease payments at the inception of the lease. These assets are depreciated over their useful economic lives.

Obligations under finance leases are included within creditors, net of finance charges allocated to future periods.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided for at anticipated tax rates on differences arising from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods that differ from those in which they are included in the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2003

2 Operating profit

	2003 £	2002 £
Operating profit is stated after charging:	4	₩
Depreciation of tangible assets	257,410	215,175
Amortisation of intangible assets	27,486	19,470
Hire of equipment	14,640	-
Auditors' remuneration - audit	7,000	9,250
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	1,449	18,620

3 Director's remuneration

The director did not receive any emoluments during the year.

4 Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2003 £	2002 £
Wages and salaries	817,200	817,069
Social security costs	67,951	67,835
	<u>885,151</u>	<u>884,904</u>
The average monthly number of employees was 52 (2002 58).		
The staff of the company worked in the following activities:		
Management and administration	8	8
Drivers Maintenance and production	37 7	42 8
	<u>52</u>	
5 Interest payable and similar charges		
	2003	2002
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	<u>176,277</u>	<u>162,449</u>

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For the year ended 31 March 2003

6 Taxation

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Net book value
At 31 March 2003

31 March 2002

	2003 £	2002 £
Deferred taxation	27,720	28,000
The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of tax as follows	. ————————————————————————————————————	
	2003	2002
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	£ 111,647	114,230
Profit on ordinary activities at standard rate		
of tax 19% (2002 20%)	21,213	22,846
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	5,973	7,617
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	1,009	(72,921)
Utilisation of tax losses	(28,195)	42,458
	_	-
Intangible fixed assets		
		Goodwill
Cont		£
Cost At 1 April 2002		489,984
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Amortisation		
At 1 April 2002		19,470
Amortisation for the year		27,486
At 31 March 2003		46,956

The intangible fixed asset represents purchased goodwill and is amortised in equal instalments over 20 years.

443,028

470,514

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2003

8 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost		-			_
At 1 April 2002	741,013	14,493	11,650	1,374,015	2,141,171
Additions	3,981	-	-	113,000	116,981
Disposals				(22,067)	(22,067)
At 31 March 2003	744,994	14,493	11,650	1,464,948	2,236,085
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2002	9,669	1,138	1,478	201,789	214,074
Charge for the year	14,900	2,899	2,330	237,281	257,410
Eliminated on disposal	-		-	(4,119)	(4,119)
At 31 March 2003	24,569	4,037	3,808	434,951	467,365
Net book value					
At 31 March 2003	720,425	10,456	7,842	1,029,997	1,768,720
					
At 31 March 2002	731,344	13,355	10,172	1,172,226 ======	1,927,097
The net book value of land and	l buildings is split a	as follows:			
			2003	2002	
			£	£	
Freehold			720,425	731,344	

Included within fixed assets are assets held under finance leases and hire purchase agreements with a net book value of £400,586 (2002: £543,685). Depreciation charged on these assets during the year was £90,980 (2002: £62,926).

The effect of the change in the depreciation accounting policy was to decrease depreciation in the year by £3,946. If the accounting policy change had been in place during 2002 the effect would have been to decrease the depreciation charge in that year by £31,793.

9 Stocks

	2003	2002
	£	£
Stock of consumables	<u>33,585</u>	26,322

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2003

10 Debtors

	2003	2002
	£	£
Trade debtors	819,353	778,931
		16,372
Prepayments and accrued income	31,696	34,748
	866,689	830,051
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
•	2003	2002
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,020,463	735,786
	441,080	536,081
	66,680	60,812
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	160,964	163,852
	24	124
Accruals and deferred income	15,675	14,353
	1,704,886	1,511,008
	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors Other taxation and social security Finance lease creditors Other creditors	Trade debtors 819,353 Other debtors 15,640 Prepayments and accrued income 31,696 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year 2003 £ Bank loans and overdrafts 1,020,463 Trade creditors 441,080 Other taxation and social security 66,680 Finance lease creditors 160,964 Other creditors 24 Accruals and deferred income 15,675

The company's bank borrowings are secured by a bond and floating charge over the assets of the company.

12 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2003	2002
	£	£
Bank loans	1,046,535	1,377,256
Finance lease creditors	126,148	242,688
	1,172,683	1,619,944
Amounts are due within the following periods:		
Between one and two years	475,208	475,845
Between two and five years	516,273	949,321
In five years or more	181,202	194,778
	1,172,683	1,619,944
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The company's bank loans consist of a five year loan at 8.09% repayable by July 2006and 15 year commercial mortgage at 7.54% repayable by March 2017.

Notes to the Financial Statements

13	Provisions for liabilities and charges		
	Total provisions for liabilities and charges:		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Deferred tax	<u>55,720</u>	28,000
	Deferred tax provided in the accounts comprises:		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences	67,860 (12,140)	28,000
		55,720	28,000
	The movement in the deferred tax provision during the year was as follows:	ws:	
	At 1 April 2002 Movement in the year		£ (28,000) (27,720)
	At 31 March 2003		55,720
14	Share capital		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Authorised		
	Equity		
	10,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
		2003 £	2002 £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	-	
	Equity		
	10,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
15	Reserves		TS 611
			Profit and loss account
	At 1 April 2002 Transfer for the year		86,230 83,927
	At 31 March 2003		170,157

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16 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2003 £	2002 £
Profit for the financial year New share capital subscribed	83,927 	86,230 (10,000)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	(83,927)	(96,230)
Opening shareholders' funds	(96,230)	
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>(180,157)</u>	(96,230)

17 Reconcilation of net cash flow to movement in net debt

	2003 £	2002 £
Change in cash in the year Change in debt financing Inception of finance leases	(200,392) 415,591 (49,500)	(487,926) (1,448,376) (582,082)
Movement in net debt in the period	165,699	(2,518,384)
Net debt brought forward	(2,518,384)	<u>-</u>
Net debt carried forward	(2,352,685)	(2,518,384)

18 Analysis of changes in net debt

	Brought forward £	Cash flow £	Other changes	Carried forward £
Cash	1,198	226	_	1,424
Overdrafts	(489,124)	(200,618)	-	(689,742)
Debt due within one year	(410,514)	415,591	(496,762)	(491,685)
Debt due after one year	(1,619,944)		447,262	(1,172,682)
	(2,518,384)	215,199	(49,500)	(2,352,685)

19 Related parties

During the year loans were made to the company's director.

The amount outstanding at the beginning of the year was £6,000; the amount outstanding at the end of the year was £11,895; the maximum amount overdrawn in the year was £11,895. The loan is interest free and payable on demand.

During the year the company generated turnover from haulage work done for Kenneth Mackenzie Limited and Kenneth Macleod (Shawbost) Limited of £11,287 and £4,949 respectively. Both of these companies are owned by Donald Roderick Murray, the sole director and shareholder of Macaskill Haulage Limited.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2003

20 Ultimate controlling party

The company's ultimate controlling party is Donald Roderick Murray, who is the sole director and shareholder of the company.

Detailed Profit and Loss Account

		2003		2002
		£	£	£
Turnover		4,784,459		4,954,159
Cost of sales				
Purchases Wages and salaries Other direct costs	292,694 885,151 2,778,902		343,273 884,904 2,988,389	
	3,956,747		4,216,566	
		(3,956,747)		(4,216,566)
Gross profit		827,712		737,593
Administrative expenses		(539,788)		(460,914)
				
Operating profit		287,924		276,679
Other income and expenses				
Interest payable				
Bank interest	(176,277)		(162,449)	
		(176,277)		(162,449)
Net profit for the year		111,647		114,230

Detailed Profit and Loss Account

	2003	2002
	£	£
Administrative expenses		
Rates	36,727	25,496
Insurance	127,682	101,234
Light and heat	14,664	13,368
Repairs and maintenance	16,387	18,700
Stationery	5,906	3,833
Postage, telephone, fax	8,748	8,871
Legal and professional	3,950	5,735
Audit fees	7,000	9,250
Bank and credit card charges	8,465	5,416
Sundry expenses	23,914	15,746
Amortisation	27,486	19,470
Depreciation	257,410	215,175
Disposal of fixed assets	1,449	18,620
	539,788	460,914